

NURSE EDUCATOR (M.S.N.)

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Nurse Educator program prepares students for the academic nursing specialty. The emphasis of the program is the delivery of advanced nursing knowledge and leadership skills relevant to the nurse educator role. The M.S.N. Nurse Educator program uses the core competencies outlined by the National League for Nursing (NLN) as a framework for facilitating learning through curriculum design, teaching, evaluation, and other roles and functions in which nurse faculty may participate.

Program Accreditation

The master's degree program in nursing at FGCU is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**. (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>) (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org/>)

Program Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements for Applicants with a BSN (Traditional Pathway)

- Submit a supplemental application for admission in NursingCAS, and provide the following documents: <http://www.nursingcas.org/>. These instructions are included in the NursingCAS application.
- Provide official transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended, including a bachelor's degree transcript from a nursing program accredited by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation>) (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation/>) or equivalent foreign institution.
- Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Provide evidence that the following courses have been completed at the undergraduate level with a grade of C or better, prior to admission: Statistics, Health Assessment, and Pathophysiology.
- Provide evidence of current and unrestricted registered nurse's license, or eligibility for RN licensure in Florida.
- Provide evidence of a minimum of one year current practice experience as a registered nurse.
- Submit a current resume.
- Submit a statement of career goals.
- For applicants who have attended, but not completed another MSN program, provide a letter of standing from the dean of the school of nursing (or designee) that addresses the following: Performance in the prior program, potential for success in the prior graduate program, interpersonal communication skills, and other information as determined by the dean.
- International students must demonstrate English language proficiency in accordance with University regulation.

Applicants must also provide a waiver granting the Graduate Admission and Progression Committee permission to contact the program(s) attended to verify information.

Admission Requirements for Associate Degree Registered Nurses (RN-MSN Pathway)

The RN-MSN pathway is for highly qualified RNs with an associate degree in nursing. Students are admitted to FGCU as undergraduate nursing students. Following the satisfactory completion of twenty-two (22) credit hours of specified course work at the undergraduate level,

students are transitioned into the MSN program. Thirty-eight (38) hours of required coursework is then completed at the graduate level. Note that the bachelor's degree is not conferred in this program.

- Submit a FGCU undergraduate application for admission and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements: <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaids/undergraduateadmissions/>
 - Provide official transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended including an official academic transcript showing the award of an associate degree in nursing from a national accredited nursing program or the equivalent degree in nursing from a foreign institution.
 - Provide an official academic transcript showing the award of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida public college or university. Students who do not have an AA degree will be required to meet all FGCU general education requirements.
- Submit a supplemental application for admission in NursingCAS, and provide the following documents: <http://www.nursingcas.org/>. These instructions are included in the NursingCAS application.
 - Provide official transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended, showing the award of an associate degree in nursing from a national accredited nursing program or the equivalent degree in nursing from a foreign institution.
 - Provide an official academic transcript showing the award of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida public college or university. Students who do not have an AA degree will be required to meet all FGCU general education requirements.
 - Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
 - Provide evidence of current and unrestricted registered nurse's license, or eligibility for RN licensure in Florida.
 - Provide evidence of a minimum of one year current practice experience as a registered nurse.
 - Submit a current resume.
 - Submit a statement of career goals.
 - Show evidence of completion of the following coursework with a grade of C or above:

Code	Title	Credits
BSC 1085C	Hum Anat & Physio w/Lab I	4
BSC 1086C	Hum Anat & Physio w/Lab II	4
CHM XXXX Chemistry (3) or BCH XXXX, BSC XXXX, PCB XXXX, PHY XXXX		3
DEP 2004	Principles of Development	3
HSC 2577	Nutri Human Health & Wellness	3
MCB 2010C	Microbiology with Lab	4
PSY 2012	General Psychology (or PSY XXXX, SOP XXXX, SYG XXXX)	3
STA 2023	Statistical Methods	3

- Upon gaining undergraduate admission to the RN-MSN pathway, complete the following 22 credits of RN-MSN Bridge courses with a grade of B or above, prior to transitioning to graduate standing:

Code	Title	Credits
NUR 4807	Transition Prof. Nursing	2
NUR 3065C	Health Assessment	3
NUR 3125	Pathophysiology in Nursing	3
NUR 3833	Patient Care Manage in Nursing	3
NUR 4169	Evidence-Based Nursing Prac.	3

NUR 4636	Community & Pub Health Nursing	3
NUR 4636L	Commun & Pub Hlth Nurs Clinic	2
NUR 4165	Principles of Nursing Research	3

- To achieve graduate standing, RN-MSN students must complete the following, during the last semester of undergraduate coursework:
 - Complete the 22 credits of RN-MSN Bridge courses.
 - Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate coursework.
- International students must demonstrate English language proficiency in accordance with University regulation.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

- Students in the program must meet specific progression, clinical, and graduation requirements. See Nurse Educator Program Guidebook, General Graduate Academic Policies and FGCU Graduation Requirements.
- Submit an application for graduation by the semester deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.
- Students must register for a minimum of one credit during the semester in which they apply for graduation.
- Earn a minimum of 30 credits with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Satisfactory completion of Nurse Educator capstone project.
- Satisfactory completion of Professional Portfolio.

Program Requirements

Note: See program admission requirements for prerequisite courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses in the Major		(38 credits)
NGR 6002	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NGR 6002L	Adv Health Assessment Practice	1
NGR 6141	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
NGR 6172	Pharmacotherapeutics	4
NGR 6701	Academic Role Nurse Educator	3
NGR 6710	Teach & Assess Strat Nsg Ed	3
NGR 6711L	Adv Clin Pract for Nurse Educ	2
NGR 6712	Foundations of Nursing Educ.	3
NGR 6713	Design&Eval of Nurs Curricula	3
NGR 6718	Testing & Eval in Nursing Educ	1
NGR 6811	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NGR 6941L	Nurse as Educator Practicum	3
NGR 6942	Nurse Educator Capstone	2
NGR 6945L	Clinical Specialty Practice	1

Total Credits Required: 38