

Master of Science - Nursing

2 Graduate Program Change 2022-23

I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

Before starting this form, please review graduate curriculum website on policies and processes: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/curriculum>

Click "**validate and launch proposal**" **button below.** Once the pop-up window comes up and displays an error message, click on the "show me" button (on the pop-up). This will highlight in red the required fields of this form. Fill in **ONLY** the red (required) fields.

With all red fields completed, click on the "**validate and launch proposal**" **button** again to launch the proposal. The pop-up this time should not display an error, and will display instead a "**launch proposal**" **button.** Click on the "**launch proposal**" **button** to launch.

After launch, please fill in all remaining fields in the form to reflect your intended changes, including edits to the schema section of this form (further explained below).

Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments):*

School of Nursing

Degree or Certificate Name:*

Master of Science - Nursing

Degree Type:*

Master of Science

Program Type:*

Master's

II. Program Changes

Proposed New CIP Code (if applicable):

Are you changing admission requirements?*

Yes

No

Are you changing program learning objectives? Yes No *

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

MSN core program outcomes (1 - 9) are unchanged. Four new sub-plan program outcomes have been added for a total of 13 program outcomes.

Subplan outcomes:

10. Apply principles that enhance safety for patients and health care providers through individual performance and system effectiveness.

11. Demonstrate sound clinical judgment in the planning, provision, and evaluation of evidence-based nursing care at the individual, group, and community levels.

12. Use clinical prevention strategies to promote health and prevent disease across the lifespan at individual and population levels.

13. Integrate professional values, attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors.

Are you changing course requirements? Yes No *

Are you changing degree completion requirements? Yes No *

Are you changing the culminating experience? Yes (complete the culminating experience section below) No *

Are you adding a new subplan? Yes No *

Other Changes (e.g. subplan titles,...): Yes No *

If not a Dual itself, is this program also available as part of a Dual-Degree offering? Yes No *

Summary of Changes

Provide a brief summary of proposed changes:

The new Direct Entry - Generalist Master's of Science in Nursing (DEMSN) program is a new sub-plan of the School of Nursing Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) track. This program prepares students for entry-level nursing practice at the Master's level of education, with advanced skills in selected areas. This program will also prepare students to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which is required for nursing licensure. Due to regulatory requirements of the Nevada State Board of Nursing for pre-licensure students, additional subplan program outcomes have been added, and the admission requirements and course requirements have been changed to address these regulatory requirements.

Provide a rationale for each proposed change:

New Admission Requirements

The new holistic admission requirements will allow improvement in recruiting, admitting, and retaining students from diverse backgrounds, including non-traditional students who hold a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Our current MSN sub-plans require RN licensure and experience working as an RN. This DEMSN subplan removes those requirements. Changes to the admissions requirement also include: "Minimum GPA of 2.5 from previously earned Bachelor's degree and a minimum of 3.0 GPA from nursing prerequisites." This proposed change allows for the non-traditional student to demonstrate excellence in the prerequisite courses that are specifically aligned with success in a pre-licensure nursing program, with less emphasis placed on performance in their first bachelor's degree. The addition of these nursing prerequisite courses also address the regulatory requirements of the State Board of Nursing.

Course Requirements

Several new courses have been added to this subplan to address the learning needs of a pre-licensure nursing student. These new courses will prepare students to practice as generalist entry-level nurses after successful completion of the NCLEX. The current courses offered as core MSN courses will emphasize advanced skills in physical assessment, pathophysiology and pharmacology.

New Sub-Plan Title

The new sub-plan title "Direct Entry - Generalist" provides the student with a conferred degree of a general MSN.

Office of Online Education

Entire programs OR specific subplans that are 100% **Online or Hybrid** (some online courses, some face-to-face courses) must contact the Office of Online Education (<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/online-education>).

Email: elizabeth.barrie@unlv.edu

What is the current delivery/mode of instruction for this program? *

- 100% face-to-face courses for the entire program
- Hybrid for the entire program (some online courses; some face-to-face courses)
- 100% online courses for the entire program

100% online courses for the entire program

- Are you changing the delivery/mode of instruction? (select new mode):***
- 100% face-to-face courses
 - Hybrid for the entire program (some online courses; some face-to-face courses) (contact office of online education)
 - Hybrid for a subplan only (some online courses; some face-to-face courses) (contact office of online education)
 - 100% online courses for the entire program (contact office of online education)
 - 100% online courses for a subplan only (contact office of online education)
 - No Changes

Required Additional Documents:

Please attach required documents by navigating to the “attach a file” icon at the right of this form.

