

# Nursing

## Master of Science

### Description

CU's RN to MSN program is designed to provide a state-of-the-art credential for nursing professionals aspiring to leadership roles.

It has been developed to reflect the increasing complexity of the healthcare environment to equip nursing professionals with 21st century competencies and skills. Our program draws on AACN's *Vision for Academic Nursing*. As the executive summary notes: "... the complexity of healthcare delivery and patient/population health needs continue to grow, education preparation for the entry to professional nursing practice is expected to evolve to a generalist master's degree at some point in the future ... master's entry programs would provide education for strengthened competencies in organizational and systems thinking, quality improvement and safety, care coordination, interprofessional communication, and team-based care and leadership."

CU's MSN degree offers three tracks. The Generalist track requires the completion of 36 core credits and additional practicum electives. Students have the option of choosing the MSN Educator track and completing 6 Nurse Educator credits to earn the specialization. Students may also choose the Leadership and Management track and complete 9 Leadership Track Courses in addition to a 4 credit practicum.

### Admissions Requirements

- GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Active, unencumbered RN license
- A BSN from an accredited institution
- Official transcripts from all previously attended schools
- Completed application with Carolina University

### Degree Requirements

- The maximum time limit to complete the program is four years or 150% of the credits, whichever the student reaches first.
- A minimum of 22 credit hours must be completed at CU.
- Up to 50% of the required credit hours can be transferred.
- Graduation is contingent upon the completion of 45 hours of prescribed courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

### Courses

[GE 300 - Essentials of Online Learning & Professional Writing](#)

1 Credit Hour

#### Professional Core (34 Credit Hours)

[NRM 500 - Role Identity for the MSN-Prepared Nurse](#)

3 Credit Hours

[MPH 530 - Global Public Health](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRM 502 - Quality Improvement in Healthcare Interprofessional Collab](#)

4 Credit Hours

[NRM 504 - Informatics & Technology Used in Healthcare](#)

4 Credit Hours

[NRM 506 - Essentials of Patient-Centered Care Planning](#)

4 Credit Hours

[NRM 508 - Advanced Physical Health Assessment](#)

4 Credit Hours

[NRM 520 - Advanced Pathophysiology](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRM 530 - Advanced Pharmacology](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRM 540 - Integration of Scholarship into Nursing Practice](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRM 550 - Health Policy, Advocacy, & Finance: Nurses as Change Agents](#)

3 Credit Hours

### **Track Courses (Choose One Area)**

#### **Generalist (15 Credit Hours)**

[NRG 601 - MSN Clinical Practicum I](#)

4 Credit Hours

[NRG 602 - MSN Clinical Practicum II](#)

4 Credit Hours

Electives

7 Credit Hours

#### **Educator (15 Credit Hours)**

[EDU 507 - Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction](#)

3 Credit Hours

[EDU 512 - Educational Assessments and Data Analysis](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRE 601 - Advanced Nurse Educator Role Practicum I](#)

3 Credit Hours

[NRE 602 - Advanced Nurse Educator Practicum II](#)

3 Credit Hours

[One EDU Course, Level 500 or Above](#)

3 Credit Hours

#### **Leadership and Management (15 Credit Hours)**

[BUS 522 - Principles of Organization Finance](#)

3 Credit Hours

[BUS 680 - Leadership and Human Behavior](#)

3 Credit Hours

LEA 700 - Foundations of Leadership

3 Credit Hours

Two LEA Courses, Level 600 or Above

6 Credit Hours