Curriculum Overview

Completion of the Master of Science in Nursing requires a minimum of 39-42 semester credits. A thesis, research seminar or research problems and satisfactory ratings on a comprehensive examination are included in the requirements. Full or part-time study is available.

Curriculum Patterns

A. Core (12 Hours):
Nursing 5000, 5010, 5100, 5120, and 5280 or Psychology 5750 for Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing concentration.

B. Areas of Clinical Concentration (6 – 9 hours)
1. Adult Nursing (Nursing 5040, 5050)
2. Critical Care Nursing of the Adult (Nursing 5150, 5160)
3. Family Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5770, 5780, 5790)
4. Maternal Child and Family Nursing (Nursing 5310, 5320)
5. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5850, 5860, 5870)
6. Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5330, 5340, 5350)
7. Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5410, 5420, 5430)
8. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5650, 5660, 5670)

C. Functional Role Concentrations: (9-18 semester hours)
1. Administration (Nursing 5110, 5140, 5210)
2. Clinical Nurse Specialist (Nursing 5700, 5710, 5400, 5170, 5190)
3. Education (Nursing 5060, 5070, 5090, 5220)
4. Nurse Practitioner (Nursing 5260, 5270, 5700, 5710, 5810, 5820, 5830, 5840 and one of the following: 5360 or 5440 or 5800 or 5880). Exception: For the Neonatal Nursing Practitioner (Nursing 5260, 5270, 5630, 5640, 5810, 5820, 5830, 5840, 5680, and 5680)

D. Support Courses (0–6 hours)
To be selected from courses which support the student’s clinical and/or functional role concentrations.

E. Research Area (3 – 6 hours)
1. Thesis (Nursing 5980)
2. Research Problems (Nursing 5950)
3. Research Seminar (Nursing 5995)