



School of Graduate Studies and Research

Master of Science in Nursing (8400)

The Master of Science in Nursing program is sponsored jointly by Clarion and Edinboro Universities. The focus of this degree is family nurse practitioner (FNP; Concentration Code 8402). The FNP concentration is 45 semester hours in length and includes 600 hours of clinical practice. FNP graduates are prepared to provide primary care in medically under-served areas and are eligible to apply to the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing for legal certification as certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP) in family health after passing professional certification exams through either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Courses are delivered online with the exception of clinical practice and a limited number of skill labs and workshops. Graduates of the program receive a joint degree granted by both universities. Students may select one university site for advisement and may utilize facilities and services of both universities. The MSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Students should check the program website for the most up-to-date program information: <http://www.clarion.edu/msn/> Information about program requirements and administrative matters is also available at both universities.

Program Objectives. The Master of Science in Nursing program affords advanced practice nurses the opportunity to develop as expert clinicians or nurse educators, participate in shaping health policy, and contribute to research that improves patient care or nursing education. The nursing program provides the foundation for a life-long process of personal and professional growth as well as for doctoral education. Specifically designed for the working professional, all didactic courses are taught via the internet. Most students study on a part-time basis.

Admission Requirements: The admission requirements for both MSN concentrations are the following:

1. Payment of the application fee.
2. Evidence of an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program.
3. Licensure as a registered nurse in the state where they plan to complete clinical practicum.
4. An undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or
5. A graduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (if seeking second MSN degree)
6. One year of recent full-time clinical practice or two years of part-time clinical practice (2,000 hours)
7. Evidence of completion of a college level statistics course with a 'C' or better.

Application Deadlines. Early admission deadline is October 1. All completed applications received by October 1 will be reviewed and considered for early admission into the MSN program for the upcoming fall term. Students meeting the criteria for early admission will be notified by December 15.

Regular admission deadline is March 1. All completed applications received by March 1 will be reviewed and considered for regular admission into the MSN program for the upcoming fall term. Students meeting the criteria for admission will be notified by May 15. In addition to meeting the criteria for admission, students will be accepted on a 'seat available' basis. An applicant may be placed on a waiting list for the upcoming fall admission or for the following fall admission. All students will be notified by May 15 of their admission status.

For detailed instructions and to request an application, please visit: <http://www.clarion.edu/16475/>

The following courses are required of all students graduating with a Master of Science in Nursing:

NURS 601: Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology*
NURS 602: Pharmacologic Applications
NURS 605: Evolution of Nursing Theory**
NURS 610: Advanced Concepts in Nursing Research
NURS 614: Health Promotion: Family and Community Perspectives***
NURS 615: Advanced Health Assessment
NURS 616: Advanced Health Assessment Practicum
NURS 645: Nursing and Public Policy
NURS 620: Clinical Decision Making
NURS 621: Clinical Decision Making I Practicum
NURS 630: Clinical Decision Making II
NURS 631: Clinical Decision Making II Role Seminar
NURS 632: Clinical Decision Making II Practicum
NURS 640: Clinical Decision Making III
NURS 641: Clinical Decision Making III Role Seminar
NURS 642: Clinical Decision Making III Practicum
NURS 750: Family Nurse Practitioner Internship
NURS 800: Scholarly Project/Thesis

(see reverse for more information)

* NURS 601 is a prerequisite to NURS 602 and is a prerequisite or co-requisite to NURS 615 and NURS616.

** NURS 605 is a prerequisite to NURS 610.

*** NURS 614 is a prerequisite to the clinical courses and is a prerequisite to NURS 620 and 621

Degree Requirements

To fulfill degree requirements for graduation, the student must complete 45 semester hours of required course work for the family nurse practitioner concentration and 36 semester hours of required course work for the nurse educator concentration. The student must maintain a QPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Successful completion of a comprehensive assessment in the form of a professional portfolio is required. A scholarly project/thesis is also required for graduation. All degree requirements must be completed within six years of the first date of enrollment.

Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462 t/tty . For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](#).

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at **(814) 735- 3500** or finaid@edinboro.edu

Employer Reimbursement : Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#) is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#).

Veterans' Education Benefits Information and printable forms regarding **Veterans' Education Benefits** and the **Montgomery GI Bill** are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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