Advanced Public Health Nurse
Master of Science

The mission of the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines (CNPD) is to prepare future leaders, to advance human well-being and improve quality of life for diverse populations, with an emphasis on rural communities in North Dakota, the region and beyond, through the provision of high-quality innovative inter-professional education, research and service.

The purpose of master's education in nursing is to build upon undergraduate nursing education to prepare nurses with expanded theoretical and evidence-based knowledge for advanced roles in practice and education.

Program Goals

1. Integrate knowledge from science, humanities, theory, and research into evidence-based advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize knowledge of organizational and systems leadership, quality improvement, health care technologies, and policy to ensure high quality patient care.
3. Participate as members and leaders of inter-professional health care teams.
4. Apply advanced nursing skills in order to plan, manage, and coordinate culturally appropriate health care for patient populations.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog. Admission requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing include:

1. A bachelor’s degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program. (Foreign schools will be evaluated on an individual basis.)
2. A minimum GPA of 3.00 is based on all years of study at the undergraduate level and includes a GPA of 3.00 in undergraduate science coursework.
3. An undergraduate or graduate course in statistics.
4. Current R.N. licensure (Photocopy must be attached to application.).
5. One year of experience as a registered nurse (preferred).
6. Additional requirements for Nurse Anesthesia are an undergraduate course in biochemistry (or equivalent), an undergraduate college algebra course (equivalent or higher), one year of critical care nursing experience (two years are preferred), and a successful interview.
7. Meet current health and immunization requirements of the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines.
8. Submit to and satisfactorily complete a background check prior to admission.
9. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Master of Science in Nursing degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies’ as well as particular requirements set forth by the College of Nursing.

Thesis or the non-thesis options are available for all tracks. The thesis option requires completion of four credits of Thesis. The non-thesis option requires completion of two project-related credits of Independent Study. There is no residency requirement.

1. A minimum of 30 semester credits in a major field, including the credits granted for the thesis and the research

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leading to the thesis.

2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.

3. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.

4. Completion of the M.S. thesis option or completion of for the M.S. non-thesis option.

5. Clinical site visits by nursing professors are required by various certifying and accrediting bodies to appropriately supervise the learning experience of students. A clinical site visit course fee is required to offset the expenses to travel, arrange, and supervise clinical experiences across the state and beyond. Prospective students will be made aware of the Clinical Site Visit Course Fee structure through posting of the fees structure on the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines website and in the College’s Graduate Handbook.

6. Required Courses:

**Advanced Public Health Nurse:** (on-line courses)

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**Total Credits**: 40-42

Students complete 11 credits of Advanced PHN Practicum, to comply with certification requirements.

**Graduate Faculty and Areas of Expertise**

Please browse the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines website for graduate faculty associated with Nursing tracks.

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