



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

LEADING THE WAY IN HEALTH CARE

Learn to Lead in a Collaborative World

You've been on the front lines of health care, so you know what the profession demands—highly educated practitioners skilled in compassionate care and management.

If you're ready to increase the challenges, responsibilities and rewards that come with an MSN degree, 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

But you gain more than credentials at Elmhurst. In our small classes with close personal attention from faculty, you'll gain the confidence to take on informed, reflective practice in advanced nursing roles. You'll also gain a large network of teachers and fellow graduates who will support you throughout your career and connect you with employers all over 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

18-32%
projected job growth
through 2029 for nurse
administrators and nurse
educators prepared at the
MSN level
(nursejournal.org)

\$106,240
average salary for
MSN holders in Illinois
(nursingprocess.org)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

24 **2**
Months or Years
to degree completion

33
Semester hours

**tuition and fees subject to change*



Program Format

Part-time, hybrid cohort model
Intensive seven-week blocks
Two clinical courses in your second year
Fall start only
Completed in two years



Final Application Deadline

Fall Term: July 31



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



School of Graduate Studies



Earning a master's degree in nursing at Elmhurst University is a personalized experience that will allow you to positively impact patient outcomes in the specialty of your choice.

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Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or foreign equivalent
- Official transcripts from all graduate and undergraduate institutions attended
- Applicants for the MSN program must hold 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 undergraduate/college-level courses in nursing research and statistics
- Current RN licensure in Illinois
- Students in the MSN program are encouraged to maintain employment as a licensed Registered Professional Nurses 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
- Recommendations from three people who can attest to the applicant's professional and clinical nursing performance
- Goal statement: in one or two pages, describe your professional goals and how graduate nursing study at Elmhurst University will support achievement of these outcomes
- A current résumé documenting the applicant's work history, including levels of responsibility, areas of professional growth and prior professional educational experiences
- College-level communication skills including oral, written and computer based skills

Core Courses

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

Spring Term

NRS 502 / Health Care Systems: Organization, Policy and Finance

NRS 504 / Clinical Prevention and Population-Based Practice

Summer Term

NRS 538 / Management of Clinical Outcomes

Year Two / Nurse Administrator 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

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

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

Spring Term

NRS 540 / Residency: Clinical Leadership in the Care Environment

Energize Your Resume, 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 Dual Degree Option:** Graduates of Elmhurst's MSN program can apply for the MBA Dual Degree Option, a one-year, part-time program that leads to the master of business administration.



EXPERIENCE THE ELMHURST DIFFERENCE

Flexible programs that fit into your schedule and life. Skills you'll use throughout your career. Mentoring and support for the path you want to travel. It's all part of your Elmhurst Experience.

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