

NURSING EDUCATION (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education is designed to prepare nurses to teach in nursing and health professional programs, health care institutions and agencies, and in the community. The certificate provides nurses with essential knowledge and skills about teaching, program development, evaluation, clinical instruction, and other aspects of the educational process in nursing. Upon satisfactorily completing the requirements of the graduate certificate, an entry will be made on the student's transcript. Courses in the graduate certificate program are offered online. The practicum is based on student needs and is planned with students in a location convenient for them.

A student who completes the graduate certificate in Nursing Education may apply the 15 hours credit toward the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Population Health with a Concentration in Nursing Education. All coursework for the MSN must be completed within six years. Hours earned through a graduate certificate program may only be applied to one graduate degree.

Please review the Graduate Certificate Disclosure (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/disclosure.html>) information.

Application Materials Required for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

Applicants for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Bachelor's degree with a major in nursing from an institutionally accredited university with a professionally accredited nursing program.
4. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
5. A current unencumbered RN license.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Retention and Progression

In accordance with the University policy, graduate students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all graduate courses attempted. A student whose GPA falls below the required minimum of 3.0 will be placed on academic probation and will receive notification from the Graduate School of the requirements to reestablish good standing. Any student who does not attain good standing, as specified in their notification letter, will be dropped from graduate studies.

- A grade of "C" or below will not be permitted to count toward the graduate level degree or certificate programs.
- Only one "C" grade or lower is permitted to be re-taken in the graduate level degree or certificate program.
- A grade of "C" or below in any graduate nursing programs must be repeated. A student must achieve an "A" or "B" in the repeated course. The course may only be repeated once. A student's progression in the program will be impacted. If the student is unsuccessful after the re-take, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- If a student earns a grade of "C" or below in any coursework in any graduate nursing program, the student should consult their academic advisor and the Dean of the Graduate School for advisement.
- Should a student earn more than 3 semester hours of a C grade, the student will be ineligible to continue in the graduate nursing program and should consult the graduate catalog for guidance.
- Failure to resolve an incomplete within the established time frame will result in an inability to progress in the program. Registration for the upcoming semester will not be allowed until the incomplete is resolved. Review the graduate catalog for processing instructions and deadlines.

MSN: All graduate coursework and degree requirements towards a master's degree, education specialist degree, or graduate certificate (including credit transferred from another university or graduate program) must be completed within a period of six calendar years, which would include the summer term.

Minimum Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the graduate certificate. Transfer credit is not accepted toward a graduate certificate program.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NU 550	Developing Instruction Programs in Collegiate Nursing Education	3
NU 551	Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation in Collegiate Nursing Programs	3
NU 552	Practicum in Collegiate Nursing Education	3
NU 553	Issues and Trends in Collegiate Nursing Education	3

NU 554	Introduction to Instructional Design and Online Teaching	3
Total Hours		15

15 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Graduate Certificate.

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

No comprehensive exam is required for this Graduate Certificate. All students must apply for certificate completion (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to complete. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.