

MS in Nursing

About

Students in the distance-mediated Master of Science program obtain advanced nursing preparation in several areas:

- Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-adult-gerontology-clinical-nurse-specialist/>)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-family-nurse-practitioner/>)
- Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare Systems (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-leadership-nursing-health-care-systems/>)
- Nurse Educator (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-nurse-educator/>)
- Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-pediatric-clinical-nurse-specialist/>)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-pediatric-nurse-practitioner-primary-care/>)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofnursing/nursing/ms-nursing-emphasis-psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner/>)

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 hours beyond the bachelor's degree is required. Students must take a minimum of 15 hours of 8000-9000 level course work. No more than forty percent of the total required credit hours may be problems, readings and research hours. For example, in a 38-hour master's degree program, 15 hours may be from problems, readings and research hours.

To satisfy requirements for the MS, a student must:

- Complete an approved plan of study with a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Successfully complete the Master's Exam
- Complete the program within a five-year period

Because the program is distance-mediated, students are required to obtain the required computer technology for successful participation in distance-mediated courses (see Mizzou Online Computer Requirements (<http://online.missouri.edu/prepare/computer.aspx>)).

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans of study can be found on the Sinclair School of Nursing Master of Science webpage (<http://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/msn/areas-of-study/>).

Non-Thesis Requirements

Each candidate must pass a final examination to demonstrate mastery of the fundamental principles of the work included in the course of study offered for the degree. This requirement may be fulfilled by completion of NURSE 8990 Practice Inquiry.

In this course, students will demonstrate a culmination of knowledge and skills learned throughout the MS program. Students must successfully complete a critical review of the literature in an integrative review format on a healthcare topic of their choice related to their area of study.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the Master of Science program (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/how-to-apply/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Application Deadlines: After the application deadline, submitted materials will be reviewed. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance decision within four weeks. Program application timelines vary by emphasis area. Refer to How to Apply (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/application-process/>) for specific deadlines.

State Authorization: Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri is unable to accept applications for admission to online programs from students residing in various states. You may find more information at this link: <https://online.missouri.edu/about/state-authorization/>.

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