

# NURSING (MSN)

## Program Overview

The School of Nursing has a graduate program offering an MSN with tracks in education, informatics and leadership. Registered Nurses with a BSN can obtain a graduate degree to practice in one of these areas and complete their degree in two academic years with full-time study. has been offered cooperatively by Columbus State University and Georgia Southwestern University. Each institution belongs to the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Intercollegiate Consortium for Graduate Nursing Education (GICGNE) and Columbus State University School of Nursing Graduate Program has a mission to prepare caring, professional nurses who provide safe, evidence-based, patient-centered care, for diverse populations in a variety of settings..

While the MSN/FNP program was established as part of the Georgia Intercollegiate Consortium for Graduate Nursing Education (GICGNE), CSU School of Nursing was approved to launch its own MSN/FNP program in the spring of 2020. The master's degree program in nursing at Columbus State University under GICGNE is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The master's degree program in nursing at Columbus State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

- No commuting to campus
- Complete the program in as little as 2 years if you attend full-time.
- Highly qualified faculty members with various nursing backgrounds who facilitate learning
- 100% Online Asynchronous courses
- Clinical hours completed in your own area (765 clinical hours are required)

Columbus State University is ranked among the top regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report with special recognition of its online programs in the College of Education and Health Professions.

The 36-credit hour program prepares professional registered nurses for advanced nursing roles.

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## Career Opportunities

The **nurse educator** role prepares professional nurses to assume entry-level teaching positions in collegiate and hospital settings, as well as community settings with staff or patients. You will also have a clinical focus which will enable use of this degree in teaching positions with students, staff members, and patients.

The **nurse informatics** role prepares professional nurses to work in hospitals, clinics, and community health settings to provide systems preparation and development as well as training and continued support

for users. You may also work in industries related to sales, systems design, and training those who will use technology.

The **nurse leader** role prepares professional nurses to work in management or administration settings such as hospitals, community agencies, long-term care facilities, governmental agencies and facilities, industries, and corporations.

## MSN Admission Standards

Students who do not meet GPA minimal admission requirements may be admitted on a provisional basis.

## Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>4-5</b>
Choose one of the following communication options		3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	
Foreign Language Course Options		
AMSL, ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPN, KREN, LATIN, PORT, SPAN - 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002; SWAH - 1001, 1002.		
Take one of the following courses		1-2
ITDS 1779	Scholarship Across the Disciplines	
LEAD 1705	Introduction to Servant Leadership	
PERS 1506	Perspectives 1-hour	
PERS 1507	Perspectives 2-hour	
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics &amp; Quantitative Skills <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>3-7</b>
DATA 1501	Introduction to Data Science	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3
MATH 1101	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1125	Applied Calculus	3
MATH 1131	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1132	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 1165	Computer-Assisted Problem Solving	3
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 1501	Calculus I	4
MATH 2125	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History</b>		<b>6</b>
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
	or HIST 2112 U. S. History since 1865	
POLS 1101	American Government	3
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics</b>		<b>6</b>
Select one Fine Arts course		3
ARTH 1100	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	
ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts <sup>2</sup>	

