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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 Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

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 2021

College/School Code

College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code

Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

Program Code      NURSMS

Degree      Master of Science

CIP Code

**In Workflow**

1. EDUC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Program Assessment and Review
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. NURS Chair
7. EDUC Curriculum Committee
8. EDUC Dean
9. Global Campus
10. Provost Review
11. University Course and Program Committee
12. Graduate Committee
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17. Catalog Editor Final

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## History

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3. May 23, 2019 by Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei)
4. May 14, 2020 by Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei)

51.3801 - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse.

Program Title

Nursing, Master of Science

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

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

No

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

## On-line/Web-based Information

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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

Percent Online  
100%

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

N/A

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

List Courses Taught by Adjunct Faculty

Upload Memorandum of Understanding Forms (if required)

## Program Requirements and Description

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Requirements

### Master of Science in Nursing

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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 professional degree program in nursing

A 3.0 cumulative GPA on the last 60 credit hours of attempted coursework in previous nursing program

Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse

~~Submission of official GRE scores taken within five years and indicating capacity for master's level work~~ Submission of curriculum vitae or professional resume

Completion of candidate interview

#### Letters of recommendation from two professional references

~~Two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member and one from an employer~~ Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space available basis

Applicants who do not meet the above requirements may be referred to the Graduate Admissions Committee 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:

<a href="#">NURS 5043</a>	Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations	3
<a href="#">NURS 5053</a>	Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing	3
<a href="#">NURS 5063</a>	Health Care Policy	3
<a href="#">NURS 5403</a>	Scholarly Writing	3
<a href="#">NURS 5523</a>	Healthcare Informatics	3
<a href="#">NURS 5143</a>	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
<a href="#">NURS 5101</a>	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	1
<a href="#">NURS 5112</a>	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum	2
<a href="#">NURS 5123</a>	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
<a href="#">NURS 5073</a>	Curriculum Design and Development in Nursing Education	3
<a href="#">NURS 5083</a>	Methods of Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
<a href="#">NURS 5093</a>	Instructional Design and Delivery in Nursing Education	3
<a href="#">NURS 5343</a>	Specialty Development I	3
<a href="#">NURS 579V</a>	Independent Study 1	3
or <a href="#">NURS 600V</a>	Master's Thesis	
Total Hours		39

**1 As an alternative to completing a thesis, students may elect the scholarly project option and are required to complete a 3-credit independent study. 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.**

### 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

- 1. A grade of "C" or lower may be earned in a nursing course only once.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

- l. 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.
- l. 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

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Scheduled Program      2021-2022

Review Date

Program Goals and  
Objectives

**Program Goals and Objectives**

### Program Goals and Objectives

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



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Removal of the GRE requirement for admission.	All applicants to the program are registered nurses and have passed a standardized licensure test which indicates their ability to critically think and analyze solutions. The program has lost applicants because of the GRE stipulation due to many other programs not requiring it, making the program less competitive. Faculty do not feel that the GRE is a valid indicator of success in this program. Faculty are exploring other potential screening exams and will consider the addition of another screening exam if it is determined that it would add value to the admission process.

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Reviewer Comments

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