

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS



*"The MSN program at Millersville challenged me to think outside the box. I found supportive faculty who have become lifelong mentors. The program was really flexible; I was able to work around my schedule."*

– Justin McFail, MSN, RN – MSN Class of 2022



The MSN programs at Millersville University build upon students' previous experiences in nursing education and practice to provide them with a strong foundation in nursing science and enhance their professional development and professional growth. We believe our students bring a wealth of clinical expertise to our programs, and we embrace the opportunity to guide our students to higher-level thinking and functioning in the healthcare environment.

## OVERVIEW

The Wehrheim School of Nursing and its programs are designed for busy registered nurses who already have their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and have clinical nursing experience as a registered nurse. The MU Master of Science in Nursing programs were developed and based on the ANA Scope and Standards of Professional Practice and are accredited through the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). These programs will prepare nurses for careers in a variety of specialties. Our programs are specifically designed for busy working adults.

## DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

### FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL ACROSS THE LIFESPAN NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner program (FNP) prepares nurses to specialize in the prevention, diagnosis and management of medical conditions across the lifespan. Offered in a blended course delivery with face-to-face classes along with online components, the program requires the completion of 43 theory hours and 750 clinical hours. Upon completion of the FNP program, graduates are eligible for licensure by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and to sit for the national certification examination by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and/or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. The FNP blended program is offered at two locations: Millersville University (Millersville, Pa.) in the fall and Central Penn College Campus (Enola, Pa.) in the spring.

### NURSE EDUCATOR

The MSN in Nursing Education program is designed for nurses with a passion for teaching! Our fully online program allows students to learn about both academic education and nursing professional development. This program prepares nurses for roles as nurse educators in academic or staff development settings. Our part-time, 37-credit program admission is offered on a rolling basis; students may begin taking classes any semester – spring, summer or fall. Practicum experiences are tailored to meet your learning goals. Our program provides you the flexibility you need with the faculty attention you deserve!

### NURSE LEADER

The MSN in Nursing Leadership program is designed for nurses with a passion for innovation and administration in nursing! Our fully online program allows students to learn about quality, safety, multidisciplinary collaboration, financing and management in healthcare. Clinical experiences are designed to meet your learning goals. Our 37-credit nursing leadership program has a rolling admission, and there is no application deadline. The nursing leadership program at MU provides you the flexibility you need with the faculty attention you deserve!



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## SCHOOL NURSE

The MSN School Nurse program is designed for nurses with a passion for the care of school-age students and advocating for the health of school communities! This program is offered as an 11-credit, stand-alone postbaccalaureate Pennsylvania School Nurse Certification (CSN) or as part of the MSN–School Nurse curriculum. The three CSN-specific courses consist of online instruction and experiential learning activities in a public-school setting and are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The 36-credit MSN School Nurse program has a rolling application and admission. There is no application deadline.

## NURSE INFORMATICS

The MSN Nursing Informatics program will help students to interpret, analyze and use electronic health record technology to promote quality/safe patient care. The 37-credit curriculum includes nursing informatics, management of data and information, healthcare project management skills, and systems analysis and design. The career advancements that exist in this field are endless, including responsibilities centered around automated patient and clinical data entry, operations, data analysis, patient-family access and, most importantly, clinical decision-making tools for practitioners such as nurses and physicians. Nursing informatics will play a vital role in the future of healthcare.

## COURSES

Courses appropriate for these areas of study can be found at <https://www.millersville.edu/nursing/msn/index.php>.

## FACULTY

Regardless of the option, tenured faculty teach in all programs. Our programs are designed based on national standards and the unique needs of the nurse returning to school while also working. We value the life experiences of our students, and we recognize their many competing needs. In our FNP program, courses are scheduled to meet one night a week. Our online MSN programs are asynchronous, with optional opportunities to meet with faculty and student peers.

Practicum requirements allow students to focus on an area of interest to them through individualized and self-directed observation experiences.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Specific criteria required by the nursing department include:

1. Current RN license in Pennsylvania or in the state where practice is planned for clinicals.
2. Professional goal statement.
3. Current resume/CV.
4. Two current academic and/or professional references.
5. Official transcripts reflecting the following: baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program; undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. When GPA is below this, provisional acceptance may be considered if the candidate demonstrates graduate-study potential by other means: satisfactory completion of an undergraduate statistics course and a research course in nursing; FNP track requires satisfactory completion of an undergraduate physical assessment course.
6. Minimum of one year of clinical experience in nursing; minimum of two years of clinical experience for FNP or postmaster's certificate FNP applicants.
7. Completion of a successful interview.

## ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

The Millersville University MSN graduate is uniquely prepared to advocate for patients and the profession. Our graduates frequently report that their experiences have prepared them well for their roles, and they are leading change initiatives in their work environments based on their education in our program. Our graduates are the healthcare leaders of the future, working in management, education or other advanced healthcare roles.



The Millersville University RN-BSN (delivered via distance education), Master's Degree in Nursing (Nurse Educator, Nurse Leader, School Nurse, and Nursing Informatics tracks delivered via distance education), Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing (Nurse Educator, Nurse Leader, School Nurse and Nursing Informatics tracks delivered via distance education) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (delivered via distance education) programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. 202-909-2487.