



## PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: CARE & OUTCOMES MANAGER

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Graduate nursing education is a multifaceted, dynamic, and rigorous process organized to prepare professional nurses for advanced practice roles. It expands upon the skills and knowledge learned at the baccalaureate level which has been refined through clinical practice experiences. Master's degree education in nursing prepares practitioners that are uniquely able to provide direct and indirect care to diverse groups of people, in a variety of settings, within the current, complex health care systems environment.

#### CARE AND OUTCOME MANAGER ROLES

- **Advanced Generalist:** As frontline caregivers, the generalist nurse plans and provides direct care to patients, interacts with families, coordinates patient care that requires regular interface with other members of the health care team (nurses, physicians, and others), and participates in organizational activities that promote safe, quality and efficient patient care.
- **Clinical Nurse Leader:** The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) is a nursing role developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in collaboration with an array of leaders from the practice environment. The CNL is an advanced generalist clinician with education at the master's degree level. Note: PLU graduates had a 100% pass rate on the August 2013 Clinical Nurse Leader Certification Exam.

#### PROGRAM PATHWAYS

- **BSN - MSN:** This 15-month program builds upon the undergraduate degree in nursing to prepare students to provide quality, cost effective care in a defined context, to participate in the design and implementation of an evaluation and outcomes model, to assume a leadership role in managing health care resources, and to integrate clinical and evaluation competencies for care and outcomes management.
- **Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing (ELMSN):** The sequence of study recognizes the academic success of the non-nursing graduate by providing a focused immersion into nursing followed by graduate study.
- **RN-B - MSN (currently on hiatus):** The RN-B to MSN program is clinically and academically intensive to assure the student of adequate development in an advanced practice nursing role. It's a faster, more direct way for nurses who already have a bachelor's degree to acquire a master's degree without first completing the BSN.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Nursing CAS online application and application fee
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Resume
- Statement of goals
- Official GRE scores (only required for Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing applicants)
- WA State Patrol Disclosure Affidavit and WA State Patrol Background Check (for accepted applicants only)
- International students and students for whom English is a second language must also submit TOEFL-iBT score of 86 or IELTS of 6.5

## DETAILED PATHWAY INFORMATION - 2017 Entering Cohort (Note: subject to change)

Entry Level MSN	RN-B to MSN (On hiatus)	BSN to MSN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27 months full-time cohort model</li> <li>85 semester credit hours</li> <li>Start early-June</li> <li>\$69,875 for entire program</li> </ul> <p><b>Application deadline:</b> Priority: December 1st Final: January 15th</p> <p><b>Year One: Summer-Summer</b></p> <p>Pre-Licensure (RN-Preparation)-15 months, 55 credits Full time coursework: 4-5 full days per week, possibly some evening clinical rotations Students may sit for the NCLEX exam after completing this portion</p> <p><b>Year Two: Fall-Summer</b></p> <p>Post-Licensure MSN Core Work: 12 months, 33 credits Part-time coursework: 1-2 weekday evenings, all day Fridays Students are encouraged to work as an RN (0.5 FTE) while completing the MSN core.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 - 15 months part-time cohort model</li> <li>33 - 46 semester credit hours</li> <li>Start early-June (all concentrations)</li> <li>\$33,000 for entire program (higher if additional coursework is added)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application deadline:</b> December 1st</p> <p><b>Schedule: Summer-Summer (12 mo.)</b></p> <p>Take between 1 - 3 classes each semester. Additional courses may be taken for role specializations.</p> <p>Clinical experiences are usually during the day or evening shift, depending on preceptorship requirements (which are heavier toward the end of the program). We encourage applicants with flexible work schedules to accommodate varying class times and practicums.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 - 15 months part-time cohort model</li> <li>33 - 46 semester credit hours</li> <li>Start early-June (all concentrations) or Fall (administrator concentration only)</li> <li>\$33,000 for entire program (higher if additional coursework is added)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application deadline:</b> December 1st (summer start) or March 1st (fall start)</p> <p><b>Schedule: Summer-Summer (12 mo.)</b></p> <p>Take between 1 - 3 classes each semester. Additional courses may be taken for role specializations.</p> <p>Clinical experiences are usually during the day or evening shift, depending on preceptorship requirements (which are heavier toward the end of the program). We encourage applicants with flexible work schedules to accommodate varying class times and practicums.</p>

## PREREQUISITES

### For BSN to MSN

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) minimum cumulative GPA

### For ELMSN

All of the above requirements PLUS:

Completion with a minimum grade of 3.0 (B) or better in each course:

- College-level Statistics (both descriptive and inferential)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with on-site lab within last six years)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (with on-site lab within last six years)
- Developmental Psychology—Lifespan
- Intro to Microbiology (with on-site lab within last six years)

### For RN-B to MSN: (Currently on hiatus)

All of the above requirements PLUS:

- Current, unencumbered WA State RN License (Note: PLU will verify licensure via the Dept. of Health; do not make a copy of your RN license)
- Nursing 430, Situations with Communities (5 semester units, offered at PLU in the spring)

Note: All pre-requisites must be completed by the program start date.



### PLU GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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