Master of Science in Nursing  
Nursing Education (World Wide Web)

Concentration Description
The nursing education concentration is an online curriculum that prepares graduates for the role of nurse educator in an academic or clinical setting. Students will be prepared to function in complex educational environments to teach traditional as well as non-traditional learners using a variety of emerging technologies and interdisciplinary skills. The nursing education concentration is 37 semester hours and includes common core courses, nursing clinical core courses, concentration courses and electives. A total of 40 semester hours is required for students with limited or no academic nursing teaching experience.

Requirements for Admission
Admission to the master of science in nursing program requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A minimum GPA of 2.7 in undergraduate studies
- Acceptable score (30th percentile) on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past five years
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or an NCSBN-compact state (Individual advisement may be necessary for licensure regulations for online out-of-state students)
- One year full-time RN experience
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant’s interest in graduate study, career goals, and the MSN degree’s relationship to those goals
- Three professional references
- A personal interview with a member of the graduate faculty
- A course in statistics with a grade of “C” or higher

Requirements for Clinical Courses
Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: [www.ecu.edu/csh/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad_handbook.pdf](http://www.ecu.edu/csh/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad_handbook.pdf) Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time

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* May select one of the required “3 P” courses: NURS 6050, 6610 and 6611
**Optional – Students who have limited academic nursing teaching experience will be required to take NURS 6908
***Full-time students may need extra non-required electives

Please note: Selected summer school courses are offered for students interested in attending summer school.

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## Sample Curriculum Plan – Part-Time

### First-Year Students
**Fall Semester**
- NURS 6080: Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing 3
- *NURS XXXX: Clinical Nursing Core Course/"3P" Course 3

**Spring Semester**
- NURS 6082: Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy 3
- *NURS XXXX: Clinical Nursing Core Course/"3P" Course 3

**Summer Semester**
- NURS 6081: Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing 3

### Second-Year Students
**Fall Semester**
- NURS 6903: Curriculum Development in Nursing 3
- NURS 6083: Healthcare, Finance, and Economics 3

**Spring Semester**
- NURS 6904: Educational Concepts, Theories, and Strategies in Nursing 3
- *NURS XXXX: Clinical Nursing Core Course/"3P" Course 3

**Summer Semester**
- NURS 6909: Evaluation in Nursing Education 3

### Third-Year Students
**Fall Semester**
- NURS 6905: Nursing Education Role Practicum I 3
- Elective 3

**Spring Semester**
- **NURS 6908**: Nursing Education Role Practicum II 3
- NURS 6993: Advanced Nursing Synthesis 1

### Requirements for Graduation
- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of “B.”
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at www.ecu.edu/gradschool/ and in the Graduate School Office).
- All graduate students complete a comprehensive assessment at the end of their program in NURS 6993.
- MSN students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.

Graduates meet education requirements to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination.

The master’s program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202.887.6791.

### The University
The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina (UNC), which consists of the state’s sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 75 departmental certificates, 102 baccalaureate degree programs, 77 master’s degree programs, two specialist degree programs, four first professional programs, and 16 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually, and it has approximately 140,000 alumni.

For more information, contact ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu

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