

Master of Science in Nursing

INTRODUCTION

The Master's program at Cleveland State University prepares Registered Nurses for specialized practice in population health care. Population health care examines the health status of people in defined groups, taking into account attributes thought to influence health (lifestyle, ethnicity, disease, gender, age, environment, and social/economic/political conditions). The program is specifically designed for today's working nurse. Coursework for the 38 (minimum) credit hour program are taken online using an asynchronous web-based course management system. Clinical practicum hours negotiated between the student and preceptor to accommodate busy schedules.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The School of Nursing's commitment to *advancing excellence in nursing professionals* is carried through in its Master of Science in Nursing program, which is fully accredited by the *Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education*. Professional programs once aimed at preparing nurses with advanced practitioner skills now recognize the need to educate nurses at the graduate level in leadership, education, systems management, and evidence-based quality outcomes. Clinical nursing leaders and faculty are in critical demand. This program will prepare students to apply principles of population care to targeted groups for the purpose of facilitating health of these aggregates.

Students may enter one of **four tracks** depending on their population focus or interest. Students concentrating on the health needs of a defined **aggregate** (eg. cardiovascular patients, pregnant adolescents; lifestyle: substance/alcohol abuse; ethnicity: Native American veterans; or environment: asbestos removal workers etc.) will enter the **Specialized Population Track**.

Students interested in professional practice working with health care issues within a specified unit or practice setting will enter the **Clinical Nurse Leader Track**.

Students advancing their career working with students, patients, or nurses as *learners* will enter the **Nursing Education Track**.

Students who want to work with individuals involved in legal proceedings or investigations will enter the **Forensic Nursing Track**.

In addition, an **MSN/MBA Track** is offered in collaboration with CSU's College of Business Administration.

RESEARCH

The University is committed to advancing knowledge through research and preparing an exceptionally qualified healthcare workforce. CSU's focus on health through its *Centers for Excellence*, positions CSU to focus its energy and resources toward activities in meeting the economic needs of the region, while strengthening its status as a premier urban

university. To that end, the School of Nursing is prepared to advance nursing science through collaborative research in practice and education with colleagues at the university and community.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students entering the program must have a bachelor's degree in nursing, a license to practice nursing in the state where they conduct their clinical practicum, and an undergraduate statistics course.

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