



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE (MSN) EDUCATOR, EXECUTIVE, HEALTHCARE POLICY AND INFORMATICS SPECIALTY TRACKS SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN – ONLINE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2018

MSN CORE COURSES

YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 3	
Session I	NR-500: Foundational Concepts & Applications	Credits 3	NR-512: Fundamentals of Nursing Informatics	Credits 3	NR-504: Leadership & Nursing Practice – Role Development (Executive, Educator, Healthcare Policy and Informatics Specialty Tracks only)	Credits 3
Session II	NR-501: Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	Credits 3	NR-506: Healthcare Policy	Credits 3	NR-505: Advanced Research Methods – Evidence-Based Practice	Credits 3
	Semester Hours: 6 Credits		Semester Hours: 6 Credits		Semester Hours: 6 Credits	

Total Credit Hours: 18

NOTE: The order in which students take MSN core courses may differ based on specialty track selection.

EDUCATOR SPECIALTY TRACK

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 3	
Session I	NR-526: Advanced Pathophysiology, Health Assessment, and Pharmacology for Nurse Educators	Credits 3	NR-524: Curriculum Development	Credits 3	NR-621: Nurse Educator Concluding Graduate Experience I	Credits 3
Session II	NR-525: Theoretical Foundations and Instructional Strategies in Teaching and Learning	Credits 3	NR-523: Assessment & Evaluation Techniques in Education	Credits 3	NR-622: Nurse Educator Concluding Graduate Experience II	Credits 3
	Semester Hours: 6 Credits		Semester Hours: 6 Credits		Semester Hours: 6 Credits	

Total Credit Hours: 18

Total MSN Core & Educator Specialty Track Credit Hours: 36

EXECUTIVE SPECIALTY TRACK

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Session I	NR-531: Nursing Leadership in Healthcare Organizations Credits: 3	NR-533: Financial Management in Healthcare Organizations Credits: 3	NR-631: Nurse Executive Concluding Graduate Experience I Credits: 3
Session II	NR-532: Healthcare Operational Planning and Management Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-534: Healthcare Systems Management Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-632: Nurse Executive Concluding Graduate Experience II Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits
Total Credit Hours: 18			Total MSN Core & Executive Specialty Track Credit Hours: 36

HEALTHCARE POLICY SPECIALTY TRACK

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Session I	NR-551: Healthcare Systems, Politics & Policy Credits: 3	NR-553: Global Health Credits: 3	NR-651: Healthcare Policy Concluding Graduate Experience I Credits: 3
Session II	NR-552: Economics of Healthcare Policy Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-554: The Nurse Leader & Healthcare Policy Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-652: Healthcare Policy Concluding Graduate Experience II Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits
Total Credit Hours: 18			Total MSN Core & Healthcare Policy Specialty Track Credit Hours: 36

INFORMATICS SPECIALTY TRACK

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Session I	NR-541: Practice of Nursing Informatics Credits: 3	NR-543: Information Workflow in Healthcare Credits: 3	NR-642: Nursing Informatics Concluding Graduate Experience I Credits: 3
Session II	NR-542: Managing Data & Information Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-640: Informatics Nurse Specialist Practicum Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits	NR-643: Nursing Informatics Concluding Graduate Experience II Credits: 3 Semester Hours: 6 Credits
Total Credit Hours: 18			Total MSN Core & Informatics Specialty Track Credit Hours: 36

Semester term = 16 weeks; Session I or Session II = 8 weeks. GE=General Education; NR=Nursing Major; T=Theory; L=Lab; C=Clinical. Sample curriculum plans are subject to change without prior notice.