LEADERSHIP, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
Field of Study: Leadership

Program Overview
A Master of Science in Nursing Degree in Nurse Leadership is focused in unit level administration and management. Prospective students include both current and aspiring nurse leaders who are leading at or who expect to lead at the unit level (i.e. nurse managers, assistant nurse managers).

Participants will develop the skill set to meet the aims of their healthcare institution, as well as the needs of their patient population, through the application of clinically based leadership, management, and quality assessment/improvement practices.

Major Requirements
The Leadership track of the Master of Science in Nursing degree requires 31 credit hours of coursework and 300 hours of leadership-focused clinical experience. Students must have at least a year of nursing experience prior to applying to the program. To be awarded an MSN degree, the student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and received satisfactory grades in all nursing courses taken for credit as a MSN student. Degree requirements must be completed within 5 years of initial enrollment.

The coursework can be completed in 18 months (full-time) or 24 months (part-time). All classes are conducted remotely in a synchronous format except for one immersion class which will be held in-person at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio. Additionally, students take two DNP level leadership courses that will count towards a future DNP degree in executive leadership offered at FPB.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall
NURS 405 Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations 2
NURS 444C Health Policy Legislation and Legal Issues in Advanced Practice 1
NURS 451 Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems 3

Hours 6

Spring
NUND 510 Application of Health Information Technology and Systems 1
NURS 433 Management of Clinical Operations for Nurse Leaders 3
NURS 434 Population Health Management Across the Continuum of Care for Nurse Leaders 3

Hours 7

Summer
NUND 506 Leadership in Organizations and Systems 3
NURS 436 Practicum I for Nurse Leaders 2

Hours 5

Second Year

Fall
NURS 425 Inquiry II - Research Process 3
NURS 432 Organizations and Systems in the Management of Health and Illness Across the Care Continuum 3
NURS 437 Practicum II for Nurse Leaders 2

Hours 8

Spring
NURS 435 Leading Innovation, Change and Intrapreneurship 1
NURS 438 Evidence-Based Practice Leadership Practicum 1
NURS 444A Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice 1
NURS 502 Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice 2

Hours 5

Total Hours 31