



# Cleveland State University

## School of Nursing

Dear Prospective Graduate Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in Cleveland State University and the School of Nursing. Enclosed is the information about our Master of Science in Nursing Program. The program begins in the Fall Semester of every year. This is a part-time, online program, designed to be completed in approximately two years. However, the University allows students up to 6 years to complete a graduate degree. Additional information about the various tracks offered may be found in the enclosed sheet, and on our website at <http://www.csuohio.edu/nursing/>.

The Nursing Program at Cleveland State University is small and selective, providing students with the opportunity to work with a caring and supportive faculty who are recognized experts in their field of specialization. Application to the Master's Program involves the following requirements:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- An undergraduate or graduate-level statistics course completed in the last five years
- A valid, active license as a Registered Nurse in your US state of residence
- Submission of an Application for Admission to Graduate Admissions
- Submission of official academic transcripts from all schools attended to Graduate Admissions
- Submission of a School of Nursing Graduate Programs Application to Graduate Admissions
- Contact information for two professional references
- Submission of a 3-5 page essay identifying your population of interest and your plans for the degree to Graduate Admissions
- GMAT or GRE scores (for those pursuing an MSN/MBA only)

If you have not already applied to Cleveland State University, you may do so at <http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admissions/apply.html>. You will find the Application for Admission there and additional information on the graduate admissions process. You may also contact the Graduate Admissions Office at (216) 687-5599.

If you have any questions about the Master of Science in Nursing program, please feel free to contact us on our main line at (216) 687-3598 and ask to speak to the Graduate Nursing Program Recruiter/Advisor.

Thank you again for your interest in Cleveland State University and the School of Nursing. We look forward to working with you!

Attachments

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### **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Population Focus**

CSU's on-line Master's program prepares RN's for specialized practice in population care. Population care examines the needs of people in defined groups, taking into account attributes that influence each (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 meeting the needs of the aggregate across 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 on-line with the exception of the practicum courses. Courses are offered on a part-time basis. In the MSN Program, students may choose one of four tracks:

#### **Specialized Population**

This track allows for maximum choice for students to study a select population of interest, and prepares them for specialized practice in population health care. Students identify a population based on their previous professional 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 healthcare 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**

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. Students will acquire the in-depth knowledge and skill that interfaces nursing with the law, forensic science, law enforcement, mental health and health care.

## 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, and 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 James J. Nance College of Business Administration and the School of Nursing. All nursing courses in the MSN/MBA program are taught on-line (except practica), while the business courses are both web and classroom based. Courses may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis.

## Graduate Certificate Programs

### School Nurse Licensure Preparation Certificate

The School Nurse program prepares nurses to apply for licensure through the Ohio Department of Education as a School Nurse. Offered in cooperation with the College of Education and Human Services, the curriculum is aligned with the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Roles and Standards.

### Nursing Education Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Education provides nurses the skills needed for the education and clinical supervision of both student nurses and professional nurses in clinical settings. Holders of this certificate may seek employment in schools of nursing, continuing education programs, and in organizational and leadership education programs in health care facilities.

### Gerontological Studies Certificate

This interdisciplinary certificate is designed to assist students in developing careers in fields that provide services for the growing population of older adults. Courses are offered in three specializations: clinical/intervention roles, gerontological policy/program development, and academic/applied research. For more information, contact the Department of Health Sciences (216) 687-3567.

For further information on the admission process and a graduate application form visit the CSU Graduate Admissions Office website at <http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admissions/apply.html>.

For more information about the graduate Nursing programs and to obtain an application packet, please visit the School of Nursing Website:

<http://www.csuohio.edu/nursing/>

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### Application for Admission Graduate Programs

#### I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Former Name(s)
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone # (H/W/C)	Telephone # (H/W/C)
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Email Address (H/W)	Email Address (H/W)
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RN License #	State	Expiration
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Place of Employment	Unit/Department	Position
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#### II. ENROLLMENT PLANS

I am applying for Fall \_\_\_\_\_

The track in which I am interested is

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSN                    | <input type="checkbox"/> MSN/MBA                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Nurse Leader  | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Education                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forensic Nursing       | <input type="checkbox"/> School Nurse Licensure Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Population |   |

Population of choice: \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. ESSAY

Please submit an essay identifying your population of interest; and explain why you want to earn an MSN; how such a graduate degree fulfills your personal and professional goals; and the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and competencies which you hope to develop during the educational process. Your essay must be typed and should be at least three (3) full pages, not exceeding five (5) pages.

*Instructions for formatting the essay may be found on the School of Nursing's website in the Graduate Programs FAQ.*

#### IV. PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Please provide contact information for two (2) professional references (professors, supervisors, or colleagues).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You MUST include your NAME on the top of each page. DO NOT staple pages together, as each page of the application packet will be scanned electronically into the Graduate Admissions database for distribution to the School of Nursing's Admissions, Progression, & Academic Standards Committee. Note that applications are only valid for one calendar year.

#### VI. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to provide Cleveland State University with all required application materials and fulfill all requirements necessary for admission. In signing below, I also give permission for the School of Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee to contact my references.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Completed degree-seeking applications must be submitted by **March 1**.  
Applications received after the deadline may be considered on a space-available basis.  
No applications will be considered after July 1.  
All application materials must be submitted to

Admissions Processing  
Cleveland State University  
2121 Euclid Avenue, KB 1400  
Cleveland, OH 44115-2214

*Cleveland State University is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in employment and education. No person at the University will be denied opportunity for employment or education or be subject to discrimination in any project, program or activity because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, handicap or disability, disabled veteran, Vietnam era veteran or protected veteran status.*