



"The faculty is supportive [and] share their knowledge in a way that an adult learner can relate to and utilize in the daily life of an advanced practice nurse. The online education track is convenient for students who still need to keep their jobs while going to school, and the fact that I did not have to commute to class every day worked really well for my family.

The online discussions were so rich. I learned a lot not only from my instructors but from my peers as well...[we] developed such a supportive learning community."

Hope Mwemba, MSN, RN
CON MSN '07

Clinical Nurse Specialist-Educator,
MidMichigan Medical Center
Midland, Michigan

"The anesthesia faculty at MSU have changed me as a person... they are passionate about the profession of anesthesia and about anesthesia education.

Enrolling in the nurse anesthesia program is one of the best decisions I have ever made and is an experience I will forever remember and be thankful for."

Lindsay Mason, RNC-NIC, SRNA
MSN Class of 2010
Middleville, Michigan

The Master of Science in Nursing Program enables students to pursue their educational endeavors with faculty and clinical preceptors who have expertise in the student's chosen area of specialization. This program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The College offers three paths to the MSN degree:

- **MSN with Nurse Practitioner (NP) Concentration:** This concentration is designed to provide the advanced education and clinical experiences necessary for a nurse practitioner to deliver primary care in community settings. This is a hybrid program, combining online learning with traditional classroom courses with clinical and practicum experiences. Students pursuing this advanced degree may select from two specialization areas: Adult NP and Family Health NP.

Completion of the Nurse Practitioner Concentration of the MSN degree at Michigan State University qualifies students to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) family or adult certification examination. In addition, students are also eligible to apply for specialty certification in the State of Michigan.

- **MSN with CNS-Education Concentration:** This program is designed to prepare RNs for the advanced practice role of clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and equip them with the skills for nursing education. The CNS-Ed is prepared to provide a professional leadership role in the design and implementation of strategies to improve patient and organizational outcomes and to teach nursing students in both the didactic and clinical settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to sit for ANCC certification as Adult CNS, and have the coursework necessary to sit for National League for Nursing (NLN) Education Certification.
- **MSN with Nurse Anesthesia Concentration:** This full-time, 28-month curriculum prepares nurses for advanced practice with the knowledge and skills to deliver safe and effective anesthesia care and assume leadership roles in the practice setting. Graduates will be eligible to sit for certification examination as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. The Nurse Anesthesia concentration has received accreditation through the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational programs (COA).

See reverse for Admission Criteria.



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Master of Science (MSN) in Nursing

"The College of Nursing best prepared me as a nurse by ensuring that I had the tools to become a leader. Because the College remains in the upper echelon of the collegiate system, I could work anywhere in the United States and feel as though I was prepared to take on any nursing role. I learned to become an engaged citizen and view the world with the perspective of a scholar and steward.

The education in clinical nursing, decision making and research at both the undergraduate and graduate level prepared me to understand the ever-changing issues surrounding our profession. Michigan State University demonstrates a tradition of excellence in the science of nursing. The faculty is committed to the profession and the students they teach. A degree awarded from the College of Nursing at MSU is respected and recognized world wide as one of distinct excellence."

Patrick C. Crane, MSN, RN
CON BSN '03, MSN '07
Instructor, Michigan State University
College of Nursing
Lansing, Michigan

Admission Criteria:

To be considered for admission for the Master of Science in Nursing program, students must meet the requirements specified below:

1. Submission of a University application for admission.
2. Completion of a Bachelor of Nursing degree from an accredited college or university.
3. Current license to practice nursing as a Registered Nurse in the applicant's state or country. For those applicants practicing in Michigan, a current Michigan registered nursing license is required.
4. A minimum grade-point average of 3.00 (4.00 scale) for total credits completed during the second-half of the four-year baccalaureate nursing program.
5. Applicants to the Nurse Anesthesia concentration must have completed the Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical sections of the Graduate Record Examination within the last five years.
6. One year of clinical practice as a registered nurse prior to the clinical sequence of courses for the Nurse Practitioner concentration. No clinical practice experience is required prior to acceptance for the CNS-Ed. One year of full-time clinical experience or equivalent as a Registered Nurse in an intensive care unit within the last five years is required for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration.
7. Successful completion of an approved statistics course or a waiver examination within the last five years. Those applicants applying to the Nurse Anesthesia concentration must have completed a three (3) credit undergraduate or graduate statistics course with a grade of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better within the last five years.
8. Submission of a college application with a written essay of 150-200 words, typed and double-spaced, that addresses the applicant's career goals and motivations for graduate study in the selected area of specialty nursing practice: nurse practitioner, CNS-Ed or nurse anesthetist.
9. Submission of three letters of recommendation and a curriculum vita. For those applicants applying to the Nurse Anesthesia concentration, the reference letters must be from a source that has direct knowledge of the applicant's work and educational experience specifying the applicant's ability to do graduate work.
10. Completion of an admission interview with the College of Nursing faculty.
11. If the applicant's native language is not English, the applicant must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language with a total score of 580 (paper version) or 21 (computer version). Equivalent scores on the English Language Center Test may be submitted.
12. If the applicant's native language is not English, the applicant must complete the Educational Testing Service Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a score of 50 or above.

For additional information, call 800.605.6424 or visit www.nursing.msu.edu

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