



A DEGREE FOR WORKING ADULTS

- Enroll as a part time or full time student
- Begin each fall, spring, or summer
- All courses are offered fully online with some additional sections offered in a face-to-face format
- Class sizes never exceed 15 students
- All faculty are Edgewood College faculty based in Madison, WI

FOUR MSN CONCENTRATIONS

MSN ADMINISTRATION

The MSN Administration concentration (30 credits) is designed for individuals who are, or are planning on becoming middle to executive level nurse leaders. Courses focus on health care policy, nursing delivery systems, resource management, and program evaluation. Complementary business courses provide the administrative foundation and opportunities for collaboration with students from other disciplines.

MSN EDUCATION

The MSN Education concentration (33 credits) is designed for nursing professionals who want to be better prepared to teach clients, staff and students. It provides students with additional preparation in educational principles and theory to support in their teaching roles. Courses focus on areas such as planning education programs or courses and teaching strategies.

MSN CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST GENERAL & ADULT GERONTOLOGY

The MSN Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) (45 credits) and the MSN-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Gerontology (48 credits) are designed for nursing professionals who want to utilize evidence-based practice to care for and support patients across all stages of their health continuum. Courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and advanced clinical practice prepare graduates as expert practitioners while coursework focusing on enhancing knowledge of healthcare systems, leadership strategies, education methods, and applying evidence-based scholarship to practice prepare graduates as expert clinical educators and leaders. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the Clinical Nurse Specialist certification exam.

MSN FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP)

The MSN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration (45 credits) is designed for nursing professionals seeking to expand their scope of practice to providing direct care for patients across the lifespan. Through didactic courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and differential diagnoses as well as advanced practice clinical experiences, this program imparts the expertise needed to manage the primary health care needs of patients, families, and the community. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam.



“I have had the privilege of going through both Edgewood’s Undergraduate and Graduate programs in Nursing. These programs lay the foundation of the science of nursing, but also give their students the gift of understanding the art of nursing. The focus of Edgewood’s program is not only on how to do the job well, but also why it matters. Edgewood’s nursing program is about taking care of people. The dignity and respect that the school has for the profession in conjunction with the Dominican values of Justice, Compassion, Partnership, Community, and Truth have prepared me to lead change and impact the profession that I and so many others hold very dear to our hearts. In a time when healthcare is vigorously changing, I cannot speak highly enough of the integrity of this program.”

Anna Schaal - RN, MSN

Professional Development Specialist in the Nursing Education, UPH-Meriter

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for any of the student classifications except non-degree must meet all of the requirements for admission to the graduate programs.

1. Provide evidence of a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from a nursing program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for regular admission status. The cumulative grade point average is computed on the highest degree held at the time of application to the Edgewood College graduate program.
2. Complete and submit graduate application (including \$30 fee) to Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions.
3. Request that official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate academic credits received from any post-secondary institutions be sent directly to Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions.
4. Provide two letters of recommendation from nursing supervisors, and/or colleagues who can focus on the candidate's probability of success in graduate school.
5. Submit a written statement, no more than 500 words, addressing your ambition to be admitted specifically into Edgewood College's MSN program. Please also comment on your past educational and professional experiences that will foster your growth and success in this program.
6. Currently hold a license as a registered professional nurse.

Application Deadlines:

- August 1st for fall
- January 1st for spring
- May 1st for summer

International students must contact the Admissions Office regarding additional admission requirements.



We want to hear from you! For a personal consultation about our graduate nursing programs contact:

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses for All Concentrations:

- NRS 600 Clinical Prevention: Assessment & Planning for Aggregates
- NRS 612 Theoretical Foundations of Role Development for the Nurse Leader
- NRS 625 Healthcare Systems and Policy
- NRS 665 Applied Statistics
- NRS 670 Translational Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice

Required Courses for Administration Concentration:

- NRS 615 Healthcare Financing and Regulatory Environments
- NRS 635 Foundations of the Healthcare System
- NRS 645 Advanced Leadership Roles in the Healthcare System
- NRS 735 Nursing Practicum
- BUS 601/603/616 Business Elective

Required Courses for Education Concentration:

- NRS 640 Curriculum and Instruction in Nursing
- NRS 675 Teaching Methodology in Nursing Education
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 735 Nursing Practicum

Required Courses for Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration:

- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 645 Advanced Leadership Roles in the Healthcare System
- NRS 675 Teaching Methodology in Nursing Education
- *NRS 690 Caring for the Middle-Aged and Older Adult (required for the MSN-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Gerontology)
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 711 Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 712 Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 713 Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

Required Courses for Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration:

- NRS 615 Healthcare Financing and Regulatory Environments
- NRS 645 Advanced Leadership Roles in the Healthcare System
- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 711 Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 712 Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 713 Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics



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