NURSE EDUCATION

Admission Requirements

MSN Nurse Education option

1. Hold a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from an accredited program
2. Regular admission requires a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and verification of work experience.

For Nurse Ed: 1,000 clinical hours of practice as a Registered Nurse within the last 3 years, prior to registering for the first specialty course (Nurse Ed: NURS 7018, 7019, 7020, 7021).

If GPA is 2.7 – 2.99 (on a 4.0 scale)

For Nurse Ed: 2,000 clinical hours of practice as a Registered Nurse within the last 3 years, prior to registering for the first specialty course (Nurse Ed: NURS 7018, 7019, 7020, 7021).

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate academic work from each college or institution of higher learning attended (other than Youngstown State University (YSU)
2. Verification of a current, unencumbered RN license and expiration date in the state in which the student is licensed and practices; and will be completing practicum hours.

*Please use Supplemental Employment Verification form to verify clinical hours and experience.

- Current BLS certification, immunizations, drug screen and criminal background checks are maintained while in the program annually.
- Youngstown State University online nursing program must meet the standards of the state(s) in which we possess authority to provide education and may only admit students from states in which we have approval. Online nursing program students must complete the program in the state of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, or Florida.

The areas of coursework in the M.S.N. program include core courses, and one of the following options:

- Nurse Education option (24 semester hours)

The breakdown of these course requirements is as follows:

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Total Semester Hours 33

Centofanti School of Nursing - MSN Grade Requirements

Satisfactory academic progress at the graduate level is maintained by satisfying the following criteria:

- A degree-seeking graduate student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Any required course grade of D or F must be repeated and passed with a grade of C or better.
- A degree-seeking graduate student must successfully meet the requirements, including the time requirement, of all comprehensive examinations of the degree program.
- A degree-seeking graduate student must complete with a passing grade any thesis requirements (or the equivalent) of the degree program.
- A non-degree graduate student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

For degree programs requiring up to 39 semester hours for completion, a student may count no more than six semester hours of coursework with a grade of C toward the minimum graduation hour requirements. For students in programs requiring 40 semester hours or more for completion, no more than nine semester hours of coursework with a grade of C may count toward the minimum graduation hour requirement.

MSN Student Learning Outcomes

All graduates of the program are prepared to:

- Synthesize theory and research from nursing and related disciplines for advanced nursing roles.
- Utilize leadership strategies to influence health and health care and to promote the nursing profession in the advanced nursing role.
- Expand the knowledge of evidence-based practice by identifying nursing research problems and contributing to research investigations.
- Integrate assessment of own learning in developing a lifelong pattern of scholarly inquiry.

Upon successful completion of the MSN program, graduates are eligible to sit for national certification examinations. Once certified, graduates must apply for a Certificate of Authority to practice as an Advanced Practice Nurse in the State of Ohio or in the state in which they intend to practice.

Graduates of the Nurse Education option are prepared to:

- practice in advanced nurse educator roles within Academic, Health Care Delivery and Community settings.
- incorporate a variety of theories from nursing and related fields into nursing practice and education roles.
- analyze social issues related to Health Care Delivery Systems and nursing education.