

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING NURSE EDUCATOR



## GRADUATE STUDIES



### Program Description

Nurses who wish to pursue careers in education gain advanced knowledge and leadership skills that prepare them to take on the role of nurse educator (MSN). The program uses the core competencies outlined by the National League for Nursing that include curriculum design, teaching, evaluation and more. There are two pathways to admission, one for students with a BSN (traditional) and one for students with a RN.

The RN-MSN pathway is for highly qualified RNs with an associate degree in nursing. Students are admitted to FGCU as undergraduate nursing students. Following the satisfactory completion of 22 credit hours of specified bridge coursework at the undergraduate level, students transition into the MSN program and complete the required 38 credit hours of graduate coursework.

Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/nursing/nurseeducator-msn.aspx>

### Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Immunization history form
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- *RN to MSN*: Associate of Arts from a Florida public college or university. Students who do not have an AA degree will be required to meet all FGCU general education requirements.
- *BSN to MSN*: Baccalaureate Nursing degree (BSN) from a CCNE or ACEN nursing program & regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) official scores
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Supplemental School of Nursing application through NursingCAS
- Current Resume or CV
- Statement of career goals (300-350 words)
- Evidence of current & unrestricted registration as registered nurse or eligibility for FL RN licensure
- Evidence of minimum 1 year current practice experience as registered nurse
- Complete Prerequisite coursework with grade of C or higher
- *RN to MSN*: Complete the Bridge Courses (22 credits) with grade of B or higher
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

### Application Deadlines

Fall Priority – May 1

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

### RN-MSN Prerequisite Courses

- BSC 1085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab (4)
- BSC 1086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab (4)
- CHM XXXX Chemistry (3) (or BCH XXXX, BSC XXXX, PCB XXXX, PHY XXXX)
- DEP 2004 Principles of Development (3)
- HSC 2577 Nutrition Human Health and Wellness (3)
- MCB 2010C Microbiology w/ Lab (4)
- PSY 2012 General Psychology (3) (or PSY XXXX, SOP XXXX, SYG XXXX)
- STA 2023 Statistical Methods (3)

### BSN-MSN Prerequisite Courses

- Statistics course
- Health assessment course
- Pathophysiology

### Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
<b>Tuition and Fees</b>	\$6,720	\$23,412
<b>Books and Supplies</b>	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>Room and Board</b>	\$9,672	\$9,672
<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour. The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour. Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring). For more details, visit: [fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies](http://fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies)

### Contact Information

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## Program Details

### Credit Hours Required in Major – 38 Credit Hours

#### Core Courses (38 credits)

NGR 6002 Advanced Health Assessment (3)  
NGR 6002L Adv Health Assessment Practice (1)  
NGR 6141 Advanced Pathophysiology (4)  
NGR 6172 Pharmacotherapeutics (4)  
NGR 6701 Academic Role of Nurs Educator (3)  
NGR 6710 Teach & Assess Strat Nsg Ed (3)  
NGR 6711L Adv Clin Pract for Nurse Educ (2)  
NGR 6712 Foundations of Nursing Educ (3)  
NGR 6713 Design & Eval of Nurs Curricula (3)  
NGR 6811 Advanced Nursing Research (3)  
NGR 6894 Global Trends & Practice Persp (3)  
NGR 6941L Nurse as Educator Practicum (3)  
NGR 6942 Nurse Educator Capstone (2)  
NGR 6945L Clinical Specialty Practice (1)

#### RN-MSN Bridge Courses (22 credits)

*These courses are completed prior core requirements*

NUR 4807 Transition to Professional Nursing (2)  
NUR 3065C Health Assessment (3)  
NUR 3125 Pathophysiology (3)  
NUR 3833 Patient Care Management in Nursing (3)  
NUR 4169 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice in Symptom Mgmt (3)  
NUR 4636 Community & Public Health Nursing (3)  
NUR 4636L Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical (2)  
NUR 4165 Principles of Nursing Research (3)

~Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog.  
<http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

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