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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 2025

College/School Code
        College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code

In Workflow

1. **EDUC Dean Initial**
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3. **Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment**
4. **Registrar Initial**
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8. **EDUC Dean**
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10. **Provost Review**
11. **Graduate Council**
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Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

Program Code   NURSMS

Degree   Master of Science in Nursing

CIP Code

and Program
Assessment

4. 10/23/24 4:25 pm
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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 between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program?   <u>31</u> ~~39~~

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
for Web-based
Courses   25

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
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

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 M.S.N. program.

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 in the United States. ~~nurse.~~

Submission of curriculum vitae or professional resume.

~~Completion of candidateinterview.~~Letter of recommendation from one professional reference.

Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space available basis. Applications are accepted for spring, summer and fall start dates.

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 31 ~~39~~ credit hours, including the following courses:

~~NURS 50433~~	~~Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations~~	~~3~~
NURS 50533	Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing	3
NURS 50633	Health Care Policy	3

NURS 55233	Healthcare Informatics	3
~~ENGL 54503~~	~~Technical Writing in Healthcare Settings~~	~~3~~
~~NURS 51433~~	~~Advanced Pathophysiology~~	~~3~~
~~NURS 51061~~	~~Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning [1]~~	~~1~~
~~NURS 51172~~	~~Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum [1]~~	~~2~~
~~NURS 51253~~	~~Advanced Pharmacology~~	~~3~~
NURS 50733	Curriculum Design and Development in Nursing Education	3
NURS 50833	Methods of Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NURS 50933	Instructional Design and Delivery in Nursing Education	3
NURS 53433	Specialty Development I	3
NURS 57003	Nurse Educator Scholarly Project [1]	3
or NURS 6003V	Master's Thesis	
NURS 50234	Course NURS 50234 Not Found (Advanced Patho, Pharm, and HA for MSN)	4
NURS 50133	Course NURS 50133 Not Found (Writing for Scholarship)	3
Total Hours		31

[1] 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 57003 and NURS 6003V.

[2] ~~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 57003 and NURS 6003V.~~

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.

. 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.

. 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.

. 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.

. 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   2029-2030 ~~2030~~
Review Date

Program Goals and
Objectives

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Program Goals and Objectives

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

Learning Outcomes

| 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
Eliminating courses that have been changed to meet the needs for the DNP program. Adding a course specific to the Nurse Educator MSN. Reducing hours from 39 down to 31.	Course changes were made to the DNP based on accreditation and professional standards, which affected the MSN plan of study. Also, reducing hours to remain competitive in the state.

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MSN courses by semester new plan.docx

Reviewer Comments

Matthew Ganio (msganio) (10/14/24 4:40 pm): Changed effective date to next catalog edition - Fall 2025

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/15/24 9:54 am): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (10/23/24 4:25 pm): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

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