

Continue Your Story

**Your Story
Continues at
McKendree University...**

*Master of Science
in Nursing*



Why Choose the McKendree Experience?

At McKendree, our students are just as diverse as the many degree programs and flexible formats we offer. Some are working professionals looking to take their career to new heights. Others are stay-at-home parents, active military personnel, or simply those who decided it's time to pursue their dream career. No matter what your story, McKendree is the perfect place to achieve an affordable, five-star education with the convenience that puts your goals within reach.

Our Online Master of Science in Nursing Program

What does it mean to you to be a nurse? At McKendree, we recognize that, even more than the long shifts and endless rounds, nursing is ultimately about people caring for people. In the same way that you're invested in the wellbeing of each of your patients, we care about you personally. It's why our online Master's degree in nursing combines high quality coursework, a convenient schedule, and individualized support from faculty and staff who walk with you every step of the way.

Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, McKendree's MSN program is highly attuned to the current trends and changing needs of today's healthcare professionals. As a result, our graduate nursing degree is available in three distinct emphasis areas designed to grow your skills in the most sought-after fields. Degree tracks in nursing education, nursing management/administration, and population health allow you to tailor your MSN to meet your own professional goals. Our Dual MSN/MBA gives you even more options for furthering your nursing career from a business perspective.

McKendree's small class sizes go beyond the classroom into our online MSN courses as well. You'll find working and communicating one-on-one with your professors happens just the same in our virtual environment, and personalized support is always right at your fingertips. Earn your advanced degree and enter the next stage of your nursing career in as little as five semesters! We invite you to discover how your McKendree experience will prepare you to make an even bigger impact in the healthcare industry and the lives of so many.

Course Format and Schedule

With McKendree's MSN program, you have the choice to earn your degree in a traditional two-year timeframe spanning five semesters or a part-time format over the course of 10 semesters. All classes are offered online, giving you the flexibility to complete your coursework when it's most convenient for you. Culminating practicums and thesis projects give you the opportunity to apply what you've learned in a real healthcare environment while receiving expert mentoring from faculty and professionals in the field.

MSN Degree Tracks and Options

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

The MSN is composed of three degree tracks to choose from, each giving you a strong background in the specific nursing field you desire.

- Nurse Educator Track: Designed for those interested in teaching their fellow nurses and/or patients in hospitals, clinics, or community colleges.
- Nurse Manager/Administration Track: Trains you for a leadership position in nursing, such as a chief nurse executive, unit director, or director of nursing.
- Population Health: Provides you with the tools to become a highly versatile nurse leader and community health advocate, skilled in improving efficiency and quality for the greater population's healthcare needs.

Dual Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration (MSN/MBA)

Earn two degrees at once and set yourself apart with a skill set that includes the business side of nurse management. Today's healthcare organizations are looking for nurse administrators who have the financial leadership experience to go along with their medical background. Our MSN/MBA program will prepare you for such job opportunities as chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief nurse executive, and patient care manager.

Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree in nursing or equivalent from an accredited institution of higher education
- Unencumbered valid Professional Registered Nurse license
- A minimum 3.0 G.P.A. on a four-point scale in undergraduate studies
- A completed graduate admission application online at mckendree.edu (no fee required)
- Official transcripts from each university attended, demonstrating completion of a bachelor's degree in nursing (These must be mailed directly from the institution to McKendree.)
- A current résumé or curriculum vita
- A two-page statement describing your perceived ability to complete graduate coursework and future professional career goals
- Documented proof of necessary health requirements and successful completion of a criminal background check in all states of residence for the past seven years
- Three professional references with at least one reference from your undergraduate nursing program
- Nursing faculty interview if applicable

How to Get Started

Are you ready to continue your story and take the first step toward your new degree? Give us a call at 1-800-BEARCAT, ext. 6576, or email us at graduate@mckendree.edu to discuss what your McKendree experience will look like.

Faculty Highlights

Our nursing faculty combine years of experience in a wide variety of healthcare settings with their passion for research and teaching. They specialize in areas such as management, community health, critical care nursing, and role development. In addition to being easily accessible to their students, our nursing professors bring a strong connection to area healthcare facilities and leaders, providing you with important networking and mentoring opportunities.

Curriculum

Core classes required for all graduate students in nursing include:

- **NSG 500** Advanced Nursing Research
- **NSG 501** Health Policy and Advocacy
- **NSG 502** Ethical Issues
- **NSG 503** Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
- **NSG 504** Cultural Diversity in Healthcare Populations
- **NSG 505** Professional Role Development

Additional courses needed to complete the MSN in nursing education:

- **NSG 606** Advanced Health Assessment through the Lifespan
- **NSG 609** Philosophy and Theoretical Foundations for Nursing Education
- **NSG 611** Clinical Practicum
- **NSG 612** Nurse Educator Practicum and Seminar
- **NSG 613** Scholarly Project or **NSG 614** Thesis
- **NSG 615** Educational Methods and Strategies
- **NSG 616** Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education
- **NSG 617** Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology and Pharmacology

Additional courses needed to complete the MSN in nursing management/administration:

- **NSG 600** Theories and Principles of Nursing Management
- **NSG 601** Nursing Informatics
- **NSG 602** Human Behavior in Organizations
- **NSG 603** Management of Fiscal Systems
- **NSG 604** Quality and Performance in Organizations
- **NSG 605** Nurse Manager Practicum and Seminar
- **NSG 613** Scholarly Project or **NSG 614** Thesis
- **NSG 620** Nurse Manager Clinical Practicum

Additional courses needed to complete the MSN in population health:

- **NSG 650** Epidemiology
- **NSG 651** Impacting Population Health and Wellness Across the Continuum
- **NSG 652** Theories, Systems, and Concepts of Population Health
- **NSG 653** Leadership in Population Health
- **NSG 654** Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Prevention to Promote Individual and Population Outcomes
- **NSG 655** Advanced Population Health Practicum
- **NSG 613** Scholarly Project or **NSG 614** Thesis



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