The student should access the online graduate application through the Graduate School webpage. Questions regarding admissions may be directed to the School of Nursing Graduate Program Office (330) 972-7555.

The School of Nursing Graduate Admission and Progression Committee and the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs will review and make decisions for applications. The admit decision will be sent to the Graduate School. Applicants will receive notification of the admission decision via an e-letter from the Graduate School and a letter from the School of Nursing.

**Instructional Program**

The Master of Science in Nursing curriculum includes a minimum of 36 credit hours of study depending on the specialty track. The advanced practice tracks include Adult/Gerontological Health Nursing, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Child and Adolescent Health Nursing, and Nurse Anesthesia. Graduates are prepared for advanced practice as nurse practitioners or nurse anesthetists. The curriculum is based on theory and research both in nursing and in related disciplines. It provides the foundation for doctoral study and for ongoing professional development.

**Nursing Core**

The curriculum consists of a core of 17 credit hours. These courses encompass advanced theory, research, information management in nursing, health policy, and pathophysiological concepts.

**Nursing Research**

All students enroll in a research core for a total of 6-7 credits: 8200:613 Nursing Inquiry I: Promoting a Spirit of Inquiry, and 8200:699 Masters Thesis or 8200:618 Nursing Inquiry III.

**RN Sequence**

This sequence is limited to registered nurse graduates of Associate Degree and Diploma nursing programs.

The RN program is designed for registered nurses who hold a diploma or associate degree in nursing or a baccalaureate degree in another field. It is specifically designed for RN's who are interested in obtaining the baccalaureate degree in nursing and/or continuing on to a master's degree in nursing. Students must complete 68-69 hours of prerequisite undergraduate coursework prior to acceptance into the sequence. The RN program consists of 32 credit hours of upper-division baccalaureate coursework. Students wishing to begin work on the Master's degree RN/MSN option may do so while meeting the baccalaureate requirements and must apply to the graduate program in the fall or early spring prior to graduation. Additional admission requirements and a graduate research class (Inquiry I) are part of the RN/MSN option. Continuation in the graduate program is predicated on meeting graduate program requirements and acceptance into the graduate nursing program.

**Advanced Practice Options**

Options are provided for advanced practice as a nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist. Requirements for admission include at least one year of practice in the area of interest.

The Master of Science in Nursing curriculum requires from 36 to 60 credits, depending on the Advanced Practice option selected by the student.

Core courses required of all students:
Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track

The Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track (38-42 credit hours) provides the educational preparation necessary to provide primary mental health care at an advanced level to individuals of all ages and families. Preparation as a Psychiatric Family Nurse Practitioner is emphasized and includes clinical supervision of individuals and families, differential diagnosis and management of psychiatric and mental health disorders, medication management, psychotherapeutic interventions, and case management. Graduates of the Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track are eligible to sit for certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNPs).

Students must earn a "B-" or higher in core and specialty courses.

- 8200:610 Advanced Adult/Gerontological Assessment (3 credits)
- 8200:611 Advanced Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
- 8200:660 Family Psychiatric Mental Health, APN I Practicum (2 credits)
- 8200:661 Psychiatric Mental Health, APN I (3 credits)
- 8200:662 Clinical Psychopharmacology (3 credits)
- 8200:664 Psychiatric Mental Health-Acute, APN II Practicum (2 credits)
- 8200:665 Psychiatric Mental Health-Acute, APN II (3 credits)
- 8200:667 Psychiatric Mental Health-Chronic, APN III Practicum (2 credits)
- 8200:668 Psychiatric Mental Health-Chronic, APN III (3 credits)
- 8200:669 Psychiatric Mental Nursing-Synthesis, APN IV Practicum (2 credits)
- 8200:670 Psychiatric Mental Health-Synthesis, APN IV (3 credits)

Additional courses from existing programs:

- 8200:605 Child & Family Interventions for Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners (3 credits)
- 8200:614 Advanced Concepts for Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse (3 credits)
- 8200:650 Advanced Pediatric/Adolescent Assessment (3 credits)
- 8200:663 Psychiatric Mental Health APN Internship (1-4 credits)