

Program:	Nursing	Dept:	Nursing
Major:	Nursing	College:	Mathematics and Science
Degree:	Master of Science (M.S.)	Major Code:	6640

Nursing, M.S. - Exclusively Online (100 clinical hours required)

The Nursing Master of Science degree will help to provide for the increasing global need of health care practitioners with expanded nursing knowledge. The degree directly addresses the University of Central Oklahoma's mission to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves. The inclusion of 100 practicum hours facilitates the participation of students in transformative educational experiences that directly benefit the Oklahoma City metro area community. The degree integrates each of the Central Six tenets of transformative learning including Health and Wellness, Discipline Knowledge, Leadership, Problem Solving (Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities), Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Application materials and undergraduate transcripts must show:
 - A minimum 3.00 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from a program that has received nursing accreditation from an agency approved by the Department of Education or its equivalent with at least a 3.00 GPA.
 - Preference will be given to individuals with a current unrestricted license to practice as a Registered nurse in the state of Oklahoma. Conditional admission will be considered for individuals in the process of obtaining licensure.
 - Complete an undergraduate or graduate course in statistics.
- A written statement of purpose describing the applicant's plans and rationale for graduate study at UCO.
- Application may be made for conditional admission by students having an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 or at least 2.25 with five years having passed since the date of the first bachelor's degree.
- Students with a native language other than English and who do not have a current unrestricted license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of Oklahoma must submit evidence of English language proficiency as reflected by one of the following to meet Oklahoma Licensure and be admitted to the program:
 - Test of English Language Proficiency Score (TOEFL-iBT) of 26 Speaking and 83 Total.
 - Test of English for International Communications (TOEIC) score for Listening and Reading of 725, for Speaking and Writing of 140.
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score 6.5 (academic format) or 7.0 (spoken band)
 - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) score 3 Speaking and 81 Total.
- Formal approval by the selection committee is required for admission.

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year).
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate RN to BS degree option may apply to take three 5000-level NURS courses (9 credit hours) during the senior year of the BS degree. These courses are specified by ^{adp} in the Graduation Requirements. During the final semester of RN to BS coursework, the student may submit an application for admission to the Accelerated Program. This application must be submitted by the preference date for MS admissions.

Application materials must include/reflect:

- An updated UCO transcript.
- The applicant is a UCO Nursing major who completed an associate degree in nursing prior to being accepted to UCO nursing.
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.00.
- A minimum GPA of 3.00 in all UCO Nursing Courses (if courses are in progress must submit grades before starting any further 5000 level courses).
- A recommendation from Nursing Program career advancement subcouncil.
- A written statement of purpose describing the applicant's plans and rationale for graduate study at UCO

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of "C" or lower may be repeated.
 - Courses with a grade lower than B do not apply toward

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- Any incomplete grades awarded must have work completed before additional course enrollments are allowed.

Graduation Requirements

Required Core Courses..... 19 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
NURS	5163	Innovations in Nursing
NURS	5233	Advanced Research/Evidence Based Practice
NURS	5323	Leadership in Healthcare Organizations
NURS	5213	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
NURS	5414	Practice Immersion Experience
NURS	5980	Graduate Project, 3 credit hours OR
NURS	5990	Graduate Thesis - 3 credit hours

Pathway Options..... 15 Hours

Graduate Electives from list below and/or other graduate courses approved by graduate coordinator

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
NURS	5333	Quality, Safety and Technology in Healthcare
NURS	5353	Legal/Ethical Issues in Healthcare
NURS	5443	Complex Adaptive Systems
NURS	5243	Healthcare Finance Management
NURS	5363	Performance Improvement in Healthcare
NURS	5713	Health Policy and Advocacy
NURS	5733	Advanced Human Science Concepts in Nursing
NURS	5423	Designing and Evaluating Learner-Centered Curriculum in Nursing
NURS	5613	Methods for Evaluating Learning Outcomes
NURS	5603	Transformative Teaching Strategies
NURS	5113	Advanced Pathophysiology
NURS	5133	Advanced Pharmacology
NURS	5153	Advanced Health Assessment

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 34 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: B.S. to M.S.

Accelerated Degree Pathway students who are accepted to the undergraduate RN to B.S. degree in Nursing may apply to take up to a maximum of nine hours during their senior year of the bachelor's degree. These courses will count toward both the B.S. in Nursing and M.S. in Nursing degrees. The approved graduate courses are NURS 5323 Leadership in Healthcare Organizations, NURS 5353 Legal/Ethical Issues in Healthcare, and NURS 5113 Advanced Pathophysiology. During the last semester of their junior year or within 30 hours of graduation, undergraduate students with a 3.0 overall GPA may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Pathway.