

2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in Kentucky or compact state.
3. Applicants will be required to complete the GRE in the following instance:
 - (a) Less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA
4. One year of full-time nursing experience is required prior to enrolling (following acceptance) in clinical courses in the nurse practitioner options.
5. Submission of:
 - (a) a written goal statement responding to questions listed on the MSN web page
 - (b) 3 professional references on form provided to include nurse manager or nurse administrator and nursing faculty if have graduated from BSN program was in past 3 years
 - (c) Professional resume
6. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the program web page. An interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by the Graduate School does not assure acceptance into the MSN program. Admission is competitive.
7. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate School application, and submitting all required program materials.

**The Graduate Faculty will schedule a personal interview after all required forms have been received.*

BSN to MSN Progression Requirements

1. MSN students must adhere to progression requirements found in the WKU Graduate Catalog.
2. Additionally MSN students must earn a 3.0 (B) in each specialty course before progressing to the next course according to the recommended curriculum sequence.

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSNP) Concentration

This concentration prepares the graduate to sit for certification as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, more specifically, primary care or family nurse practitioner. Program is 42-48 hours.

NURS 500 Advanced Concepts
NURS 501 Nursing, Politics & Health Policy
NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment
NURS 504 Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing
NURS 505 Advanced Health Assessment Clinic
NURS 506 Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 508 Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing
NURS 509 Practice Management for Nurse Practitioners
NURS 510 Advanced Nursing Research
NURS 512 Research Applications
NURS 515 Advanced Pharmacology
NURS 546 Primary Care of Infant, Child and Adolescent
NURS 547 Primary Care of Infant, Child and Adolescent Clinical
NURS 548 Primary Care of Adults
NURS 549 Primary Care of Adults Clinical
NURS 554 Primary Care Internship
Graduate Statistics course
Optional thesis (6 hours)

Nurse Educator Concentration (MSNE) Concentration

This option prepares the registered nurse for the roles of nursing faculty in university or community college settings. Program is 38-44 credit hours.

NURS 408 Professional Issues*
NURS 430 Concepts of Public Health Nursing*
NURS 500 Advanced Physiological and Pathological Concepts