

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

		Hours
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