

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: ENTRY INTO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING

Fairfield University's Accelerated Master's Entry to Practice Nursing (MEPN) program provides a unique opportunity for those with a non-nursing bachelor's degree to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree in an accelerated format. The MEPN is the first such program in the state of Connecticut to prepare advanced generalists for registered nursing practice and leadership.

The program is designed to draw upon your prior education and experience, allowing you to earn a master's degree in two years. The MEPN program will equip students with valuable knowledge and skills to lead change, promote health, and elevate care in a variety of settings. At the completion of this program, students will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse.

Admission to the program will be competitively offered to students who hold a baccalaureate degree in any discipline from an accredited four-year college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.3 or better. Applicants must have completed the required pre-requisite courses prior to admission.

The MEPN program is a 76 credit/800 clinical hour program to be completed full-time over 24 months.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 5110	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3
NURS 5272	Geriatric Nursing	4
NURS 5305	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 5307	Fundamentals of Nursing Care	4
NURS 5312	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5
NURS 5314	Maternal and Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 5323	Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 5325	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
NURS 5330	Population Health	4
NURS 5332	Transition to Professional Nursing	4
NURS 5360	Critical Care Nursing	3
NURS 6521	Healthcare Leadership Roles for Systems Improvement	3
NURS 6951	Master's Leadership Practicum	4
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7620	Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology	3
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3

NURS 7668	Palliative Care Across the Lifespan	3
Total Credits		76

Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Summer		
NURS 5110	Introduction to Professional Nursing	3
NURS 5307	Fundamentals of Nursing Care	4
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7620	Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology	3
Credits		14
Fall		
NURS 5305	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 5312	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5
NURS 6521	Healthcare Leadership Roles for Systems Improvement	3
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Credits		15
Spring		
NURS 5323	Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 5325	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
Credits		12
Second Year		
Summer		
NURS 5272	Geriatric Nursing	4
NURS 5314	Maternal and Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 5330	Population Health	4
Credits		12
Fall		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7668	Palliative Care Across the Lifespan	3
Credits		12
Spring		
NURS 5332	Transition to Professional Nursing	4
NURS 5360	Critical Care Nursing	3
NURS 6951	Master's Leadership Practicum	4
Credits		11
Total Credits		76