



Expand your Nursing Horizons

As a nurse educator, you'll have the opportunity to help future nurses grow in confidence and skill as you develop educational strategies to prepare students for a changing health care system. The program prepares you for a role as a nurse educator in a faculty, staff development, or patient education setting.

Western Carolina University School of Nursing also offers masters programs in nurse administration, nurse anesthesia



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The Master's of Science in Nursing Education track is a two-year program consisting of 38-39 semester hours. All courses except the practicum are taught online, and practicum courses are arranged with a preceptor in a location and setting determined by your interest.

**Core Advanced Nursing Courses** You will focus on current topics in advanced practice nursing.

- 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
- NSG 517 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing

**Nurse Educator Specialty Courses** These courses will prepare you for specific competencies required of nurse educators.

- NSG 603 Physical Assessment for Nurse Educators
- NSG 651 Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education
- NSG 652 Curriculum Development in Nursing
- NSG 653 Testing and Measurement
- NSG 654 Nursing Informatics
- MHS (3) or alternative
- Elective (3) or (4) hours

**Nurse Educator Practicum** (180 contact hours) You will have the opportunity to develop competencies in the area of academic faculty, staff development, or patient education.

NSG 687 Practicum in Nursing Education

**Advanced Nursing Project or Thesis** Your scholarly project will examine a significant problem in nursing education. 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, followed by a graduate project or thesis. An oral Presentation and/or oral defense of your project/thesis is required, as well as submission of the project or thesis for publication.

**Post Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate Program** This online certificate prepares nurses who have a master's degree in another area of nursing to obtain knowledge and experience necessary to teach in a nursing program. 18 semester hours are required in this certificate program. Courses required for the certificate program are:

- NSG 651 Teaching and Learning in Nursing
- NSG 652 Curriculum Development in Nursing Education
- NSG 653 Testing and Measurement
- NSG 654 Nursing Informatics
- NSG 687 Practicum in Nursing Education (180 clock hours)
- One MHS course or alternative

### 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 professional statement, your resume and an application fee. Specific instructions on recommendations, professional 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. **Completion of Prerequisite Coursework:** Introductory-level statistics course and a Nursing Research Course with an earned grade of C or better.
5. **Satisfactory Performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Anthologies Test (MAT):** GRE or MAT is waived if student holds a graduate degree.
6. **Professional recommendations** which document potential for academic success, including recommendations from a current, immediate supervisor.

*Admission and program requirements are subject to change at any time. Visit [nursing.wcu.edu](http://nursing.wcu.edu) for the most current requirements.*

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