

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.