Information and forms available at the [Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs](#) website.

If changing to 100% online delivery for the entire program OR a specific subplan, please attach the following:

Assessment Plan - A new assessment plan will be required when adding an exclusively online mode of delivery to a degree and it must be approved by the [Office of Academic Assessment](#), assessment@unlv.edu,

Dean's memo of support (Dean's memo must use [this form](#))

Teach Out Plan (available at the [Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs](#) website).

- If 100% Online for the entire program OR a specific subplan, attach the required documents and mark the checkboxes:**
- Assessment Plan
 - Dean's memo of support
 - Teach Out Plan

Office of Educational Compliance

Programs that lead to professional licensure or certification must contact the Office of Educational Compliance (<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/ed-compliance>).

Email: leeann.fields@unlv.edu

- With this change, does this program lead to professional licensure or certification?***
- Yes (contact office of educational compliance)
 - No

SCHEMA SECTION

Please edit the schema section after launching the proposal. To launch, please complete all other fields of this form and click "validate and launch" at the bottom. If an error message pops up, please click "show me" and fill in all red (missing) fields in the form and click "validate and launch" again until successfully launched.

In this section, please use the instructions below to change the graduate catalog display of program requirements: descriptions, admissions, courses, degree completion, graduation, etc.

Please note that the new graduate catalog will display the exact information that you edit in this section.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Click on the "View Curriculum Schema" icon at the bottom of the "Schema Section."
2. If you are only adjusting existing content, click on the respective Core you would like to edit, then make your edits and click on "Save" as you go. If you are deleting a subplan or courses, simply delete the respective Cores or courses and adjust the descriptive content accordingly.

If you are adding new subplans and/or adding or substituting courses, please see the steps below:

Prior to following the steps below, please open in parallel a structurally similar program from the graduate catalog as a reference ([UNLV Graduate Catalog](#)). You will use this reference to review the sections of a program plan, and have direction on expected content.

3. Click "Add Core" to create blank "Cores." Create as many Cores as you will need. If unsure, refer to other subplans already in this program or to a reference in the graduate catalog to understand how many Cores you need and their expected content.
4. Click on each Core and rename them following your needs or a catalog reference, clicking on "Save" as you go.
5. Add content to all of the cores by clicking within the field to be edited and clicking "Save" as you go. Please note that course sections require instructions of how the credits must be taken (e.g. "Complete x credits by completing all of the following courses," or "Complete x credits of advisor-approved courses," or "Complete 3 credits of course-x and 6 credits of course-z," etc.).
6. To add courses, click on the "View Curriculum Courses" tab at the top of the schema window below, then click on the "Import Course" button at the bottom of the "View Curriculum Courses" window. Click on the available import catalog (only one will be available), and on the import window, select "filter by prefix." (1) Search for your desired course prefix; (2) then click "search available curriculum; (3) then click on all courses that will be imported. Add courses to proposal by clicking, at the very bottom, on the "Add Courses to Proposal" button. Repeat this process as often as you need until all courses are added to the proposal.
7. For courses that do not exist yet at the time of this proposal: Add the courses into the description box of the respective course section in the following way: "PREFIX - NUMBER - Course name, (credits)."
8. Add the courses into their respective course section by clicking "add course" within each course section.

QUESTIONS? Step-by-step guides are available at the [Graduate Curriculum Website](#), and at any time please contact gradcurriculum@unlv.edu

Plan Description

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program currently offers four subplans: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), Nurse Educator (NE), and Direct Entry (DE) - Generalist subplans.

The FNP and PMHNP subplans prepare the graduate for roles as a direct care provider. FNPs and PMHNPs practice in clinics, long-term care facilities, hospitals, physician offices, managed care corporations, and private industries. FNPs and PMHNPs collect health histories and perform physical examinations, order and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and manage acute and chronic diseases, prescribe medications and treatments, refer to specialists as necessary, provide patient and family counseling and education regarding healthy lifestyle behaviors and self-care skills, and participate in research projects and integrate research findings. The FNP and PMHNP blend some aspects of medicine with nursing, using a holistic nursing perspective. Credentialing examinations, designed by specialty area, are available and required prior to practice in most states. Our FNP and PMHNP subplans offers courses with the option for full-time and part-time study.

