



Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)



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Average Time to Completion:
33 months; part-time

Class Format:
Combination in-person/online

Application Deadline(s):
Rolling



About the Program

A master's degree in nursing (MSN) from Salve Regina University builds on the baccalaureate program by providing clinical preparation to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP).

After completing 48 credits of graduate-level courses and a minimum of 600 clinical hours, students receive the Master of Science in Nursing and are eligible to sit for the FNP national certification examination. The Family Nurse Practitioner is an advanced practice nurse who provides independent and collaborative health care based on evidence-based practice. Salve graduates practice merciful and holistic patient care to populations throughout the lifespan.

Qualified MSN graduates are also eligible to progress seamlessly into the post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Salve Regina University.

The MSN program is taught in a hybrid manner, offering the personal connection with faculty through in-person classes combined with the flexibility of online learning for working adults. In-person classes are mainly offered in the evening at the Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I. The Advanced Health Assessment course (NUR512) is held in Salve's state-of-the-art simulation laboratory in Newport, allowing for advanced practice skills development. Financial aid is available.

At the completion of the 48 credits for the Master of Science in Nursing, the student will be able to:

1. Assume the role of the advanced practice nurse to provide independent and collaborative health care based on evidence, scientific knowledge and science-based theory.
2. Demonstrate leadership skills and culturally appropriate decision-making throughout the continuum of an advanced practice nurse.
3. Incorporate continuous quality improvement within their healthcare practice and organization of employment to achieve safe and effective, quality patient care.
4. Demonstrate proficiency within the healthcare technologies to provide quality patient care as an integral part of the healthcare team based on evidence-based care.

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Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the U.S.) with a grade point average of at least 3.0 are invited to apply.

The following materials must be submitted:

- Completed online application.
- Transcripts for baccalaureate in nursing from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Copy of unencumbered RN license or eligibility for RN licensure.
- Personal statement.
- Completion of a timed writing assignment.
- Portfolio (include curriculum vitae/resume) that includes a description of current and past clinical practice as well as any presentations and/or publications.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Interview with the graduate nursing admissions committee.
- Evidence of completion of three credits in statistics.

About Salve Regina University

Salve is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate programs are tailored to the unique needs of adult students, combining the integration of knowledge and personal values with the development of greater competency in both theory and practice. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Courses

- NUR503: Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
- NUR505: Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse
- NUR520: Research for Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR512: Advanced Health Assessment
- NUR510: Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NUR533: Family Theories
- NUR535: Pharmacologic Principles for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NUR550: Managing Common Health Conditions
- NUR540: Application of the Advanced Practice Nurse Role I
- NUR552: Managing Complex Health Conditions
- NUR514: Advanced Healthcare Informatics
- NUR538: Health Promotion Across the Lifespan
- NUR555: Application of the Advanced Practice Nurse Role II
- NUR565: Application of the APN Role III

After earning the MSN, students who meet all academic standards may apply to continue with doctorate-level coursework in our Doctor of Nursing Practice program (DNP). The graduate will submit a streamlined internal application to the Graduate Studies office for progression in the program.

Accreditation



Salve Regina University's nursing bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036, 202-887-6791.

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