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## Nursing, M.S.N., Nurse Executive Concentration



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The Nurse Executive MSN concentration prepares students to function at the managerial/administrative levels within nursing service administration in a variety of health care facilities. Students who successfully complete the MSN curriculum in Nurse Executive fulfill the educational requirements for ANCC specialty certification in Nursing Administration. Additional practice hours may be required to meet eligibility requirements for certification.

### Program Description

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is offered through an affiliation with the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN). The curriculum is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses (nurse practitioners) in Family Health or Psychiatric/Mental Health. The program also offers a Nursing Education concentration that is designed to prepare nurses to teach in undergraduate nursing programs, and a Nursing Executive concentration to prepare nurse managers and administrators.

### Accreditation

The master's degree program in nursing at Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (Consortium of McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. The program is also fully approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

### Prerequisites for Admission

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited undergraduate program
- A satisfactory GRE score
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Evidence of immunization
- Completion of a physical assessment (across the lifespan) course or evidence of physical assessment skills (Required only for applicants seeking admission to the Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education concentrations.)
- Completion of an undergraduate course in introductory statistics
- Unencumbered Licensure as a registered nurse in Louisiana

The MSN program reserves the right to limit the number of students enrolled in nursing courses to make the most effective use of the educational resources available. In the event that enrollment in these courses must be limited, students will be selected by their academic ranking based upon their cumulative GPA in graduate nursing courses.

### Degree Requirements

To earn the Master of Science in Nursing with a Nurse Executive concentration, the student must adhere to the following degree plan requirements:

- earn a minimum of 38-41 credit hours: Nurse Executive concentration
- satisfactorily complete a Focused Scholarly Project or Thesis
- earn no less than a "B" grade in all coursework

- **Note:** Students who earn less than a "B" grade in an coursework
  - **Note:** Students who earn less than a "B" grade in a course will be required to repeat that course. A course may be repeated only once. Courses with a grade of "C" may not be applied toward the degree requirements.

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### Semester 1 (Fall)

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- NURS 500 – Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 505 – Applied Statistics for the Health Sciences **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 546 – Policy, Organization, and Structure in Health Care Systems **3 Credit(s)**.

**Total: 9 Credits**

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### Semester 2 (Spring)

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- NURS 502 – Generating Evidence for Nursing Practice **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 548 – Nurse Leadership/Management in Health Care Organizations **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 549 – Health Care Workforce Management **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 554 – Nurse Leadership and Administration Field Study I **2 Credit(s)**.

**Total: 11 Credits**

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### Semester 3 (Fall)

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- NURS 556 – Legal and Regulatory Issues in Nursing Administration **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 558 – Fiscal and Economic Principles for Nurse Leaders **4 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 555 – Nurse Leadership and Administration Field Study II **2 Credit(s)**.

- NURS 595 – Focused Scholarly Project **3 Credit(s)**. \*

or

- NURS 599 – Thesis Research and Thesis **3–9 Credit(s)**. \*

\*All MSN students must complete either NURS 599 **OR** NURS 595. Students who elect to complete a thesis must earn 6 hours of NURS 599 applicable to the total credit hours required. Students who elect to complete a focused scholarly project must earn 3 hours of NURS 595 applicable to the credit hours required.

**Total: 12 Credits**

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### Semester 4 (Spring)

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- NURS 559 – Nurse Leadership and Administration Internship **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 509 – Population-Based Primary Care **3 Credit(s)**.
- NURS 599 – Thesis Research and Thesis **3–9 Credit(s)**. \*

\*All MSN students must complete either NURS 599 – Thesis Research and Thesis **OR** NURS 595 – Focused Scholarly Project. Students who elect to complete a thesis must earn 6 hours of NURS 599 applicable to the total credit hours required. Students who elect to complete a focused scholarly project must earn 3 hours of NURS 595 applicable to the credit hours required.

**Total: 6-9 Credits**

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