

NURSING, M.S. (NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Saint Louis University's Master of Science in Nursing (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) degree program enables nurses to attain specialized knowledge and skills needed to perform leadership roles in advanced nursing practice.

SLU's Master of Science in Nursing offers:

- Full- and part-time curriculum plans
- A variety of specialty areas and role options
- The option to emphasize research in any specialty area
- Responsive faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship
- Faculty advisers who are individually assigned to mentor each student throughout the program
- An online library
- An online writing center
- State-of-the-art teaching facilities

Role preparation as a nurse practitioner is offered in the following concentrations, with a nurse educator option available in all concentrations.

Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioners work in emergency departments, tertiary care settings, intensive care units, trauma centers and specialty medicine areas treating patients with acute, critical and chronic illness, as well as those with disabilities or injuries. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Students will learn to use complex monitoring and invasive therapies, high-intensity interventions, and continuous vigilance within the range of high-acuity care to help meet the specialized physiological and psychological needs of adults of all ages, including the frail elderly.

Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioners work in hospital-based clinics, within the VA medical system, and in internal medicine or specialty private-practice offices. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program.

Students are prepared to provide advanced nursing care for adolescents and adults of ages by working with patients who require diagnosis, treatment and management of episodic or chronic conditions that are best treated on an outpatient basis. These include people with diabetes, hypertension, respiratory conditions as well as sprains/strains. Students will also conduct wellness examinations.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Family nurse practitioners work in a variety of settings and are also well-suited to rural populations, where specialty care may not always be available. Graduates are eligible for national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program.

The family nurse practitioner program prepares students to provide primary health care to patients of all ages. Students will help prevent disease, assess and manage acute and chronic health problems, and consult and refer patients within the health care system. This program emphasizes quality relationships with patients, families and communities, as well as education and coordination of services aimed at specific health outcomes.

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Pediatric primary nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and management of acute and chronic conditions in pediatric offices as well as school, community, urgent care and specialty settings. Graduates are eligible for national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

Students will be prepared to provide care to patients from birth through the age of 21.

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner will be prepared to apply the nursing process and medical/medication management to promote optimal mental health while engaging in active, ongoing collaboration with clients, their families, significant others, and the interprofessional team. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Students pursuing the family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner program will work with children, adolescents and adults of all ages with acute or complex mental health needs, or psychiatric diagnoses. The family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program encourages evidence-based, culturally sensitive, recovery-oriented and holistic care.

Curriculum Overview

All program concentrations in the Master of Science in Nursing are offered completely online¹.

Students will complete 36 to 41 credits of coursework.

Individualized full- and part-time curriculum plans are possible.

¹ Two campus visits are required. The first visit is a two-day orientation immediately before the program begins. The second visit occurs during one of the clinical management courses. This visit is to evaluate your progress and to teach skills not acquired through online learning, such as suturing.

Careers

Graduates from the M.S.N.-N.P. degree program apply for the appropriate certification for their program option, are well-prepared and are ready to work as nurse practitioners. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual salary of nurse practitioners is \$101,260.

Admission Requirements

Saint Louis University School of Nursing accepts applications to its Master of Science in Nursing program from students living in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
- Supporting recommendations from three people (preferably master's or doctorally prepared nurses not related to you) who can speak to your potential for success in a master's-level nursing program of study.
- A statement of your short- and long-term goals in becoming a certified NP. This should be one or two pages, typewritten and double-spaced.
- CV/résumé documenting your education, clinical nursing experience, and service to the nursing profession/community volunteer experiences, as appropriate.
- An unencumbered registered nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done. You must have a registered nurse license at the time of application.
- Current CPR certification from the American Heart Association is required after acceptance into the M.S.N. program.

Prerequisite Courses

- Completion of an undergraduate-level descriptive and inferential statistics course prior to enrollment in "General Research Methods."
- Completion of a beginning-level health assessment course or the equivalent thereof prior to enrollment in "Advanced Health Assessment."

Application Requirements

- Application Requirements
- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Professional goal statement
- Interview (possible)

Requirements for International Students

International students on F1 or J1 student visas are not eligible for admission to this nursing program due to the fact that the Master of Science in Nursing degree is offered completely online. For additional information, contact the Office of International Services office at 314-977-2318.

Application Deadlines

Students interested in the M.S.N. degree program should apply by August 1 for the spring semester and March 31 for the fall semester.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed shortly after the submission deadline. Applicants will have a decision six to eight weeks after that time.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Saint Louis University School of Nursing offers scholarship and graduate research assistantship opportunities to eligible graduate students. Financing for this program may be available through grants, scholarships, loans (federal and private) and institutional financing plans. Additionally, most nursing students will participate in a tuition assistance program provided through their employer.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Saint Louis University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>) and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. To achieve its educational objectives, the School uses the hospitals within the Health Sciences Center and many health care organizations of greater St. Louis.