The NE subplan prepares the graduate for a faculty position within a program of nursing or NE position in a clinical setting. The student will increase mastery related to teaching and learning and evaluation strategies, curriculum design, and the use of educational technologies. Via directed study and mentorship with experienced faculty, students will enhance clinical expertise in a selected specialty area. Graduate students will have the opportunity to supervise basic nursing students in clinical practice areas and/or work with NEs in clinical settings in the preparation, delivery, and evaluation of educational programs for nurses. The NE subplan is a year-round program featuring full time and part time options for program completion.

The DE - Generalist subplan prepares the graduate for entry-level nursing practice at the master's level of education, with advanced skills in selected areas. Graduates are prepared to take The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which is required to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). Students must complete all prerequisite courses before entering the program and starting the nursing courses.

Program Outcomes of the MSN Degree

Upon completion of the program the graduate will complete the following core outcomes:

Integrate scientific findings from health and educational fields to include but not limited to nursing, social sciences, and humanities.

Assimilate leadership at the organizational and systems level to advance safe high quality outcomes in clinical or educational settings.

Apply continuous quality improvement measures to achieve positive outcomes in clinical or educational settings.

Utilize a systematic, scholarly approach to translate, apply, and

...and disseminate evidence-based research in clinical or educational

settings.

Incorporate health related technologies to deliver, coordinate care, and analyze data to improve outcomes.

Practice advocacy to improve education, the health of the public, and the profession of nursing.

Employ culturally appropriate skills in communicating and collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to achieve positive outcomes in clinical or educational settings.

Synthesize social, cultural, financial, legal, ethical, and political influences to advance nursing practice, healthcare, and education.

Model the professional role of an advanced practice nurse or nurse educator in daily practice.

Program Outcomes: Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Subplans

Competently assess, diagnose, prescribe, evaluate and create a holistic plan of treatment.

Articulate the professional role, which includes the ethical code of conduct and scope of advanced practice.

Develop and monitor comprehensive, holistic plans of care that address the health promotion and disease prevention needs of diverse client populations.

Assess and monitor teaching/learning needs in a diverse client population. Practice ethically in the conduct of research, management and clinical professional practice.

Program Outcomes: Nurse Educator Subplan

Utilize education research to continually improve teaching strategies/skills.

Develop a teaching-learning style that facilitates learner development that meets the educational outcomes of the learner.

Assess and evaluate at both the course and program level

Function as a leader and change agent in nursing education settings.

Participate in scholarship to further knowledge and abilities in nursing education.

Program Outcomes: Direct Entry - Generalist Subplan

Apply principles that enhance safety for patients and health care providers through individual performance and system effectiveness.

Demonstrate sound clinical judgment in the planning, provision, and evaluation of evidence-based nursing care at the individual, group, and community levels.

Use clinical prevention strategies to promote health and prevent disease across the lifespan at individual and population levels.

Integrate professional values, attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes please visit the [Degree Directory](#).

Plan Admission Requirements

[Application deadlines](#)

Applications available on the [UNLV Graduate College website](#).

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), and Nurse Educator (NE) MSN Admission Criteria:

Students are admitted to the program in the fall semester of each year based upon competitive selection. Selection is based on the applicant's qualifications (academic and professional) the applicant's strengths, and the number of available openings.

Students make simultaneous application to the Graduate College and the School of Nursing.

Students may take the following courses as a non-degree-seeking student. No more than nine credits of course work as a "non-degree seeking student will be accepted toward the MSN program. Taking the courses below does not guarantee admission into the MSN program.

NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I, 3 credits

NURS 719 Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing, 3 credits

NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II, 3 credits

UNLV School of Nursing will not accept more than six transfer credits from an outside institution which cannot be in addition to "non-degree seeking" credits. Students who are requesting to transfer credits from an outside institution will not receive credit for non-degree seeking courses.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 or a GPA of 3.00 in the last two years of undergraduate work. The undergraduate nursing course work must have been completed at a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

If BSN GPA is between 2.75 – 2.99 on a 4.0 scale, but students have taken a non-degree seeking graduate course(s) at UNLV with a grade of A- or A, or graduate GPA of 3.5 and above, they can apply. Applicants who have taken an Advanced Pharmacology course may transfer the course credits if (a) the course was taken within five years, at the time of application and (b) approved by the course instructor.

Completion of undergraduate courses in nursing research, physical assessment (as currently taught in the undergraduate program of nursing at UNLV), and a course in introductory statistics. These courses must have been completed with a grade of C or better. Students are expected to possess basic computer skills, including word processing. If not, the student should seek that content prior to enrollment.

Three letters of recommendation from former instructors or employers that speak to the applicant's potential to complete the graduate program must be submitted to the school. The evaluators should speak to the student's professional nursing competency, including application of theory, quality of patient care, independent judgment when appropriate; relationship with team members such as nurses, physicians, and others; leadership skills; and personal responsibility and accountability.

A current resumé or curriculum vita.

A statement of approximately 300 words describing the student's professional goals and reason for seeking graduate education.

Current, unrestricted, valid RN license in state of residence.

Have practiced as a baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse (RN) for a minimum of 2000 hours prior to beginning coursework for the MSN program.

Submit official transcripts for all previous college and professional schools to the Graduate College. Upload unofficial transcripts as part of the Graduate College application. If unofficial transcripts are unavailable, please request official transcripts be sent to the Graduate College.

Seat Holding Fee: A one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required as a seat holding fee. This deposit will be credited towards tuition costs once admissions acceptance has been completed.

Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Subplans:

Students seeking admission to the FNP and PMHNP subplans must submit a resume or vita that demonstrates a minimum of one-year clinical experience as a RN. It is recommended that the most recent years of practice be in the area directly related to the student's proposed pathway of study.

Nurse Educator Subplan:

Students seeking admission into the NE subplan are required to have completed one year of clinical practice prior to enrollment in the first nursing education practicum course (NURS 733).

Direct Entry - Generalist MSN Admission Criteria:

Selection is based on the applicant's qualifications (academic metrics, experiences, and attributes), and the number of available openings.

Students make simultaneous applications to the Graduate College and the School of Nursing.

UNLV School of Nursing will not accept NURS transfer credits from an outside institution.

A Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 from the student's previously earned bachelor's degree and a minimum of 3.0 GPA from required nursing prerequisites are the minimum GPA requirements for admission. Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the start of the program.

Nursing Prerequisites:

Applicants must have the following or equivalent undergraduate education:

General Education: General Psychology, Principles of Sociology, College Algebra.

Science and Nursing: General Microbiology, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, Human Anatomy and Physiology II, Nutrition, Development Across the Lifespan.

Statistics: Statistics for the Health Sciences is preferred; other introductory statistics courses will be considered.

Students seeking admission to the DEMSN must also complete or provide the following:

Must have a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than Nursing, from a regionally accredited institution.

A current resumé or curriculum vita.

A statement of intent describing experiences related to professionalism, service, time management, and organizational skills. The statement of intent criteria will be provided at the time of application.

Completion of Interview. Interview criteria will be provided at the time of application.

Submit official transcripts for all previous college and professional schools to the Graduate College. Upload unofficial transcripts as part of the Graduate College application. If unofficial transcripts are unavailable, please request official transcripts be sent to the Graduate College.

Seat Holding Fee: A one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required as a seat holding fee. This deposit will be credited towards tuition costs once admissions acceptance has been completed.

Accepted Applicants to all MSN Subplans:

Accepted applicants must, prior to enrollment, show evidence of current health insurance, proof of required immunizations, validation

of a negative drug screen and background check, and health data

requirements. These requirements are identified in the student handbook.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the [Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements](#).

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below.

