



**Online
Degree**

**Master of Science
Nursing**



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.

- Use theory and principles, guided by logic and sound judgment, to allow for the provision of advanced practice nursing care.
- Use reasoning and knowledge to assess, plan, intervene and evaluate while providing holistic care in diverse environments utilizing pertinent resources.
- Actively engage in interaction based on mutual respect with collaboration toward goal achievement.
- Internalize and demonstrate ethically grounded behaviors reflective of the ANA Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (1996) and ANA Code for Nurses (2001).
- Locate, organize, store, retrieve, evaluate, synthesize, and annotate information from print, electronic, and other sources in preparation for providing advanced nursing care.

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 4.00 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.