The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to implement collaborative strategies to provide ethical, high quality, safe, effective, patient-centered care.
2. Graduates will be able to use scholarly inquiry including evidence-based practice and research application to improve decision-making and health outcomes.
3. Graduates will be able to integrate advanced competencies, skills, theories, and cultural sensitivity in relationships with patients and professionals.
4. Graduates will be able to design culturally sensitive patient care that includes health promotion and disease prevention.
5. Graduates will be able to facilitate the improvement of health care through leadership within health care systems and communities.
6. Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence in a specialized area of advanced practice nursing that builds on foundational nursing knowledge.
7. Graduates will be able to utilize health care informatics and technologies to support practice.
8. Graduates will be able to advocate for policies that improve the health of the public and the profession of nursing.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5200	Gen Research Methods	3
NURS 5900	Residency	0

Concentrations

Select one of the following:	16-21
Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)	
Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)	
Family Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)	
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)	

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (p. 3)	
Total Credits	36-41

Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
NURS 5310	Critical Appraisal of Technology: Acute Care	3
NURS 5260	Advanced Clinical Studies I: The Acute Care Setting	4
NURS 5270	Advanced Clinical Studies II: The Acute Care Setting	5
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	4
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
Total Credits		16

Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
NURS 5750	Care/Elderly Interdisc Apprch	3
NURS 5240	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adolescents and Adults	4
NURS 5250	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adult & Older Adult	5
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	5
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
Total Credits		17

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
NURS 5630	Dynamics of Family Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5280	Adv Cln I: Adlt & older Adlt	5
NURS 5290	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Women and Children	5
NURS 5510	Mental Health Care Family	2
NURS 5xxx	Elective	2
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	4
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
Total Credits		21

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
NURS 5550	Family and Child Development	3
NURS 5320	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Nursing of Children	4
NURS 5330	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Nursing of Children	4
NURS 5xxx	Elective	2
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	5
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
Total Credits		18

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
NURS 5400	Ecol Approach to Hum Behavior	3
NURS 5550	Family and Child Development	3
NURS 5340	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 5350	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 5430	Psychopharmacology	2
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	4
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
Total Credits		21

Nurse Educator Option

Nurse educator courses provide an opportunity for course work and practicum experience in nursing education. NURS 5560 Evidence-Based Approaches for the Nurse Educator (2 cr) may be added to earn the Nurse Educator Certificate.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 5570	Curriculum Dev Nrs Education	2
NURS 5580	Instr Strat and Eval Nrs Educ	2
NURS 5590	Practicum in Nursing Education	2
Total Credits		6

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Credits		7

Spring		
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
NURS 5200	Gen Research Methods	3
	Credits	6
Year Two		
Fall		
NURS 5260	Advanced Clinical Studies I: The Acute Care Setting	4
NURS 5310	Critical Appraisal of Technology: Acute Care	3
	Credits	7
Spring		
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
NURS 5270	Advanced Clinical Studies II: The Acute Care Setting	5
	Credits	8
Summer		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	1
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
	Credits	3
Year Three		
Fall		
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	3
	Credits	5
	Total Credits	36

Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
	Credits	4
Spring		
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5750	Care/Elderly Interdisc Apprch	3
	Credits	6
Summer		
ORES 5100	Research Methods in Health & Medicine	3
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
	Credits	5
Year Two		
Fall		
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
	Credits	3

Spring		
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
	Credits	3
Year Three		
Fall		
NURS 5240	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adolescents and Adults	4
	Credits	4
Spring		
NURS 5250	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adult & Older Adult	5
NURS 5900	Residency	0
	Credits	5
Summer		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
	Credits	2
Year Four		
Fall		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
	Credits	5
	Total Credits	37

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
	Credits	4
Spring		
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5200	Gen Research Methods	3
	Credits	6
Summer		
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
	Credits	2
Year Two		
Fall		
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
NURS 5630	Dynamics of Family Nursing Practice	3
	Credits	6
Spring		
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
	Credits	3

Year Three		
Fall		
NURS 5280	Adv Cln I:Adlt & older Adlt	5
	Credits	5
Spring		
NURS 5250	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adult & Older Adult	5
NURS 5510	Mental Health Care Family	2
NURS 5900	Residency	0
	Credits	7
Summer		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
	Credits	2
Year Four		
Fall		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
	Credits	4
	Total Credits	39

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
	Credits	4
Spring		
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
	Credits	6
Summer		
NURS 5430	Psychopharmacology	2
	Credits	2
Year Two		
Fall		
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
NURS 5550	Family and Child Development	3
	Credits	6
Spring		
NURS 5200	Gen Research Methods	3
NURS 5400	Ecol Approach to Hum Behavior	3
	Credits	6
Summer		
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
	Credits	2

Year Three		
Fall		
NURS 5340	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
	Credits	4
Spring		
NURS 5350	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 5900	Residency [†]	0
	Credits	5
Summer		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
	Credits	2
Year Four		
Fall		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
	Credits	4
	Total Credits	41

† 3 day on-site; usually end of April

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NURS 5040	Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition	1
NURS 5140	Health Promotion	3
NURS 5170	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
	Credits	7
Spring		
NURS 5080	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 5110	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
	Credits	6
Summer		
HCE 5500	Ethics in Nursing& Health Care	2
ORES 5100	Research Methods in Health & Medicine	3
	Credits	5
Year Two		
Fall		
NURS 5320	Advanced Clinical Studies I: Nursing of Children	4
NURS 5550	Family and Child Development	3
	Credits	7
Spring		
NURS 5330	Advanced Clinical Studies II: Nursing of Children	4
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2

NURS 5900	Residency	0
	Credits	6
Summer		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
	Credits	2
Year Three		
Fall		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
	Credits	3
Year Four		
Fall		
NURS 5810	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 5160	Principles of Practice Management	2
NURS 5950	Special Study for Exams	0
	Credits	4
	Total Credits	40

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