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As a working nurse, you need a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree to take your career to the next level. Concentrate in either Nursing Education or Nursing Leadership or pursue the dual MSN/Master of Business Administration degree path. Faculty members who are experienced professionals will guide you through a curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Leadership and MSN/MBA graduates will earn a Healthcare Administration Certificate and Education graduates will be prepared to take the NLN Certified Nurse Educator Exam.

Choose one of the following program tracks: (I) nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing; (II) nurse with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree; or (III) nurse with an associate degree or a nursing diploma. Combine online learning with part or fulltime study and four academic terms per year, to create a flexible and personalized schedule. You may also be eligible for grants, loans, and scholarships in the form of financial aid. As a Franklin Pierce University graduate, you will be prepared to assume influential roles, exhibit leadership skills, and teach in both academic and clinical settings.



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CURRICULUM

TRACK I: Nurse with a Baccalaureate degree in nursing

NR510 Nursing Science in Practice
NR520 Health Policy and Population Health Issues
NR530 Inferential Statistics
NR540 Evidence-Based Practice
NR009 Precourse for NR690
NR690 Nursing Capstone Seminar and Project
6 Concentration Courses (Leadership or Education)

TRACK II: Nurse with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree

NR501 RN MSN Bridge Course
NR510 Nursing Science in Practice
NR520 Health Policy and Population Health Issues
NR530 Inferential Statistics
NR540 Evidence-Based Practice
NR009 Precourse for NR690
NR690 Nursing Capstone Seminar and Project
6 Concentration Courses (Leadership or Education)

CONCENTRATIONS

NURSING EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

NR545 Clinical & Classroom Teaching Strategies in Nursing
NR547 Evidence-Based Curriculum Design in Nursing
NR549 Evaluating Learning and Assessing Competencies in Nursing
NR575 Advanced Pharmacology
NR580 Advanced Pathophysiology
NR585 Advanced Health Assessment

NURSING LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

GM510 Seminar in Leadership
GM520 Legal and Ethical Issues in Organizations
GM594 Healthcare Payment Systems
GM596 Quality Improvement Models in Healthcare
NR565 Strategic Planning and Project Management for Nurses I
NR570 Strategic Planning and Project Management for Nurses II

TRACK III: Nurse without a baccalaureate degree

All baccalaureate course requirements must be completed before registering for graduate courses.

NURSING FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

BI260 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BI261 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BI325 Microbiology
MT260 Statistics
PS101 Introduction to Psychology
PS234 Human Growth and Development
Chemistry or other science course
Cultural Awareness course

COURSES

BACCALAUREATE NURSING COURSES

NR200 Introduction to Holistic Health
NR300 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice
NR320 Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing: Understanding Nursing Research
NR330 Clinical Decision Making
NR400 Health Policy and the Role of the Professional Nurse
NR420 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan
NR445 Community Health Nursing: Individual & Family Clients
NR446 Community Health Nursing: Groups & Populations
NR001 Precourse for NR490
NR490 Leadership in Professional Nursing Practice, Seminar, and Project

*Six credits can be applied to the baccalaureate degree.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed graduate admission application
- Résumé
- A statement of professional goals including reasons for pursuing graduate study
- All official transcripts from colleges or universities previously attended
- Unencumbered current license to practice as a registered nurse issued by New Hampshire or another jurisdiction
- Telephone interview with nursing faculty

PREREQUISITES

- Completed associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or diploma from an accredited program in nursing
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale (Track I and II applicants only)
- Successful completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a "C" or higher (Track I and II applicants only)

BASED ON 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Number of credit hours: 36

Cost per credit: \$665

Franklin Pierce offers personal support through our enrollment team and an academic advisor to assist with onboarding, paving the way for student success. Our teams are ready to help you reach your career and educational goals.