

### 2015-2016 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

# Degree: Master of Science in Nursing Advanced Nursing Practice Cognate

#### About This Major . . .

The Master of Science in Nursing degree provides graduates with a foundation for practice as a clinical leader in health care systems or academic settings. Graduates of master's degree programs in nursing are prepared with additional knowledge and clinical expertise building on baccalaureate nursing practice. The MSN program at Colorado Mesa University is based on the "Essentials of Masters Education for Advanced Nursing Practice" identified by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The MSN program is designed for students already possessing a baccalaureate degree in nursing and adds the first graduate step on the nursing career ladder at Colorado Mesa University. MSN graduates will be prepared to advance to higher levels of nursing education including Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or Doctoral of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) programs. The program is a hybrid format, providing flexibility for students to remain in their current work positions and home communities in western Colorado using online course delivery methods. Opportunities for personal interaction are included with faculty and peers in focused intensive sessions at selected points during each semester. Clinical immersion experiences will be arranged in health care settings across the region.

All CMU master-level graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, a **Master of Arts in Nursing** (Advanced Nursing Practice) graduate will be able to:

- 1. Contribute to scholarly advancement in the chosen field by completing projects individually and collaboratively. (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
- 2. Employ discipline-specific logical, mathematical, statistical methods, or other analytical processes to address a topic or issue. (Quantitative Fluency)
- 3. Create oral and written arguments or explanations, well-grounded in discipline-specific theories and methods, for specified audiences. (Communication Fluency)
- 4. Formulate and evaluate hypotheses as related to research problems, issues, concepts, and various perspectives. (Critical Thinking)
- 5. Synthesize, evaluate, or refine the information base of various scholarly sources. (Information Literacy)
- 6. Articulate moral, ethical, legal, or professional challenges within the discipline. (Ethical Reasoning)

#### POLICIES:

- 1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see the Department of Health Sciences for a complete list of graduation requirements.
- 2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.
- 3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to the Nursing Graduate Program Director during the semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.
- 4. The Nursing Graduate Program Director will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
- 5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
- 6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.

NAME:	STUDENT ID #	
LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:		
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I, (Signature) on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next seme	or those courses is the final course grade received except for	r the courses in which I am
Signature of MSN Graduate Program Director	Date	20
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Signature of Department Head	Date	
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Signature of Registrar	Date	

Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration.

Degree Requirements:

- Admission to the program follows the general admissions policies & procedures for graduate programs outlined in the university catalog.
- A bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university is required, prior to beginning the program. Applicants must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better in baccalaureate nursing coursework.
- 36 Semester Hours are required for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree.
- No class grade lower than a "B" will be counted toward the degree.
- Applicants must hold a current, unrestricted license to practice as a registered nurse in their State of Practice.
- It is recommended that students work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting courses and scheduling classes prior to registration.

Course No Title Sem.hrs Grade Term

## **I. Required Core Courses** (18 Semester Hours):

NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations	3	
NURS 501 Nursing Research Methods	3	
NURS 502 Health Information Systems	3	
NURS 503 Organizational Leadership	3	
NURS 504 Health Policy	3	
NURS 505 Quality Improvement	3	

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II. Advanced Nursing Practice Cognate (15 Semester						
Hours):						
NURS 525 Pathophysiologic Concepts	3					
NURS 526 Pharmacology for ANP	3					
NURS 527 Health Assessment for ANP	3					
NURS 530 Chronic Illness Management	t 3					
NURS 535 Health Prom & Disease Prev	7 3					
IV. Capstone or Thesis (3 Semes	ter Hou	rs):				
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NURS 575 Capstone Practice Project	3					
V. Other Requirements:						
Completion of Oral Comprehensive Exa	ım:	Pass/Fail				
Date completed:						

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A MAJOR IN MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING – ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COGNATE

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor to develop a degree plan. Students may take more or less courses, but must complete all program requirements within four years.

	YEAR ONE			
Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester H	<u> Iours</u>	
NURS 501: Nursing Research Methods	3	NURS 500: Theoretical Foundations	3	
NURS 525: Pathophysiologic Concepts	<u>3</u> 6	NURS 503: Organizational Leadership	<u>3</u>	
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Summer Semester	Hours			
NURS 527: Health Assessment	3			
NURS 530: Chronic Illness	3 <u>3</u> 6			
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Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester H	<u>Hours</u>	
NURS 502: Health Information Systems	3	NURS 505: Quality Improvement	3	
NURS 504: Health Policy	<u>3</u>	NURS 526: Pharmacology for Advanced Practitioners	3	
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Summer Semester	Hours			
NURS 535: Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	on <u>3</u> 3			
	3			
	YEAR	THREE		
Fall Semester	Hours			
NURS 575: Capstone	3			
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