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Program Status Active

Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2023

College/School Code

College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code

Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

In Workflow

1. EDUC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. NURS Chair
7. EDUC Curriculum Committee
8. ARSC Dean
9. EDUC Dean
10. Global Campus
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13. Faculty Senate
14. Provost Final
15. Registrar Final
16. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

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Program Code	NURSMS
Degree	Master of Science in Nursing
CIP Code	

Curriculum Review
and Program
Assessment

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9. 12/01/22 9:39 am
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10. 12/01/22 9:49 am
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11. 12/01/22 10:00 am
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History

- 1. May 16, 2016 by
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- 2. Sep 13, 2016 by
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- 3. May 23, 2019 by
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- 4. May 14, 2020 by
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- 5. Feb 17, 2021 by
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- 6. Nov 29, 2021 by
Susan Patton
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51.3801 - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse.

Program Title

Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing

Program Delivery

Method

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

What are the total 39
hours needed to
complete the
program?

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering

Web-based Program

The target population for this degree is working professional nurses with competing demands. This population typifies the non-traditional student and the focus of the educational progression of working professionals. To increase access to education, we want to offer it on-line to increase enrollment of working professionals.

Maximum Class Size 25
for Web-based
Courses

Course delivery
mode

Method(s)
Online

Class interaction
mode

Method(s):
Electronic Bulletin Boards
E-mail
Telephone

Percent Online

100% with Required Campus Component

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization
N/A

Estimate Costs of the +\$80,060
Program over the
First 3 Years

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Program offered by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing expands on the philosophy of the undergraduate nursing program and contributes to the mission of the College of Education and Health Professions and the University of Arkansas. Graduates of the M.S.N. are prepared to contribute to the nursing profession through the application of knowledge and skills in leadership, education, and clinical practice. Completion of the M.S.N. program provides the foundation for academic progression to a research or practice-focused doctoral program.

Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program

- Admission to the [University of Arkansas Graduate School](#) (Requires a \$60 non-refundable application fee).
- Admission to the [Eleanor Mann School of Nursing MSN program](#) (requires a \$40 application fee).
- Completion of a nationally accredited baccalaureate or master's degree program in nursing.
- A 3.0 cumulative GPA on the last 60 credit hours of attempted coursework in previous nursing program. Applicants with GPA below 3.0 will be considered by the program faculty on an individual basis with possible probationary status.
- Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse.
- Submission of curriculum vitae or professional resume.
- Completion of candidate interview.

~~Letter~~ **Letters** of recommendation from ~~one two~~ professional ~~reference. references.~~
Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space available basis. Applications are accepted for spring, summer and fall start dates.

~~The semester of entry can be spring, summer, or fall.~~ Applicants who do not meet the above requirements may be referred to the program faculty for special consideration and may be required to fulfill additional prerequisites.

Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, students must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours, including the following courses:

NURS 5043	Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations	3
NURS 5053	Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing	3

<u>NURS 5063</u>	Health Care Policy	3
<u>NURS 5523</u>	Healthcare Informatics	3
<u>ENGL 5453</u>	Technical Writing in Healthcare Settings	3
<u>NURS 5143</u>	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
<u>NURS 5101</u>	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning ¹	1
<u>NURS 5112</u>	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum ¹	2
<u>NURS 5123</u>	Advanced Pharmacology	3
<u>NURS 5073</u>	Curriculum Design and Development in Nursing Education	3
<u>NURS 5083</u>	Methods of Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
<u>NURS 5093</u>	Instructional Design and Delivery in Nursing Education	3
<u>NURS 5343</u>	Specialty Development I	3
NURS 579V	Independent Study¹	3
or NURS 600V	Master's Thesis	
<u>NURS 5703</u>	<u>Nurse Educator Scholarly Project ²</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>or NURS 600V</u>	<u>Master's Thesis</u>	
Total Hours		39

¹

In [NURS 5112](#) students must perform comprehensive physical exams. The comprehensive physical exams include both a written portion as well as skills demonstration. Students must earn a 95/100 on the comprehensive head-to-toe physical exam and written portion in order to pass the exams. Students must pass both the skills demonstration and written component before entering the clinical setting. Students are allowed to remediate one (1) time. If students do not pass on the second time, they will not be allowed to progress in the course and will be administratively withdrawn from both NURS 5101 and NURS 5112 as these courses must be taken concomitantly. For purposes of the nursing withdrawal policy, these withdrawals will count as one (1) withdrawal.

