

MSN (Nurse Educator) Full-Time Program of Study

The Nurse Educator specialization consists of academic nursing, professional development nursing, teaching in clinical and community settings, educational theory, instructional technology, curriculum, education assessment/evaluation, and culturally responsive teaching. Using flexible programming and experiences, MSN students develop vital interprofessional collaboration, leadership and communication skills, teaching, and ethical foundations of contemporary nursing.

At SMSU, we strive to prepare advanced, visionary, holistic nurse educators who bring their experience and scientific knowledge to the nursing and teaching practice. The core framework includes advanced nursing study in leadership, continuous quality improvement, self-care and health promotion, population health, and evidence-based practice.

Full-time (FT) Length of Program: The MSN program can be completed full-time over five semesters (including an elective course). Coursework is offered as part of the summer term if students wish to complete it at a faster pace, but this is optional. The MSN program consists of 39 credits (this includes core and nurse educator-specific coursework, as well as an elective course). Nine graduate credits per semester are considered full-time per SMSU School of Graduate Studies.

Program Pre-req or Co-req by the end of the first term: Biostatistics (stats with health/bio focus)

MSN Orientation course: A pre-start MSN orientation course is held asynchronously every fall semester. This orientation is asynchronous and helps orient students to navigation of the SMSU website, library, and resources. The first course in the MSN program is NURS 600: Transitions to Graduate Nursing Practice, which includes more MSN program orientation. Students must take NURS 600 first or together in the same term as other courses.

FT Program of Study Plan:

Semester One:

NURS 600- Transitions to Graduate Nursing Practice (first NURS course taken in the MSN Program. It may be taken alone or in conjunction with other NURS courses)	3
NURS 620- Holistic Nursing Approaches to Self-Care, and Health Promotion in a Contemporary Society	3
NURS 624- Advanced Health Assessment & Pathophysiology	3

Semester Two:

NURS 628- Advanced Principles of Pharmacology	3
NURS 638- Advanced Evidence-Based Practice & Applied Analysis in Nursing	3
NURS 650- Education Theory & Practice/Methods for Nurse Educators	3

Semester Three:

NURS 654- Instructional Technologies in the Nurse Educator Role	3 (2/1)
NURS 622- Holistic Nursing & Healing Environments (if elective needed)	4
NURS 630- Advanced Global & Societal Health Nursing	3

Semester Four:

NURS 640- Advanced Leadership & Continuous Quality Improvement Through Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 658- Culturally Responsive Teaching in Nursing Education	3 (2/1)
NURS 660- Curriculum Development, Assessment/Quality Improvement and Evaluation for Nurse Educators	3 (2/1)

Semester Five:
NURS 664: Nurse Educator Capstone Course

3 (1/2)

MSN Program Less Than Full-Time Program of Study

Less Than Full-time: Part-time students complete coursework in up to 13 semesters, with summer term being *optional*. Students must complete the MSN Program within a seven-year timeframe.

Less Than Full-Time Tentative Program of Study Plan (two courses per semester):

Students can also choose to complete one course per Fall and Spring semester. Please work with your faculty advisor to set up your personalized program of study.

Semester One:

NURS 600- Transitions to Graduate Nursing Practice (first NURS course taken in the MSN Program. It may be taken alone or in conjunction with other NURS courses) 3

NURS 620- Holistic Nursing Approaches to Self-Care, and Health Promotion in a Contemporary Society 3

Semester Two:

NURS 624- Advanced Health Assessment & Pathophysiology 3
NURS 628- Advanced Principles of Pharmacology 3

Semester Three:

NURS 638- Advanced Evidence-Based Practice & Applied Analysis in Nursing 3

NURS 650- Education Theory & Practice/Methods for Nurse Educators 3

Semester Four:

NURS 654- Instructional Technologies in the Nurse Educator Role 3 (2/1)

NURS 622- Holistic Nursing & Healing Environments (if elective needed) 4

Semester Five:

NURS 630- Advanced Global & Societal Health Nursing 3

NURS 640- Advanced Leadership & Continuous Quality Improvement Through Interprofessional Collaboration 3

Semester Six

NURS 658- Culturally Responsive Teaching in Nursing Education 3 (2/1)

NURS660- Curriculum Development, Assessment/Quality Improvement and Evaluation for Nurse Educators 3 (2/1)

Semester Seven

NURS 664: Nurse Educator Capstone Course 3 (1/2)