Degree Requirements – Online MSN with a Clinical Nurse Leader® Track

The online MSN requires the successful completion of 38 credit hours.

Core Courses

**NURS 612 Theoretical Foundations**
This course examines the development and analysis of knowledge within nursing theory as a foundation for nursing practice and research. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 624 Health Policy**
Students develop a comprehensive knowledge of how health policy is formulated, and how it impacts clinical practice and healthcare delivery. Coursework also covers the use of negotiation to influence the policy process. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 628 Informatics in Health Care**
This course focuses on developing an understanding of the concepts relevant to healthcare informatics and the use of information technology in healthcare organizations. Students study the use of computer applications to support clinical and administrative decision making. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 630 Data Interpretations**
This course focuses on selecting statistical procedures for analyzing data and interpreting the statistics most commonly reported in health care literature. Data analysis techniques for qualitative data often seen in health care and educational settings are also covered. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 632 Research Methods**
This course focuses on critical analyses of research reports, research methods and the relationship between theory, research and evidence-based practice. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 655 Integrative Clinical Concepts**
Students will integrate advanced concepts of pathophysiology, pharmacology, and health assessment within context of individual, family and populations through use of clinical exemplars. **3 hrs.**

**NURS 656 Integrative Clinical Concepts Practicum**
This clinical practicum focuses on application of advanced concepts related to pathophysiology, pharmacology and health assessment within context of individuals, families and populations. **1 hr.** (75 clock hours of clinical).
Clinical Nurse Leader® Track Courses

NURS 651 Professionalism and Ethics in Clinical Leadership
This course offers the student an opportunity to grow professionally as a leader and to strengthen ethical leadership in clinical settings. Content includes theories of leadership, values clarification, ethical decision-making frameworks and processes, and professional development plans. Prerequisites: NURS 612, NURS 624, NURS 628, NURS 630, NURS 632, NURS 655, NURS 656 3 hrs.

NURS 652 Management of Clinical Outcomes
Students study the theory and application of advanced nursing therapeutics and evaluation of their effectiveness in improving patient health outcomes. Coursework covers pharmacotherapeutics, teaching and learning theory, risk anticipation analysis and evidence supporting both traditional and complementary therapies. Prerequisites: NURS 612, NURS 624, NURS 628, NURS 630, NURS 632, NURS 655, NURS 656 4 hrs. (3 credits online, 1 credit clinical; 75 clock hours of clinical)

NURS 653 Management of the Care Environment
This course focuses on the management of processes and resources within the clinical care environment with the goal of achieving optimal clinical and business outcomes. The clinical component provides students with an opportunity to participate in clinical microsystems management as part of a management team. Prerequisites: NURS 612, NURS 624, NURS 628, NURS 630, NURS 632, NURS 655, NURS 656 4 hrs. (3 hours online, 1 hour clinical; 75 clock hours of clinical practice)

NURS 654 Clinical Nurse Leader Residency
This course is an immersion experience during which students practice the Clinical Nurse Leader role. Working with preceptors, students will demonstrate leadership in managing the clinical outcomes of patients, and in managing the quality outcomes of the care environment. Students will be responsible for finding a qualified preceptor in their local area to complete this component. Prerequisites: NURS 612, NURS 624, NURS 628, NURS 630, NURS 632, NURS 655, NURS 656 6 hrs. (300 clock hours of clinical practice)

NURS 670 Nursing Capstone Project
In this individualized learning experience, students conduct a scholarly evidence-based nursing project. Must be within 6 or fewer credit hours of graduation to enroll. Students must complete a total of 2 credits to meet degree requirements. Capstone Projects must be completed in 4 semesters, with enrollment in NURS 670 or NURS 671. This course is pass/fail. Students enroll in two 1-credit courses in subsequent semesters (recommended) or one 2-credit course. Prerequisites: NURS 612, NURS 624, NURS 628, NURS 630, NURS 632, NURS 655, NURS 656 2 hrs.
NURS 671 Nursing Capstone Continuation (only taken if needed)
Students who have enrolled in but not completed the Nursing Capstone Project after 2 credits must enroll in Capstone Continuation each subsequent semester until completion of the project, up to a total of 2 semesters. Students will develop an individualized progression plan for each semester of enrollment. This course is pass/fail. 1 hr.