MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing admits students into the MSN program in three tracks: Nursing Leadership, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Practitioner programs lead to a master of science in nursing degree and fulfill academic requirements toward certification as a psychiatric or family nurse practitioner. The master's degree program requires 38 to 55 course credits for completion, depending on the selected track.

The MSN programs prepare candidates to provide quality healthcare services to all members of the community, with an emphasis on meeting the unique healthcare needs of culturally diverse and underserved populations. Clinical experiences in a variety of hospitals and agencies in surrounding communities allow for synthesis of clinical judgment, assessment, diagnostic skills, and theory.

The Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing has long been recognized for its commitment to individualizing instruction and educational experiences. Each student is assigned to a faculty advisor who works closely with students to monitor progression through the program. Academic counseling, individualized attention, and career planning are integral to the advisement process. Faculty members in the Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing are exceptionally qualified by academic and clinical preparation. Many faculty also currently practice in their advanced specialty.

Program Outcomes

A graduate of the Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies MSN program will be able to:

1. Provide advanced nursing assessment, diagnosis, management, and evaluation to achieve individual and system-identified outcomes with respect for cultural diversity and the unique characteristics of the individual, family, and community.

2. Develop cost-effective, holistic patient care including information systems for healthcare delivery.

3. Use an ethical framework to guide the integration of nursing science and theory to inform clinical judgments, facilitate sustainable healthcare solutions, and advocate for patients, families and communities.

4. Negotiate a role within the healthcare delivery system that provides for inter-professional collaboration, interdependence, and a professional identity as an advanced nursing professional with specialized knowledge.

5. Lead inter-professional teams by initiating and maintaining effective working relationships using mutually respectful communication and collaboration.

6. Provide advanced nursing care, management and evaluation of healthcare delivery systems using research, evidence-based protocols, care models, and scholarly debate.

7. Consistently demonstrate critical reasoning at an advanced level of practice and in the management and evaluation of healthcare systems, using the tenets of social responsibility, truth, and justice.

8. Demonstrate continuous self-growth through reflection and active participation in professional activities.

9. Influence the quality of healthcare delivery through local, regional, and national policies.

Programs

- Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner Track (https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/nursing-health-studies/programs/msn/msn-family-nursing-practitioner-track)
- Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership, Clinical Systems Track (https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/nursing-health-studies/programs/msn/nursing-leadership-clinical-systems-leadership)
- Master of Science in Nursing: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Track (https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/nursing-health-studies/programs/msn/msn-psychiatric-nurse-practitioner-track)