[Subplan 1: Family Nurse Practitioner](#)

[Subplan 2: Nursing Education](#)

[Subplan 3: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner](#)

Subplan 4: Direct Entry - Generalist

Subplan 1 Requirements: Family Nurse Practitioner

Total Credits Required: 46

[View Subplan Disclaimer.](#)

Course Requirements

MSN Core – Credits: 18

NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3

NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3

MSN FNP Required Courses – Credits: 27

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 740R FNP Adult and Women's Health	6
NURS 750R FNP Children and OB	6
NURS 752 Nurse Practitioner Business and Roles	3
NURS 760R FNP Geriatric and Chronic Illness	(6-8)

Culminating Experience - Credits: 1

NURS 761 Clinical Synthesis	1
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Degree Requirements

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of B (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a B, for example a B- (2.70), is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a grade less than B is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the UNLV Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than B in two courses they are ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

Complete a minimum of six semester credits in each calendar year. Continuously register for a minimum of three (3) semester credits each semester while working on the thesis or capstone project.

In order to maintain clinical competency the FNP student must continuously register for at least three (3) credits of NURS 773 (clinical practicum) each semester while working on a culminating project if all required clinical courses are complete.

UNLV School of Nursing will not accept more than six transfer credits from an outside institution. The MSN Coordinator and the Graduate College must approve transfer credit.

Credit by Challenge Examination: Graduate courses with a 700 number or above may not be challenged for credit.

Six-Year Completion Rule: All degree requirements must be completed within six calendar years from the date of matriculation. No credit may be used in an advanced degree program for course work completed more than six calendar years immediately preceding the term in which all degree requirements are completed.

Graduation Requirements: Students have a choice of the catalog under which they wish to graduate. They may choose between: 1) the year of official matriculation, or 2) the year of graduation. Students are encouraged to meet the requirements of the current catalog.

Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.

Subplan 2 Requirements: Nursing Education

Total Credits Required: 33

[View Subplan Disclaimers.](#)

Course Requirements

MSN Core – Credits: 18

NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3

MSN EDU Required Courses – Credits: 14

NURS 709 Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education	3
NURS 710 Course Level Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 724 Developing & Evaluating Curriculum for Nursing Education	4
NURS 733 Nursing Education Practicum I	2
NURS 743 Nursing Education Practicum 2	2

Culminating Experience – Credits: 1

NURS 753 Nurse Educator Scholarship Project	1
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Degree Requirements

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of B (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a B, for example a B- (2.70), is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

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If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than B in two courses they are ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

Complete a minimum of six semester credits in each calendar year. Continuously register for a minimum of three (3) semester credits each semester while working on the thesis, professional paper, or research

semester while working on the thesis, professional paper, or research utilization project.

In order to maintain clinical competency the FNP student must continuously register for at least three (3) credits of NURS 773 (clinical practicum) each semester while working on the thesis or capstone project if all required clinical courses are complete.

UNLV School of Nursing will not accept more than six transfer credits from an outside institution. The MSN Coordinator and the Graduate College must approve transfer credit.

Credit by Challenge Examination: Graduate courses with a 700 number or above may not be challenged for credit.

Six-Year Completion Rule: All degree requirements must be completed within six calendar years from the date of matriculation. No credit may be used in an advanced degree program for course work completed more than six calendar years immediately preceding the term in which all degree requirements are completed.

Graduation Requirements: Students have a choice of the catalog under which they wish to graduate. They may choose between: 1) the year of official matriculation, or 2) the year of graduation. Students are encouraged to meet the requirements of the current catalog.

Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.

Subplan 3 Requirements: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Total Credits Required: 46

[View Subplan Disclaimer.](#)

Course Requirements

MSN Core – Credits: 18

NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3

MSN PMHNP Required Courses – Credits: 27

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 752 Nurse Practitioner Business and Roles	3
NURS 794 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I	6
NURS 796 Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 796L Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan Lab	5
NURS 799 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner III	6

Culminating Experience - Credits: 1

NURS 761 Clinical Synthesis	1
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Degree Requirements

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A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a

grade less than B is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the UNLV Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than B in two courses they are ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

Complete a minimum of six semester credits in each calendar year.

Continuously register for a minimum of three (3) semester credits each semester while working on the thesis or capstone project.

In order to maintain clinical competency the student must continuously register for at least three (3) credits of NURS 773 (clinical practicum) each semester while working on a culminating project if all required clinical courses are complete.

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Graduation Requirements: Students have a choice of the catalog under which they wish to graduate. They may choose between: 1) the year of official matriculation, or 2) the year of graduation. Students are encouraged to meet the requirements of the current catalog.

Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.

