Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Administration

Approx. program length: 21 months
Credits: 36
Cost per credit: $540
Tuition Guarantee
Format: Online

Step up into administration

Gain a solid foundation to become a hospital, health system or healthcare leader through a Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Administration. Courses cover topics like nursing theory, coaching and mentoring nursing staffs, and the nurse leader’s role during organizational change. You’ll take just one 6-week course at a time so you don’t have to put work and life on hold while earning your degree.

In this MSN/Nurse Administration program, you’ll learn to:

• Manage human, fiscal and physical healthcare resources in a variety of settings
• Implement systems that improve quality, safety and patient outcomes
• Advocate for patients
• Influence change in the healthcare system
• Design and deliver evidence-based clinical prevention and population care within an interdisciplinary team

Courses are aligned with leading industry organizations such as the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN®), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN).

Your coursework will prepare you to sit for the ANCC Nurse Executive board certification (NE-BC) exam.

Nursing Bridge Program

If you have an active RN license and a bachelor’s degree in an unrelated field, our Nursing Bridge Program helps experienced nurses like you earn your MSN degree — saving you time and money. You’ll start with three BSN courses and then move into the program specialty that fits your career goals.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Nursing programs at University of Phoenix are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Administration program, you can:

Earn your MSN faster
Most of our MSN program specialties can be completed in about 21 months by taking one 6-week course at a time.

Gain credentials
Prepare to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Centers Nurse Executive Board Certification (NE-BC) exam.

Save time and money
Our Nursing Bridge Program helps RNs with a bachelor’s degree in an unrelated field earn their MSN in about two years.
Projected job growth:

21%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for medical and health services managers is projected to be approximately 21 percent between 2016 and 2026. A Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Administration degree can help prepare you to be a:

- Clinical director
- Nursing director
- Nurse manager

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your résumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the School of Nursing should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Nurse Administration, you should be able to perform these learning outcomes.

Program purpose statement

The Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Administration is a post-licensure education program designed for nurses with active RN licensure who wish to obtain a master's degree in nursing administration. The program prepares registered nurses to function in leadership roles in administration, practice and education settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates with the required practice experience will be prepared to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Centers Nurse Executive-Board Certification (NE-BC) exam.

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Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 36 credits to complete this program. These may be earned from a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

View the Nursing Program Handbook.

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. Transfer eligible college credits or. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Core courses

- HCS591: Creating A Sustainable Health Care Organization
- NSG512: Nursing Research
- NSG511: Contemporary Nursing Practice
- HCS588: Measuring Performance Standards
- NSG517AD: Practicum II
- NSG513: Inter-professional Leadership And Management
- NSG557: Organizational Dynamics And Systems Thinking
- NSG577: Continuous Quality Monitoring And Outcomes Improvement
- HCS596: Issues In Environmental Sustainability
- NSG516AD: Practicum I
- NSG567: Financial Resources Management In Health Care
- NSG547: Human Resources Management
- NSG514: Health Law, Policy, Ethics, And Global Trends
- HCS535: Concepts Of Population Health

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.