



Master of Science in **NURSING** (MSN)

HELP BUILD A HEALTHIER WORLD

Our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program provides engaging curriculum with real-world scenarios to prepare you to take on complex challenges that affect the people living in your community and around the globe.

2
years to
degree completion

33
semester hours

20
courses

PROGRAM FORMAT

Hybrid cohort model
Intensive seven-week blocks
Two clinical courses
in your second year
Fall start only



PREFERRED APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Term: June 30



**Elmhurst
University**

School of
Graduate Studies

LEADING THE WAY IN HEALTH CARE

The health care profession demands highly educated practitioners skilled in compassionate care and management. Elmhurst's experienced faculty provides a well-rounded curriculum so that you can embrace challenges with an open mind and become a creative problem solver, ready to take on whatever comes next. Elmhurst's program will enable you to reach higher in your nursing practice.

THREE WAYS TO BE AN EXPERT

Choose your area of expertise. Our program offers concentrations in three areas:

- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Educator
- Clinical Nurse Leader

At Elmhurst, you gain more than credentials. Our small classes and personalized faculty attention ensure you develop the confidence needed for informed, reflective practice in advanced nursing roles. Additionally, you'll join a vast network of supportive teachers and fellow graduates, connecting you with career opportunities throughout the Chicagoland area.

MORE GROWTH, MORE OPPORTUNITY

Your Elmhurst MSN will open doors and possibilities. Go where your passion leads you and discover your competitive advantage:

- Director of nursing
- Program manager
- Health care administrator
- Quality and patient safety director
- Staff development director
- Unit manager
- Health care navigator
- Academic educator

\$145,470
average salary for
MSN holders in the U.S.
(nursingprocess.org)



The Master's Degree program in nursing at Elmhurst University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (ccneaccreditation.org).



Designed with students at its core, Elmhurst University's MSN program equips graduates with the tools to lead in their chosen specialty.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from all graduate and undergraduate institutions attended
- A bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0
- Successful completion of college level courses in nursing research and statistics
- Current RN licensure in Illinois
- Recommendations from three people who can attest to the applicant's professional and clinical nursing performance
- A current resume documenting the applicant's work history, including levels of responsibility, areas of professional growth and prior professional educational experiences
- Goal statement describing in one or two pages your professional goals and how graduate nursing study at Elmhurst University will support achievement of these outcomes

Students in the MSN program are encouraged to maintain employment as a licensed Registered Professional Nurse in the U.S. International students must be eligible to obtain and maintain valid employment authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) following admission to the program.

Scan for more info:



Course Sequence

The following represents a sample course sequence for the nursing program:

YEAR ONE

Fall Term

NRS 501	Theories in Nursing and Clinical Leadership
NRS 503	Applied Research for Clinical Leadership

January Term

NRS 523	Clinical Leadership Role Development
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Spring Term

NRS 504	Clinical Prevention and Population-Based Practice
NRS 502	Health Care Systems: Organization, Policy and Finance

Summer Term

NRS 538	Management of Clinical Outcomes
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YEAR TWO - NURSE ADMINISTRATOR CONCENTRATION

Fall Term

NRS 521	Foundations for Advanced Clinical Roles
NRS 524	Practicum: Advanced Clinical Role

January Term

NRS 532	Technology for Health Care Education and Practice
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Spring Term

NRS 536	Advanced Topics in Nursing Administration and Management
NRS 537	Residency: Clinical Leadership in Nursing Administration

YEAR TWO - NURSE EDUCATOR CONCENTRATION

Fall Term

NRS 521	Foundations for Advanced Clinical Role
NRS 524	Practicum: Advanced Clinical Role

January Term

NRS 532	Technology for Health Care Education and Practice
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Spring Term

NRS 533	Curriculum Development and Evaluation for Nurse Educators
NRS 534	Residency: Clinical Leadership in Nursing Education

YEAR TWO - CLINICAL NURSE LEADER CONCENTRATION

Fall Term

NRS 521	Foundations for Advanced Clinical Role
NRS 524	Practicum: Advanced Clinical Role

January Term

NRS 532	Technology for Health Care Education and Practice
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Spring Term

NRS 540	Residency: Clinical Leadership in the Care Environment
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Energize Your Résumé, Optimize Your Career

- **DNP:** Accelerated Priority Admission for MSN Graduates to our DNP Program
- **RN to MSN Option:** Elmhurst also offers a path to the MSN for registered nurses with baccalaureates outside nursing. See website for details.
- **MBA or MDS Option:** Graduates of Elmhurst's M.S. in Nursing program are eligible to apply to the MBA Option or the MDS Option. Both are one-year programs leading to either an MBA or an M.S. in Data Science and Analytics.