Master of Education

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program is designed as a full-time or part-time, field-based program that is specifically designed to meet the needs of today’s practicing teachers. This customized degree program offers Florida teachers a unique opportunity to engage in an academic experience that combines face-to-face instruction with classroom-based research and curriculum design. Completion of the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program will lead to K-12 Reading Endorsement in the state of Florida.

The program is designed for classroom teachers (kindergarten-12th grade) who have undergraduate degrees in education and wish to expand and refine their understanding of teaching and learning. Participants will take 33-37 hours of graduate work over the course of 18 months to two years. Students may choose to extend the time and take only selected courses. Fifteen hours of coursework will be taken in a specialty area of reading education K-12, and the remaining hours will be taken with content area specialists (i.e. writing, literature, psychology, measurement and educational research). These core courses will address broader content that is applicable across grade levels of teaching and disciplines K-12.

M. Ed. Admission Requirements

Admission is competitive, and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Fall application deadline is July 15; classes begin August 27. Please apply online or download paper application (PDF) and mail to Graduate Studies, Box O, The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL 33603-1490. A minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate coursework is required. A combined score of 1000 or higher on the Graduate Record Examination with 3.5 or higher on the analytical writing section is required.

For the M.Ed. curriculum and plan of study, contact the Graduate Studies Office or Department of Education Office.

Master of Science in Nursing

Three MSN programs are offered in two different concentration areas. The nurse practitioner concentrations prepare the advanced practice nurse to respond effectively as an adult or family nurse practitioner. The concentration in nursing education prepares the graduate to teach in formal and informal settings. There is additional focus on consumer education.

A student with a previously earned MSN may apply for admission to the post-master’s program to complete requirements for the ANP, FNP or nursing education concentration.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits the University to award baccalaureate and master’s degrees.

UT’s nursing programs are accredited by and affiliated with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006; (800) 669-1656, x 153; fax: (212) 812-0390; www.nlnac.org.

Program and Course Requirements

Satisfactory completion of the MSN curriculum requires a minimum of 38 (education concentration), 41 (adult nurse practitioner) or 48 (family nurse practitioner concentration) credit hours of graduate work.

Core Nursing Courses

NUR 601* Current Perspectives in Health Care .................. 2
NUR 605 Theory Development in Nursing ....................... 3
NUR 615 Nursing Research ...................... 3
*NUR 601 may be waived for students in the RN/BSN/MSN option. The credits are, however, not waived, but may be taken as an elective. Courses taken more than seven years ago will not be accepted in transfer.
Concentration Options

Nursing Education Concentration
NUR 618+ Advanced Health Assessment ......................... 4
NUR 645 Clinical Pharmacology ... 3
NUR 650 Teaching Methods and Strategies in Nursing Education...... 3
NUR 652 Curriculum Design and Evaluation in Nursing Education...... 3
NUR 654 Measurement and Evaluation in Nursing Education...... 3
NUR 655 Advanced Pathophysiology .............. 3
NUR 656* Nursing Education Practicum .................. 4
NUR 658* Community Nursing Education Practicum....... 4
Elective: Any graduate level Course......................... 3
+This course includes a laboratory experience.
*These courses each require a minimum of 224 hours of supervised education practice.

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NUR 618* Advanced Health Assessment ......................... 4
NUR 635 Professional Issues and the Nurse Practitioner......... 3
NUR 645 Clinical Pharmacology ... 3
NUR 646 The Family: Theory, Research and Practice............... 2
NUR 655 Advanced Pathophysiology .............. 3
NUR 677 Clinical Management of the Adult Client............... 3
NUR 687 Clinical Management of Infants, Children, and Adolescents ............... 3
NUR 697 Clinical Management of Women and Older Adults... 3
NUR 675+ Practicum in Adult Primary Care I ............... 4
NUR 676+ Practicum in Adult Primary Care II ............... 4
NUR 686+ Practicum in Women and Older Adult Primary Care ............... 4
+This course includes a laboratory experience.
+These courses each require a minimum of 224 hours of supervised clinical practice in a designated facility.

Adult Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NUR 618* Advanced Health Assessment ......................... 4
NUR 635 Professional Issues and the Nurse Practitioner......... 3
NUR 645 Clinical Pharmacology ... 3
NUR 646 The Family: Theory, Research and Practice............... 2
NUR 655 Advanced Pathophysiology .............. 3
NUR 677 Clinical Management of the Adult Client............... 3
NUR 697 Clinical Management of Women and Older Adults... 3
NUR 675+ Practicum in Adult Primary Care I ............... 4
NUR 676+ Practicum in Adult Primary Care II ............... 4
NUR 686+ Practicum in Women and Older Adult Primary Care ............... 4
+This course includes a laboratory experience.
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Thesis Option
NUR 690 Thesis.................. 3-6 credits
The completion of a thesis is optional. A student who decides to do a thesis must submit an acceptable proposal during or before the semester prior to the initiation of the first practicum. For students selecting this option, thesis guidelines are available in the Nursing Student Handbook. A student must enroll for a minimum of 3 credit hours each semester once thesis work has begun and until it is successfully completed.
Oral Comprehensive Examination

A comprehensive oral examination must be passed by every MSN and post-MSN student prior to enrolling in the first practicum experience. The examination process provides students the opportunity to synthesize the knowledge learned throughout their graduate coursework. The focus of the examination will be the integration and application of content from all previous courses.

Admission Standards

Admission to the MSN program is competitive and based upon several important factors. Every student admitted to the MSN program must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

General Admission Requirements:
- Current licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida
- Application with $40 nonrefundable fee
- Official college transcripts
- Résumé
- Two letters of reference (forms are attached to the application)
- Interview with a faculty member
- Completion of a statistics course, an introduction to computer course, and an upper-level health assessment course.

There are three categories of admission status, as outlined below, and GPA requirement is based on last 60 hours of coursework.

Full Admission
- Bachelor’s degree in nursing
- Florida RN license
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- 1000 or better on GRE
- 3.5 or better on analytical writing section of GRE

Conditional Admission
- Bachelor’s degree in nursing
- Florida RN license
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- GRE is waived
- A student who has not taken the GRE, or who have not obtained the required scores, is admitted conditionally. The student must complete a graduate-level writing course and the three core graduate nursing courses with a grade of “B” or better in order to be fully admitted.

Pre-MSN Admission
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- A bachelor’s degree in an area other than nursing
- Florida RN license
- Three Required Nursing Prerequisites
- Students who have bachelor’s degrees in areas other than nursing are admitted as pre-MSN students. They are required to take NUR 318, NUR 322 and NUR 420 prior to starting the graduate-level curriculum. These courses can be completed without the GRE because they are undergraduate courses. Students may complete pre-MSN courses at another university with faculty permission. Only grades of “C” or better will be accepted. Students will be re-evaluated for admission once the pre-MSN courses are completed. Follow above guidelines for admission decision process.

Nursing Student Handbook
- See this departmental guide for further details.

Denial
- Less than 1000 on the GRE
- Less than 3.0 GPA