

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Nursing

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Welcome

The curriculum of the MSN is designed to prepare professional registered nurses for APN roles as culturally competent educators and leaders. All students enrolled in the program will be required to take seven graduate core courses consisting of 20 semester credit hours. Additionally, students are required to select a concentration of either nursing education or nursing leadership. Each of these concentrations will consist of 16-18 credit hours. Included in these hours is a variable credit (3-5 hours) thesis or project.

The nursing education concentration will focus on preparing nurses to facilitate learning in various environments through the application of knowledge in instructional design, curriculum development, technology utilization, and evaluation of learning. The leadership concentration will focus on developing nursing leaders who are able to influence, design, manage, transform, and evaluate the evolution of nursing services and care delivery.

The degree offers graduates the opportunities to:

1. Implement advanced practice roles as leaders and educators within the nursing profession and the health care system utilizing human caring as the foundation for nursing practice
2. Develop and nurture collaborative and interdependent relationships by communicating with other health care professionals.
3. Analyze personal and organizational decision making utilizing an understanding of how ethics and values influence health care delivery.
4. Utilize nursing research for the promotion of high quality nursing education, health care, and evidence based practice.
5. Demonstrate critical thinking in the application of nursing and multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to foster optimal client health outcomes.
6. Demonstrate cultural competence that reflects sensitivity to human diversity in a dynamic academic and health care environment.
7. Develop comprehensive, holistic plans of care that address health promotion and disease prevention needs of diverse populations.
8. Demonstrate competence in leadership roles and a commitment to ongoing professional development for the provision of quality, cost-effective health care, and the advancement of nursing practice.

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