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Students who intend to pursue doctoral preparation are strongly urged to select the thesis option. All candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) must successfully complete a comprehensive written exam, which is part of NURS 5703 and NURS 600V.

Progression Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

Students are responsible for meeting the standards of academic and professional performance specified by the graduate programs in nursing. In order to progress in the program, students must adhere to the following: Grade requirements as outlined below.

Policies of the University of Arkansas Graduate School are on the [Objectives and Regulations page](#).

Clinical Practice Guidelines as outlined in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook in the [Graduate Handbook](#).

Clinical Compliance Guidelines as outlined in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook also in the [Graduate Handbook](#).

Maintenance of an unencumbered registered nurse license.

Compliance with the nurse practice act(s) which regulate(s) the student's license(s).

Grade Requirements

- i. A grade of "C" or lower may be earned in a nursing course only once.
- ii. A grade of "B" or better must be received upon repeat of the nursing course in order to progress in the program; courses may only be repeated once to achieve a grade of "B" or higher.
- iii. If a second "C" or lower is earned in a nursing course, the student will not be allowed to progress in the program, and will not be allowed to return to the program.
- iv. A student may only repeat a nursing course in which a "C" or lower has been received one time throughout the program. A student may only withdraw from a course one time.
- v. Grades of "D" or "F" are not accepted for credit.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

Yes

List institutions in
Arkansas offering
similar programs

UAMS -- MSN Nursing Administration ASU -- MSN in Adult Health: Nurse Administrator Arkansas Tech --
MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management

List institutions in the
surrounding region
offering similar
programs

N/A

Why is the Program
needed if offered at
other institutions?

Other nursing programs in the state offer MSN preparation in Administration. UAMS has a program in this concentration, yet it has not significantly impacted the numbers of master's prepared nurse leaders in Northwest Arkansas. Arkansas Tech has a MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management and Arkansas State University offers a MSN in Adult Health: Nursing Administrator. These programs are different in scope and focus compared to the proposed Nurse Executive Leadership concentration

Estimated Student 24
Demand for Program

Scheduled Program 2030
Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program offered by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing expands on the philosophy of the undergraduate nursing program and contributes to the mission of the College of Education and Health Professions and the University of Arkansas. This program is built upon the Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing to provide students with a fuller understanding of the discipline so they may engage in higher level nursing practice and nursing leadership in a variety of settings. Graduates of the MSN are prepared to contribute to the nursing profession through the application of knowledge and skills in evidence-based leadership, education, and clinical practice. Completion of the MSN program provides the foundation for academic progression to a research or practice-focused doctoral program.

Learning Outcomes

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Promote evidence-based practice through problem identification and critique of research findings.

Collaborate in policy development, resource management, and cost-effective care delivery.

Apply legal/ethical principles to promote a values-based professional practice.

Affect healthcare outcomes through advanced roles of clinician, teacher, leader, researcher, and consultant.

Apply theories from nursing and other disciplines in decision making.

Advocate for access to quality health care for diverse populations.

Collaborate with other disciplines to design, deliver, and evaluate health care services for diverse populations.

Provide leadership in a variety of clinical and academic settings.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Changed numbers of letters of recommendation needed from 2 to 1.	Upon review, having 1 letter expedites admissions and having 2 is not necessary to evaluate students.
clarified admissions timeline language.	clarity
Replaced NURS 579V with NURS 5703	NURS 579V is an independent study. The work done in that was being done similarly for groups of students at a time, thus creating a course (NURS 5703) is more reflective of what is actually occurring with students academically.

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Clarified that comprehensive exams are part of NURS 5703 and NURS 600V.	Clarity
adding language to the catalog about how required comprehensive physical exams are handled.	provides clarity to students about factors that could influence degree progression.

Upload attachments

Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/03/22 4:49 pm): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove the Undergraduate Council from the approval workflow.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (11/03/22 4:52 pm): Due to changes to the admission policy, this minor program change will require campus approval.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (11/08/22 9:08 am): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

Matthew Ganio (msganio) (11/08/22 2:17 pm): added language regarding comprehensive exams in NURS 5112 per request from program

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