Subplan 4 Requirements: Direct Entry - Generalist

Total Credits Required: 48

[View Subplan Disclaimer.](#)

Course Requirements

MSN Core – Credits: 15

NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3

MSN Direct Entry - Generalist Required Courses – Credits: 32

NURS 502 Nursing Care of Specialty Populations Across the Lifespan - 6
NURS 505 Foundations of Patient-Centered Care - 7
NURS 520 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nursing - 3
NURS 513 Medical - Surgical Nursing - 7
NURS 519 Mental Health Nursing - 3
NURS 731 Complex Nursing Care of Diverse Populations - 4
NURS 727 Nursing Leadership and Practice Readiness - 2

Culminating Experience - Credits: 1

NURS 761 Clinical Synthesis	1
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Degree Requirements

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UNLV Graduate College.

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Complete a minimum of six semester credits in each calendar year.

Continuously register for a minimum of three (3) semester credits each semester while working on the thesis or capstone project.

In order to maintain clinical competency the student must continuously register for at least three (3) credits of NURS 773 (clinical practicum) each semester while working on a culminating project if all required clinical courses are complete.

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Plan Graduation Requirements

Refer to your subplan for Graduation Requirements.

[Subplan 1: Family Nurse Practitioner](#)

[Subplan 2: Nursing Education](#)

[Subplan 3: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner](#)

Subplan 4: Direct Entry - Generalist

Plan Disclaimers

Subplan 1 - Family Nurse Practitioner subplan: In Nevada, the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or certification for the Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN Family Nurse Practitioner) are an active Nevada RN License, National Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and graduation from a nationally accredited Nursing Program with a minimum of 500+ hours of direct patient care. The MSN Family Nurse Practitioner subplan does satisfy those licensure and certification requirements. However, UNLV School of Nursing has not made a determination with respect to the licensure requirements in any other state. As such, MSN Family Nurse Practitioner is not authorized in any other state in which the prospective or enrolled student resides. If you reside in a state other than Nevada, UNLV will refund the application fee in accordance with its procedures. License requirements for other states are being explored. Please check our website for current information about Fall 2019 application.

Subplan 2 - Nursing Education subplan: This program does not result in licensure and certification.

Subplan 3 - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner subplan: In Nevada, the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or certification for the Master of Science - Nursing Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MSN PMH Nurse Practitioner) are an active Nevada RN License, National Certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and graduation from a nationally accredited Nursing Program with a minimum of 500+ hours of direct patient care. The MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner subplan does satisfy those licensure and certification requirements. However, UNLV School of Nursing has not made a determination with respect to the licensure requirements in any other state. As such, MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner is not authorized in any other state in which the prospective or enrolled student resides. If you reside in a state other than Nevada, UNLV will refund the application fee in accordance with its procedures. License requirements for other states are being explored. Please check our website for current information about Fall 2019 application.

Subplan 4 - Direct Entry - Generalist subplan: Graduates of the DEMSN program are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Educational requirements for nursing licensure in the state of Nevada include:

Courses on the theory of and have clinical experience in

medical-surgical nursing, maternal and child nursing, and psychiatric nursing

Instruction related to basic principles of biology, microbiology, psychology, sociology, mathematics

Therapeutic communication

The theory and practice of nursing as it relates to physical and mental health

The prevention of illness across the lifespan

Technological skills

Professional values and ethics

Appropriate use of social media

Physical and mental health of patients of diverse cultures, ethnicities, and social and economic backgrounds

Patient safety standards

Bioethics

Evidence-based practice

All of these components will be addressed in the DEMSN program, and graduates will be eligible to take the NCLEX upon graduation.

Advising and Culminating Experience

With these changes, will students in this program need a Grad Advisory Committee (GAC) formed?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please list the applicable subplans that will need a GAC:

With these changes, will students be assigned a faculty advisory prior to GAC formation?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please list the applicable subplans that will need an advisor:

Comments:

For Master's program only: With these changes, does this program require a prospectus form?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please list

If yes, please list applicable subplans:

With these changes, will the culminating experience be a course? Yes No

If yes, please provide course prefix, number and name: NURS 761 Clinical Synthesis

With these changes, describe the culminating experience (requirements, if applicable-which subplans will need GACs, forms, etc.):

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

Degrees Directory Program Entry: * Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

Changes will be applicable to: * Current Students New Students Both Current and New Students



If applicable to current students, changes are: * Mandatory Optional n/a


If mandatory: * If mandatory, I confirm that all students will be notified in writing of these changes as approved by the graduate college Not Mandatory

Effective Date: *

READY TO SUBMIT?

