Nursing, M.S.

The Nursing Master of Science degree will help to provide for the increasing global need of health care practitioners with expanded nursing knowledge. The degree directly addresses the University of Central Oklahoma’s mission to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves. The inclusion of 100 clinical hours facilitates the participation of students in transformative educational experiences that directly benefit the Oklahoma City metro area community. The degree integrates each of the Central Six tenets of transformative learning including Health and Wellness, Discipline Knowledge, Leadership, Problem Solving (Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities), Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:
Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
Edmond, OK 73034

• Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).

• Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Application materials and undergraduate transcripts must show:
  ◦ A minimum 3.00 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
  ◦ Baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from a program that has received nursing accreditation from an agency approved by the Department of Education or its equivalent with at least a 3.00 GPA.
  ◦ Preference will be given to individuals with a current unrestricted license to practice as a Registered nurse in the state of Oklahoma. Conditional admission will be considered for individuals in the process of obtaining licensure.
  ◦ Complete an undergraduate or graduate course in statistics.
  ◦ A written statement of purpose describing the applicant’s plans and rationale for graduate study at UCO.
• Application may be made for conditional admission by students having an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 or at least 2.25 with five years having passed since the date of the first bachelor’s degree.
• Students with a native language other than English and who do not have a current unrestricted license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of Oklahoma must submit evidence of English language proficiency as reflected by one of the following to meet Oklahoma Licensure and be admitted to the program:
  ◦ Test of English Language Proficiency Score (TOEFL-iBT) of 26 Speaking and 83 Total.
  ◦ Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC) score for Listening and Reading of 725, for Speaking and Writing of 140.
  ◦ International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score 6.5 (academic format) or 7.0 (spoken band)
  ◦ Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) score 3 Speaking and 81 Total.
• Any incomplete grades awarded must have work completed before additional course enrollments are allowed.

Accelerated Degree Program

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate RN to BS degree option may apply to take three 5000-level NURS courses (9 credit hours) during the senior year of the BS degree. These courses will count towards both the BS and MS degrees. The three courses are NURS 5113 ^Advanced Pathophysiology, NURS 5323 ^Organizational & Systems Leadership, and NURS 5353 ^Legal/ Eth Issues in Hlthcare. These courses are specified by ^on the Graduation Requirements. During the final semester of RN to BS coursework the student may submit an application for admission to the Accelerated Program. This application must be submitted by the preference date for MS admissions.

Application materials must include/reflect:
  ◦ An updated UCO transcript.
  ◦ The applicant is a UCO Nursing major who completed an associate degree in nursing prior to being accepted to UCO nursing.
  ◦ A minimum overall GPA of 3.00.
  ◦ A minimum GPA of 3.00 in all UCO Nursing Courses (if courses are in progress must submit grades before starting any further 5000 level courses).
  ◦ A recommendation from Nursing Program career advancement subcouncil.
  ◦ A written statement of purpose describing the applicant’s plans and rationale for graduate study at UCO.

Other Requirements

• Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
• Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  ◦ Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  ◦ No more than 6 hours of “C” or lower may be repeated.
  ◦ Courses with a grade lower than B do not apply toward graduation.
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Program: Nursing

Graduation Requirements

Required Core Courses .................................................. 25 Hours

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*Prerequisites: Two of the following: NURS 5113, NURS 5133, and NURS 5153

^Accelerated Option Credits apply to BS and MS degree.

Specialty Option ...................................................... 9 Hours

Graduate Electives from list below and/or other graduate courses approved by graduate coordinator - 9 credit hours

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TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ............................................ 34 HOURS