



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

SIX MSN CONCENTRATIONS

MSN CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST GENERAL & ADULT GERONTOLOGY

The MSN Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) (42 credits) and the MSN-Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Gerontology (45 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 Adult Gerontology certification exam if completing the Adult Gerontology CNS concentration.

MSN COMPREHENSIVE

The MSN Comprehensive Concentration (30-36 credits) is designed for individuals who are, or are planning on becoming, nurse leaders, educators, or advanced practice nurses. Coursework focuses on health care policy, nursing delivery systems, resource management, teaching strategies, advanced concepts, informatics, and program evaluation.

MSN NURSE PRACTITIONER – FAMILY (FNP) & ADULT GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE (AGPCNP)

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. The MSN Adult Gerontology Primary Care (AGPCNP) concentration (48 credits) is designed for nursing professionals seeking to expand their scope of practice to providing direct care for young adults, adults, older adults, and elderly. Through didactic courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and differential diagnoses as well as advanced practice clinical experiences, the FNP and AGPCNP programs impart the expertise needed to manage the primary health care needs of patients, families, and the community. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the FNP certification exam or the AGPCNP certification exam.

MSN PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) concentration (51 credits) is designed for nursing professionals seeking to expand their scope of practice to providing psychiatric, mental, and emotional health care to patients across the lifespan. Through didactic courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology/psychopharmacology, psychotherapy, diagnostics, and mental health management, as well as advanced practice clinical experiences, this program imparts the expertise needed to manage the psychiatric and mental health care needs of diverse populations in a variety of care settings. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the PMHNP certification exam.



“I chose to attend Edgewood University for my Doctorate in Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership because I had such a great history of working with wonderful nurses of great quality who attended Edgewood University—as well as other nursing leaders throughout my career.”

Edgewood University came at a perfect time of my career as I was embarking on a senior leadership level role, and having that academic underpinning in nursing practice really challenged some of my leadership beliefs as well as opened my mind to other ways of thinking about how to lead.”

Dr. Sally Frings | Chief Nursing Officer at Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin

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 University graduate program.
2. Complete and submit graduate application to the Office of Adult & Graduate Admissions.
3. Request that official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate academic credits received from any post-secondary institutions be sent directly to the Office of Adult & Graduate 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 University'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.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

• August 1 for fall

• January 1 for spring

• May 1 for summer

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Required courses for all degree concentrations include:

- NRS 600 Clinical Prevention: Assessment and Planning for Aggregates
- NRS 612 Theoretical Foundations of Role Development for the Nurse Leader 2
- NRS 625 Healthcare Systems and Policy
- NRS 645 Advanced Leadership Roles in the Healthcare System
- NRS 665 Applied Statistics
- NRS 670 Evidence-Based Practice

Students completing the Comprehensive Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 631 Curriculum, Instruction, and Methodology in Nursing Education
- NRS 700 Advanced Pathophysiology, Physical Assessment, and Pharmacology*
- NRS 735 Nursing Practicum
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

*students may choose to take three P's separately

Students completing the CNS Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 717 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 718 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 719 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

Students completing the CNS in Adult Gerontology Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 690 Caring for the Adult and Older Adult
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 717 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 718 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 719 CNS Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

Students completing the FNP Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 696A Equity & Management of Diverse Populations for the Nurse Practitioner
- NRS 696D Transition to Practice for the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 711 FNP Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 712 FNP Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 713 FNP Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

Students completing the AGPCNP Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 680 Differential Diagnosis
- NRS 690 Caring for the Adult and Older Adult
- NRS 696A Equity & Management of Diverse Populations for the Nurse Practitioner
- NRS 696D Transition to Practice for the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment

- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 720 AGPCNP Advanced Practice Clinical I
- NRS 721 AGPCNP Advanced Practice Clinical II
- NRS 722 AGPCNP Advanced Practice Clinical III
- NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

Students completing the PMHNP Concentration will take the following additional courses:

- NRS 691 Neuropathophysiology
- NRS 692 Introduction to Psychotherapy/ Psychiatric Interviewing & Common Major Psychopathological Disorder Basics
- NRS 693 Diagnostics, Management, Psychopharmacology & Evidence-Based Treatment II
- NRS 694 Diagnostics, Management, Psychopharmacology & Evidence-Based Treatment II
- NRS 695 Diagnostics, Management, Psychopharmacology & Evidence-Based Treatment III
- NRS 696A Equity and Management of Mental Healthcare in Diverse Populations
- NRS 696B Transition to Psychiatric Mental Health Practice
- NRS 701 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NRS 702 Advanced Physical Assessment
- NRS 703 Advanced Pharmacology
- NRS 714 Clinical Practicum I: Psych Mental Health Nurse Practice - Family
- NRS 715 Clinical Practicum II: Psych Mental Health Nurse Practice - Family
- NRS 716 Clinical Practicum III: Psych Mental Health Nurse Practice - Family