After making all your intended changes, please follow these steps:

1. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. This will display a new decision/approval field on the top right.
2. Click on "approve", add an optional comment if necessary, and then click on the "Make My Decision" button at the bottom to move the proposal forward to the next step. You will see a notification indicating that the proposal has moved forward. You will not be able to edit after moving the proposal forward.
3. Please note that it is your responsibility as the proposer to see that the proposal is reviewed and receives all necessary approvals. Please be encouraged to reach out to reviewers on each step, if necessary.
4. You can check the status of the proposal by clicking on the workflow status icon  to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

The workflow status icon  will also show you the current step of the proposal at any given time, and who are the reviewers at that step.


QUESTIONS? contact gradcurriculum@unlv.edu


III. Department Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the department committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify gradcurriculum@unlv.edu).

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information in the fields below, along with the approval. If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

3. Then approve/reject by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. This will display a new decision/approval field on the top right. Click on "approve", add an optional comment if necessary, and then click on the "Make My Decision" button at the bottom to move the proposal forward to the next step. You will see a notification indicating that the proposal has moved forward. You will not be able to edit after moving the proposal forward.

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If there were any modifications to the proposal, please enter them in the comments box below:

Comments:

Date faculty voted on proposal:

Result of vote:


Manner of vote:


IV. College Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Academic Associate Dean on behalf of the college/school committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify gradcurriculum@unlv.edu).

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information in the fields below, along with the approval. If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

3. Then approve/reject by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. This will display a new decision/approval field on the top right. Click on "approve", add an optional comment if necessary, and then click on the "Make My Decision" button at the bottom to move the proposal forward to the next step. You will see a notification indicating that the proposal has moved forward. You will not be able to edit after moving the proposal forward.

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Date faculty voted on proposal: 3/21/2022

Result of vote: 20-12-5

Manner of vote: online

V. Graduate College Use Only - Code Request Items

Note: This section is for graduate college use only.

Academic Organization:

Academic Program Code:

Academic Plan Code:

**Plan Description (30
chars):**

**Transcript
Description:**

Subplan Code:

Subplan Description:

Subplan Type: Track
 Concentration
 Option/Dual
 Embedded/Track

**Subplan on
Transcript?** YES NO

**Effective Date and
First Term Valid:**

**Length / Avg. Time to
Degree:**

CIP code and title:

Other Codes Needed:

**Description /
implementation field
(do not edit)**

This program is accredited by: CCNE. More information can be found at:
unlv.edu/provost/vpaa/accreditation

Comments for Master of Science - Nursing

Curriculog	3/30/2022 5:02 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/Dean.	
Curriculog	3/30/2022 5:02 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
Curriculog	3/30/2022 5:02 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Department Chair.	
Curriculog	3/30/2022 5:02 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.	
Curriculog	3/29/2022 2:31 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has force approved this proposal.	
Curriculog	3/29/2022 0:06 am Reply
This proposal has passed its deadline and has been approved.	
Curriculog	3/28/2022 12:09 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.	
Curriculog	3/22/2022 0:06 am Reply
This proposal has passed its deadline and has been approved.	
Jennifer Pfannes	3/21/2022 9:45 am Reply
April will update Plan Admission Criteria due to technical issues in saving.	
Curriculog	3/21/2022 9:45 am Reply
Jennifer Pfannes has approved this proposal on Originator.	
Curriculog	2/14/2022 1:41 pm Reply
Jennifer Pfannes has launched this proposal.	

Curriculog

2/14/2022 1:35 pm [Reply](#)

Jennifer Pfannes imported from the map 2022-2023 - Working Graduate Catalog into the following proposal fields: I. General Information: Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments);, I. General Information: Degree or Certificate Name; , I. General Information: Degree Type; , I. General Information: Program Type; , II. Program Changes: Proposed Curriculum; , V. Graduate College Use Only - Code Request Items: Description / implementation field (do not edit).