Select one Humanities course	3
ENGL 2111 World Literature I	
ENGL 2112 World Literature II	
ITDS 1155 The Western Intellectual Tradition	
ITDS 1774 Introduction to Digital Humanities	
PHIL 2010 Introduction to Philosophy	
ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing</b>	<b>6</b>
ENGL 1101 English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102 English Composition II	3
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences <sup>1,3</sup></b>	<b>7-11</b>
ANTH 1145 Human Origins	3
ASTR 1105 Descriptive Astronomy: The Solar System	3
ASTR 1106 Descriptive Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	3
ASTR 1305 Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1
ATSC 1112 Understanding the Weather	3
ATSC 1112L Understanding the Weather Lab	1
BIOL 1125 Contemporary Issues in Biology Non-Lab	3
BIOL 1215K Introductory Biology	4
BIOL 1225K Contemporary Issues in Biology with Lab	4
CHEM 1151 Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1152 Survey of Chemistry II and Survey of Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 1211 Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1212 Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 1105 Introduction to Computing Principles and Technology	3
CPSC 1301K Computer Science I	4
ENVS 1105 Environmental Studies	3
ENVS 1105L Environmental Studies Laboratory	1
ENVS 1205K Sustainability and the Environment	4
GEOG 2215 Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOL 1110 Natural Disasters: Our Hazardous Environment	3
GEOL 1121 Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology	3
GEOL 1121L Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 1122 Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology	3
GEOL 1322 Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 2225 The Fossil Record	4
PHYS 1111 Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 1112 Introductory Physics II and Introductory Physics II Lab	4
PHYS 1125 Physics of Color and Sound	3
PHYS 1325 Physics of Color and Sound Lab	1
PHYS 2211 Principles of Physics I and Principles of Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 2212 Principles of Physics II and Principles of Physics II Lab	4
<b>Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences</b>	<b>6</b>

Select one Behavioral Science course	
ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics	
PHIL 2030 Moral Philosophy	
PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology	
SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology	
Select one World Cultures course	3
ANTH 1107 Discovering Archaeology	
ANTH 1105 Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 2105 Ancient World Civilizations	
ANTH 2136 Language and Culture	
ENGL 2136 Language and Culture	
GEOG 1101 World Regional Geography	
HIST 1111 World History to 1500	
HIST 1112 World History since 1500	
ITDS 1156 Understanding Non-Western Cultures	
<b>Core IMPACTS Total Hours</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>3</b>
KINS 1106 Lifetime Wellness	2
or PHED 1205 Concepts of Fitness	
Select one of the following	1
Any PEDS course	
MUSC 1206 Body Mapping (Music Majors Only)	

<sup>1</sup> The hours applied in the Institutional Priorities; Mathematics & Quantitative Skills; and Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences areas must add to 18 credit hours.

<sup>2</sup> ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts, though listed under both Fine Arts and Humanities, may be taken only once.

<sup>3</sup> At least 4 of the credit hours in this area must be in a lab science course.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core</b>		
NURS 6104	Theory for Graduate Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6105	Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6106	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 6107	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6108	Advanced Health Assessment	3
Core Total		15
<b>Tracks</b>		
Select one of the following tracks:		18
Leadership		
Education		
Informatics		
Track Total		18
<b>Thesis/Project</b>		
The following is optional:		0
NURS 6800	Independent Study	
NURS 6999	Focused Project in Nursing	3
Thesis/Project Total		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Tracks

### Leadership

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NURS 6100	Principles of Leadership & Management within Health Care Organizations Seminar	3
NURS 6119	Information Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 6210	Management of Human Resources in Health Care	3
NURS 6230	Health Care Delivery Systems	3
NURS 6240	Health Care Finance	3
NURS 6407	Practicum	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Education

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NURS 6110	Principles of Education in Nursing	3
NURS 6119	Information Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 6220	Effective Teaching/Learning Strategies	3
NURS 6330	Evaluation of Learning	3
NURS 6407	Practicum	3
NURS 6440	Curriculum Development	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Informatics

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NURS 6407	Practicum	3
NURS 6720	Applied Statistics and Data Mining	3
NURS 6730	Process Improvement for Health Care	3
NURS 6740	Health Information Exchange Standards and Models	3
NURS 6750	Health Systems Project Management	3
NURS 6760	Clinical Decision Support Systems	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

## Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited university and a nationally accredited nursing program (NLNAC or CCNE)
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (regular admission) or 2.75 (provisional admission)
- Current unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical course requirements will be met
- Three (3) professional letters of reference
- Acceptance into the Graduate School at Columbus State University

Students who do not meet GPA and/or GRE minimal admission requirements may be admitted on a provisional basis. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA in their coursework once admitted into the program.

## Additional Program Requirements

The MSN degree is awarded on completion of course work with a 3.0 or better grade point average (GPA), fulfillment of candidacy requirements and successful completion of required course and program requirements.