

# Master of Science in Nursing

## Population Health

Cleveland State University's online MSN program prepares RNs for specialized practice in population health care. Population health care examines the health status of people in defined groups, taking into account attributes thought to influence health — lifestyle, ethnicity, disease, gender, age, geography, environment, and social/economic/political conditions. The program will equip students to apply principles of population care to targeted groups for the purpose of facilitating health of the aggregate across care environments. Students will acquire skills in the following areas: population assessment and management, demography, epidemiology, financial management, information management, leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and legal/political issues. All nursing courses in the Master's program are taught online with the exception of the practicum courses. Courses may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. In the MSN Program, students can choose one of four tracks:

## Specialized Population

This track allows for maximum choice by students and prepares them for specialized practice in population health care. Students identify a population based on their previous work experience and interest, and focus on this population throughout the Master's program.

## Nursing Education

This track provides nurses with the opportunity to acquire the skills needed for the teaching and clinical supervision of nursing students. Graduates are prepared to teach and clinically supervise nursing students in the care of specifically identified populations in educational settings, such as health care facilities or academic environments. Students enroll in core Population Health courses as well as

specialized courses focusing on nursing education: curriculum design and development, instructional design, faculty and student roles, and the evaluation and supervision of nursing students.

## Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)

The Clinical Nurse Leader role (AACN, 2004)\* prepares nurses to function within a microsystem and assume accountability for health care outcomes for a specific group of clients within a unit or setting, through the assimilation and application of research-based information. Students are prepared to be leaders in the provision and management of health care across all settings. Courses will prepare students to design, implement, and evaluate client care by coordinating, delegating, and supervising the care provided by the health care team.

## Forensic Nursing

This track prepares nurses to provide health care for a specific population — the victims or perpetrators of crime, violence, or traumatic events. In addition to the core population health content, students will focus on the science and art of nursing in relation to criminal and civil investigation and legal matters.



## MSN/MBA

The MSN/MBA is a dual-degree program designed to prepare students for careers in management and leadership. This unique program offers students advanced knowledge, competencies, skills in nursing of populations, and a foundation for growth into competent business managers. The graduate will have in-depth skills in demography, epidemiological assessment and data analysis, evaluating research, survey research, data projections, cost-benefit analysis, and the ability to apply nursing theory, business theory, ethics, cultural awareness and political strategies to design, implement, manage, and evaluate health programs, departments, and facilities. Applicants interested in this dual program must contact both the Nance College of Business Administration and the School of Nursing. All nursing courses in the MSN/MBA program are taught online, with the exception of practicums, while all business courses are classroom-based.

## MSN Program Admission Requirements:

1. A baccalaureate degree in nursing
2. A valid, active license as a Registered Nurse in Ohio
3. An undergraduate or graduate-level statistics course
4. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
5. Admission Applications sent to Graduate College and School of Nursing
6. Admission Application sent to Business College (for MSN/MBA only)
7. Official academic transcripts from all schools attended
8. Two letters of reference
9. Three-to five-page essay
10. GMAT scores (for MSN/MBA only)

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For more information:

For further information on the admission process and a graduate application form, visit the CSU Graduate Admissions Office website at [www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admissions/](http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admissions/)

For more information about the MSN program and to request an admission packet, call 216-687-3598, visit the School of Nursing website at [www.csuohio.edu/cehs/departments/nursing](http://www.csuohio.edu/cehs/departments/nursing), or write to:

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