

# POPULATION HEALTH (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program is designed to prepare advanced population health nurses to address the health needs of vulnerable populations and communities as they currently exist and as they will evolve in the future. Students acquire advanced knowledge and skills in community needs assessment, analysis of aggregate data, health planning, as well as program development, implementation, and evaluation. The curriculum builds on the foundation of baccalaureate education and requires 38 hours of coursework, including two courses in population health with clinical practicum. A disaster management component is integrated into various courses in the curriculum. Courses in the MSN program are offered online.

## Application Deadlines

To complete the admission process, the items listed below must be submitted by:

Date	Event
July 1	Fall Admission
November 1	Spring Admission
April 1	Summer Admission

Applicants are not allowed to register or pre-register until all admission requirements have been completed and the applicant is admitted to Graduate Studies.

## Application Materials Required for the MSN in Population Health

Applicants for the MSN - Population Health must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Studies 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 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 a institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
5. Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale (cumulative or last 64 credit hours).
6. A current unencumbered RN license.

7. Admission test scores are not required (GRE, MAT).
8. 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 MSN in Population Health

### Unconditional Admission

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package. Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale (cumulative or last 64 hours) is required.

### Conditional Admission

To be considered for Conditional Admission for the MSN, applicants must meet all of the above requirements with the following exception: Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale (cumulative or last 64 credit hours).

**Students who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to comply will result in the student being dismissed from the program.**

## 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 toward a master's degree, education specialist degree, or a 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 MSN in Population Health***

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NU 501	MSN Online Orientation	0
NU 504	Theories in Nursing	2
NU 507	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NU 513	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NU 518	Organizational & Systems Leadership in Population Health	3
NU 520	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NU 522	Nursing Research	3
NU 527	Epidemiology	3
NU 540	Population Health I	6
NU 542	Transcultural Nursing & Healthcare	3
NU 544	Statistical Methods in Health Care	3
NU 545	Population Health II	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>38</b>

**38 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## **Graduation and Comprehensive Exam**

No comprehensive exam is required for this degree. All students must apply for graduation (<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 graduate. 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.