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A master's degree in Nursing Administration from Western Carolina University can take you to the next level! The online Masters in Nursing Administration is designed to bring the benefits of modern technology and high quality, graduate-level instruction to professionals in a form that parallels your fast-paced working world.

The graduate nursing program is fully accredited at the national level and designed to fit in to the nurse's busy work schedule. Making the best use of the latest advances in educational technologies, the program provides flexible access to graduate education from any location, at any time.

Western Carolina University School of Nursing also offers Masters Programs in Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator and Nurse Anesthesia.



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The Master's of Science in Nursing Administration track is a two-year program consisting of 40-41 semester hours. This program prepares the nurse administrator to address the health care disparities within diverse populations. All courses except practicums are taught on-line, and practicum courses are arranged with a preceptor with an emphasis on medically-underserved and culturally diverse populations.

**Core Advanced Nursing Courses** You will focus on critical topics in nursing leadership.

- NSG 501 Roles and Issues
- NSG 510 Theory for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NSG 511 Research for Advanced Practice Nursing
- NSG 516 Economics of Healthcare in Organizations



**Nurse Administration Specialty Courses** These courses will prepare you for specific competencies required of nurse administrators. These courses will have a special emphasis on principles of providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care to diverse populations.

- NSG 644 Healthcare Systems Management in Nursing
- NSG 647 Outcomes Measurement in Nursing Administration
- NSG 648 Nursing Administration in Health Care Organizations
- NSG 645 Cultural Competence and Linguistics in Nursing Administration
- NSG 654 Nursing Informatics
- NSG 649 Financial Management in Nursing Administration
- NSG 650 Legal and Health Policy Aspects of Nursing Administration
- NSG 646 Communication and Leadership in Nursing Administration (*includes 40 contact hours of practicum experience with preceptor*)
- NSG 655 Ethics in Nursing Administration
- NSG 656 Management of Human Resources in Nursing

**Nurse Administration Practicum** (180 contact hours)  
You will have the opportunity to develop or enhance senior-level management and leadership competencies and to address a field-based project dealing with care delivery systems for medically underserved or culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

- NSG 783 Practicum in Nursing Administration

**Advanced Nursing Project or Thesis** Your scholarly project will examine a significant problem in nursing administration. You may choose to do either an Advanced Nursing Project or a traditional Master's Thesis.

- NSG 679 or NSG 699



**Culminating Experiences** Your success will be measured by a comprehensive exam at the end of your coursework. An oral presentation of your project is required. An oral presentation and oral defense of your thesis is required. You will be required to submit your project or thesis for publication.

### Application Process

1. Apply online at [westerngrad.com](http://westerngrad.com). You will be asked to submit your transcripts, your GRE or MAT scores, 3 letters of recommendation, a personal statement, your resume and a \$40 application fee. Specific instructions on recommendations, personal statement and resume are available at the application website.
2. Applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview by the School of Nursing's Graduate Admissions Committee.

### Admission Requirements

1. **Registered Nurse:** All applicants must hold an unencumbered license to practice as registered nurse.
2. **Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing awarded by a school of nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
3. **One year work experience as a Registered Nurse within the past five years.**
4. **Interested in developing leadership skills.**
5. **Completion of Prerequisite Coursework:** Introductory-level statistics course and a Nursing Research Course with an earned grade of C or better.
6. **Satisfactory Performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Anthologies Test (MAT):** GRE or MAT is waived if student holds a graduate degree.
7. **Recommendations** which documented potential for academic success.