The Master of Science in Nursing online degree program is designed to emphasize advanced practice nursing knowledge, skills, and attitudes, as well as the application of the research process to clinical phenomena within the context of rural family health. The Nurse Educator emphasis area stresses the use of academic technologies in the educator role. The advanced practice emphasis area of Family Nurse Practitioner provides graduates with the needed course work and practica necessary to sit for the certification exam.

- Family Nurse Practitioner - Must do FNP clinicals in the state of MO or the greater Kansas City area.
- Nurse Educator - No geographical restriction

Student Learning Outcomes
The graduate with a Master of Science Degree in Nursing will use the knowledge and skills obtained in the program to:

- Use multiple modes (effective, oral, written, therapeutic, media, and technological) in adapting language and communication strategies appropriate to the advanced practice role and diverse settings.

Benefits
- No matter what professional track students choose, they find flexibility at an affordable cost.
- Online classes provide “anytime, anywhere” access.
- The online format reduces travel time; students learn wherever they have Internet access.
- Online classes expand technological skills making students more valuable in the workplace.
- Classes are student-centered and user-friendly.
- Small classes provide students with individual attention from the instructor.
- Earning a master’s degree provides students with the foundation for advanced practice, specialty practice, and advanced study at the doctoral level.

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Requirements for Acceptance into the Program

Students must have the following:

- Bachelor’s degree with an upper division nursing major from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
- Admission to UCM’s graduate studies including specific requirements for the Department of Nursing.
- Completion of the Department of Nursing’s application for admission including undergraduate transcripts.
- A minimum of one year of post baccalaureate nursing experience for students choosing the Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis area. This year may be completed while taking core theory courses for the program.
- Undergraduate minimum grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale for students choosing the Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis area. Undergraduate minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale for students choosing the Nurse Educator emphasis area.
- Has an active registered nurse license.
- Computer or computer access with hardware compatible with UCM’s program software. Basic computer skills are required prior to matriculation.
- Completion of a criminal background check.

Required Graduate Courses

Graduate Statistics Course  3
NUR 5000  Methods of Research in Nursing  3
NUR 5015  Theories of Nursing  3
NUR 5016  Family/Population Health  3
NUR 5017  Organizational Leadership in Complex Health Systems  3
NUR 5018  Health Care Policy & Advocacy  3
- Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration -
NUR 5020  Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing  3
NUR 5200  Family Nurse Practitioner:PrmCareChildbearing  3
NUR 5201  Family Nurse Practitioner:PrmCareChildrearing  3
NUR 5202  Family Nurse Pract:Prm Care Adults & Elderly I  3
NUR 5203  Family Nurse Pract:Prm Care Adults & Elderly II  3
NUR 5204  Family Nurse Pract:Primary Care Practicum  4
NUR 5300  Advanced Pathophysiology  3
NUR 5310  Advanced Health Appraisal  4
- Nurse Educator Concentration -
NUR 5035  Measurement in Nursing  2
NUR 5038  Concepts of Physiology/Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Advanced Assessment  3
NUR 5039  Direct Patient Care Clinical Practica  1
NUR 5040  Teaching Theory in Nursing  3
NUR 5041  Teaching Clinical Practica in Nursing  3
NUR 5050  Designing Nursing Curricula  3

Application Selection

Completed applications to the nurse educator concentration will be considered by the Department of Nursing on a space available basis throughout the year. Students applying for the nurse educator concentration may take graduate courses in nursing prior to official admission to the graduate nursing program.

Admission to the family nurse practitioner concentrations is competitive based on one’s undergraduate grade point average as reported by the Graduate School on the Graduate Student Acceptance Form. The graduate student acceptance form must be received by the Department of Nursing by September 15 for consideration for admission to the family nurse practitioner concentration for spring semester and by February 15 for consideration for admission to the family nurse practitioner concentration for summer or fall semester.

Alumni of UCMO’s nursing program will receive a preference in admission consideration. Students applying for the family nurse practitioner concentration may not take graduate classes in nursing prior to official admission.

Apply to UCM

Complete your application at: ucmo.edu/graduate and be sure to provide the School of Graduate Studies with official transcripts. Those transcripts can be sent to:

University of Central Missouri
School of Graduate Studies
Ward Edwards Room 1800
Warrensburg, MO 64093

If you have any questions about applying, contact the School of Graduate Studies at 877-729-8266 ext. 3.

Course Enrollment

For assistance with enrollment, contact the Office of Extended Studies at 877-729-8266 ext. 21 or extcampus@ucmo.edu.