

POPULATION HEALTH - NURSING EDUCATION (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program with a Concentration in Nursing Education is designed to prepare advanced population health nurses to address the health needs of vulnerable populations and communities and also prepare nurses to teach in schools and colleges of nursing or clinical agencies and hospitals. Students acquire advanced knowledge and skills in population and community needs assessment, analysis of aggregate data, health planning, and program development, implementation, and evaluation, as well as acquire nurse educator competencies.

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 with a Concentration in Nursing Education

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 a regionally accredited university with a professionally accredited nursing program.
4. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (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. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

7. Satisfactory writing sample of statement of purpose.
8. A current unencumbered RN license.
9. Professional interview may be required.
10. Admission test scores are not required (GRE, MAT).
11. 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 with a Concentration in Nursing Education

Unconditional Admission

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package. The Graduate Nursing Programs Admissions Committee will review applicant admission packets and determine eligibility for admission. The admissions committee will submit to the Director of Graduate Studies its recommendation on the admission of each candidate. 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 Graduate Studies 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 or doctoral level degree or certificate programs. All grades of "C" or below are factored into a student's GPA. Only one "C" grade or lower is permitted to be re-taken in the graduate or doctoral 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 Graduate Studies 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 with a Concentration in Nursing Education

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.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
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
Required Courses for the Concentration in Nurse Educator		
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		53

53 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.