Master of Science in NURSING

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STOCKTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE & CONTINUING STUDIES
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is designed for the baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse (RN) who wishes to pursue a graduate degree with eligibility for specialty certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP). In addition, Post-Master’s certificates are available: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP).

The program focuses on the acquisition of knowledge and skills that enable the nurse practitioner to assess, diagnose, treat, and evaluate health problems of the client. Health promotion and disease prevention are also emphasized.

The program encourages self-directed learning and critical thinking and ensures the graduate student will develop the skills necessary to function as an advanced-practice nurse.

GOALS OF THE GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM
1. Encourage continued personal and professional growth
2. Advance the educational level of nurses to effect improvement in the health care of consumers
3. Prepare advanced practice nurses who are eligible for national certification
4. Provide a foundation for continued graduate study

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Utilize Roy’s Adaptation Model of Nursing when making decisions about professional nursing practice.
2. Synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from the physical and behavioral sciences and humanities with nursing theory and advanced nursing practice.
3. Assess health status and health potential of the client, manage specific common deviations from wellness and stabilize long term illness.
4. Accept individual responsibility and accountability in defining advanced practice nursing.
5. Apply nursing research and evidence-based data to advanced practice nursing.
6. Utilize leadership skills through interaction with consumers and providers in meeting health needs and advanced nursing goals.
7. Collaborate on the interdisciplinary health team to identify and effect needed change which will improve delivery within specific health care systems.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT
The graduate nursing program at Stockton University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036 (202) 887-6791.
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Admission is open to RNs with a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Prospective applicants must meet the following criteria; however, meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission.

- Possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN- or CCNE-accredited school.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0) with a minimum grade of “B” in all nursing courses.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses.
- Proof of license to practice as a professional nurse in New Jersey.
- Three letters of recommendation; one academic and two professional. Forms are provided.
- Students must meet the “Technical Standards and Essential Functions” requirements as specified by the Nursing Program (Policy #M-1). These functions can be viewed at www.stockton.edu/msn.
- Proof of professional liability insurance.
- Proof of current CPR certification.
- Completed Online Graduate Application (including signature page and application fee).
- Submission of current Curriculum Vitae.
- Submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.

PREREQUISITES:
Undergraduate courses in: Health Assessment, Nursing Research, and Statistics.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
- Fall admission: May 1
- Spring admission: December 1

Prospective students who have not completed all prerequisite undergraduate courses may take them at Stockton. They must be completed before admission into the graduate program.

The University may accept up to 9 credits that sufficiently match corresponding Stockton University courses, provided that the grade earned is a 3.0 (B) or better. It is recommended that all transfer credit requests be submitted at the time of application. A Graduate Transfer Equivalency Form must be submitted when requesting transfer credits, which is usually at the time of application.
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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