

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM
NURSING APPLICANT CHECKLIST FOR FALL 2012

Two “tracks” available- NURSING ADMINISTRATION or NURSING EDUCATION

For students who choose the *administration track*, the graduate program will include coursework to support the ability for the student to take the credentialing exam preparing for the eventual certification provided by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). For students who choose the *education track*, the graduate program will prepare the student to be eligible to take the *Certified Nurse Educator Exam* provided through the National League for Nursing (NLN). The *education track* will prepare students for the role of nursing faculty in higher education institutions or staff development positions in community or hospital settings.

Hybrid Delivery System- A combination of face to face instruction and online. For each of the first three semesters, the on-campus course will be held 2-3 days per semester, on the main WSU campus(Ogden). Students should plan on being on campus from 9:00 am until 6 p.m.. The other portion of the course work is online. The final semester includes 85 contact hours in an administrative/teaching residency.

Four Semester Program- (40 credit hours) Curriculum averages 10 credit hours per semester over a fall/spring & fall/spring format.

Project Requirement - A project is required which offers the students an opportunity to apply evidenced based practice.

For questions related to information on this page please contact Robert Holt, Enrollment Director for the School of Nursing at rholt@weber.edu or (801)626-7774. Please indicate you are interested in the Master of Science in Nursing Program.

Important Dates and Facts:

- Online Application available:** **October 2011**
- Priority Application Deadline:** **March 1, 2012**
- Concentrations available** [approximate # of positions]: Nursing Administration [10] Nursing Education [10]
-administrative approval, funding, and a minimum number of qualified applicants is required in order for each concentration to begin.
- Interview Dates:** for applicants selected for interviews will be late March/early April 2012.
- Start Date: beginning of fall semester 2012**
- Application fee:** **\$100** (Includes Nursing and University Graduate Admissions Fees)
- Tuition:** Actual tuition for fall 2012 will be determined by Utah Legislature in March 2012'. (Current approx. cost-Mar 10': \$3000/sem)
Go to http://www.weber.edu/bursar/TuitionFee_Tables.html for current tuition rates.
- Weber State University Master of Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).**
- Future Admissions Dates** - current plan is to admit every year for fall semester based upon administrative approval, funding and a qualified number of applicants.

Application Requirements:

- 1]Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale): includes all college level course work. Transfer courses must be from a “Regionally Accredited College or University that transfers to Weber State University.
- 2]Earned BS Degree with a major in nursing from an accredited baccalaureate program (NLNAC or CCNE)
Please note: Students who speak English as a second language must have a Minimum TOEFL score of 600.
- 3]Current Utah unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse or eligible to obtain licensure without restrictions to practice as a registered nurse in Utah.
- 4]Two years of recent work experience as a registered nurse. The graduate admissions committee will evaluate applicants with less than two years experience on an individual basis.
- 5] Submission of all documents, letters of recommendation, curriculum vitae/resume, goal statement per request in the application packet
- 6]Working knowledge of statistics as utilized in research or administrative functions such as budgets, staffing, etc. Completion of an undergraduate statistics course or BSN Research/Statistics course within the past 5 years strongly recommended. (Psych., Soc. or Geron. 3600)
- 7]Completion of an Advanced College Writing course with a “C” or better grade during the first two semesters of the MSN program (At WSU English 3210 or English 3100. See advisor for equivalent courses at other schools.). Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Advanced Writing course prior to beginning MSN course work.

Applicants will be ranked according to a selection point system established by the WSU Master Degree Admissions Committee. Applicant ranking will include: GPA, work experience, references, vita/resume, writing ability, personal interview (not all applicants may be interviewed) and potential for scholarly work/leadership. The application process is competitive.

Application Process: Access to the MSN Online Application is available the first week of October each year

- TO APPLY:**
- 1] Go to www.weber.edu/msn
 - 2] On the right side of the page click on “Applications & Checklists”
 - 3] In the middle of the page click on “Master of Science Degree in Nursing Application”

Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum Overview

MSN CURRICULUM “CORE” COURSES (All students will take regardless of concentration)

| <u>Summer Semester 2012</u> | First Semester (Fall 12') | Second Semester (Spring 13') | Third Semester (Fall 13') | Fourth Semester (Spring 14') |
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| Admitted Students for fall 2012 cohort are encouraged to take the advanced college writing course summer 2012 or earlier. Preferred if taken prior to fall 2012. | MSN 6100 (3) Research Methods | MSN 6120 (3) Research and Statistics | | |
| | MSN 6141 (3) Advanced Nursing Theory | MSN 6160 (3) Evidence-based Practice | | |
| | MSN 6180 (3) Improving Patient Care and Nursing Practice through Information Systems and Technology | MSN 6800 (1) MSN Project | MSN 6800 (1) MSN Project | MSN 6800 (2) MSN Project |

MSN CURRICULUM - Administrator Track

| <u>Summer Semester 2012</u> | First Semester (Fall 12') | Second Semester (Spring 13') | Third Semester (Fall 13') | Fourth Semester (Spring 14') |
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| Admitted Students for fall 2012 cohort are encouraged to take the advanced college writing course summer 2012 or earlier. Preferred if taken prior to fall 2012. | | MSN 6200 (3) Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Administration | MSN 6324 (3) Financial Issues in Nursing Administration | MSN 6300 (3) Quality Improvement, Patient Safety, and Risk Issues in Patient Care Delivery |
| | | | MSN 6340 (3) Compliance with Legal and Regulatory System in Patient Care Delivery | MSN 6380 (3) Retaining and Developing a Competent Workforce in Nursing |
| | | | MSN 6360 (3) Scope and Practice of Nursing Administration | MSN 6400 (3) Nursing Administrator Residency (85 hours) |

MSN CURRICULUM - Educator Track

| <u>Summer Semester 2012</u> | First Semester (Fall 12') | Second Semester (Spring 13') | Third Semester (Fall 13') | Fourth Semester (Spring 14') |
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| Admitted Students for fall 2012 cohort are encouraged to take the advanced college writing course summer 2012 or earlier. Preferred if taken prior to fall 2012. | | MSN 6500 (3) Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Education | MSN 6520 (3) Curriculum Development for Nursing Educators | MSN 6580 (3) Clinical Nursing Instruction in Higher Education and Community Settings |
| | | | MSN 6540 (3) Measurement of Competence and Outcomes in Nursing Education | MSN 6600 (3) Nursing Instruction in Higher Education and Community Settings |
| | | | MSN 6560 (3) Socialization in the Role of Nursing Educator | MSN 6700 (3) Teaching Residency (85 hours) |

If you have a record of criminal actions, it may affect your eligibility for admissions to the WSU nursing program. All applicants will be required to complete a mandatory drug screen. Admission to the program is contingent upon submission of a satisfactory background check and negative drug screen. If a background check reveals a history of criminal actions or the drug screen reveals the presence of controlled substances (prescription or non-prescription) the applicant understands that he / she may not be allowed to begin or remain in the program and will not be entitled to any refunds of tuition dollars or other fees.