

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ADMINISTRATION

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The Master of Science in Nursing is designed to offer students a program of study to serve the educational needs of professional nurses actively engaged in or planning to enter professions related to emergency management administration in a variety of healthcare settings. The curriculum will utilize a multidisciplinary approach to integrate principles of nursing administration, including planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating, with principles of emergency management, including preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery.

The core curriculum includes 27 semester credit hours of coursework in epidemiology, research design and methods, theoretical perspectives, legal and ethical issues, current trends in healthcare, nurse administrator role, principles of hazards and emergency management, design and management of preparedness in mitigation systems, and research thesis/project. An additional 12 semester credit hours will be completed in either the nursing administration or emergency management specialty track.

The objectives of the graduate program in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management (NAEM) include:

- 1.) Preparing graduates to assume administrative roles in a variety of health care systems, including hospitals, and community, military, and government agencies.
- 2.) Providing a program of study that addresses the technical competencies and interpersonal skills needed to assume leadership roles in planning and coordinating emergency response strategies.
- 3.) Providing opportunities for students to formulate solutions to important problems of interest to nursing through analysis, synthesis, and application of current research.
- 4.) Preparing graduates to be innovative leaders.

Unconditional Admission

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Science in Nursing degree program if they meet all the following requirements:

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Graduate College.
2. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited nursing program.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.
4. Applicants must have a current unencumbered registered nursing license.
5. Applicants must submit recent scores for either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) to the Graduate College.
6. Applicants must have completed a statistics course.

Conditional Admission

Applicants who fail to meet the above requirements may be admitted conditionally by the Graduate Admissions Committee to earn a maximum of twelve (12) graduate credit hours. If a student was admitted conditionally based on grade point average, the condition will be met if upon completion of twelve semester hours a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is achieved.

Academic Advisors

The Nursing Graduate Studies Committee will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the Nursing degree program. The advisor will assist the student in the design of a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Additionally, the academic advisor and the Graduate College will monitor the student's progress. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

Admission to Candidacy

Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve graduate hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of all deficiencies. Students who have been granted unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or higher. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) must be completed and official scores on file in the Graduate College. Students who do not submit to the Nursing Graduate Studies Committee an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

Degree Requirements

1. Thirty-nine credit hours are required for completion of the MSN Degree. Twenty-seven hours shall be completed in a professional core component, including 6 hours of research methods and 3-6 hours of research thesis/project (application). Twelve hours shall be completed in one of two specialty tracks: Nursing Administration (including 6 hours of practicum) or Emergency Management (including 3 hours of Workshop).

Core Curriculum-Both Tracks:

NUR 6203 Research Design and Methods - 3 hours
NUR 6213 Epidemiology - 3 hours
NUR 6303 Legal/Ethical Issues and Current Trends in Healthcare - 3 hours
NUR 6103 Theoretical Perspectives - 3 hours
NUR 6313 The Role of the Nurse Administrator - 3 hours
EMHS 6063 Principles of Hazards and Emergency Management - 3 hours
EMHS 6003 Design and Management of Preparedness and Mitigation Systems - 3 hours
NUR 6996 Research Thesis/Project - 6 hours
-Or-
NUR 6403 Non-thesis project - 3 hours AND Elective - 3 hours

Nursing Administration Track

NUR 6503 Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management - 3 hours
NUR 6513 Fiscal Management - 3 hours
NUR 6523 Nursing Administration Practicum - 6 hours

Emergency Management Track

EMHS 6023 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Business & Industry - 3 hours
NUR 6603 Crisis Intervention in Disasters - 3 hours
EMHS 6013 Technology for Comprehensive Emergency Management - 3 hours
EMHS 6883 Emergency Management Workshop - 3 hours

**Special Conditions of
Graduate Credit
Graduate Credit Taken
Prior to Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

A maximum of nine semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Dean of Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

**Graduate Credit Taken
After Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.