



School of Nursing

Master of Science (MS) Degree Programs Information and Application Materials

Thank you for your interest in our MS programs. Our graduate curriculum is designed to prepare nurses for advanced practice in a clinical specialty or in nursing administration. Entering students apply to specialty tracks.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ A bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited college or university;
- ◆ A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for the entire undergraduate record, or 3.0 or better for the last two years of a bachelor's degree program;
- ◆ Current Connecticut RN license;
- ◆ A three-credit undergraduate statistics courses completed with a grade of C or better;
- ◆ A three-credit undergraduate research course completed with a grade of C or better;
- ◆ Comprehensive health assessment knowledge for professional nursing praxis; documented by a three-credit course or its equivalent for students enrolling in individual specialty tracks;
- ◆ Contemporary nursing and related science knowledge in order to be successful in the advanced courses within the graduate program.

UPON ACCEPTANCE OF ADMISSION

- ◆ Letter of acceptance
- ◆ Health insurance

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following must be submitted to the Graduate School through the online application at <http://www.grad.uconn.edu> and uploaded in the application:

- 1 Official transcripts from **all** previous undergraduate and graduate coursework
- 2 The Application fee
- 3 A photocopy of the RN license;
- 4 Three letters of reference;
- 5 A copy of your curriculum vitae or resume; and
- 6 A personal letter of application

Applications are accepted through January 31st. Rolling admissions will be available thereafter for programs with space available. For Financial Aid consideration application deadline for Fall enrollment is March 1.

*RNs who do not have a BS in nursing are encouraged to apply to our accelerated RN to MS program. They need to submit an undergraduate application to Transfer Admissions at <http://www.admissions.uconn.edu/content/transfer>.

NON-DEGREE OR TRANSFER COURSEWORK

Prospective applicants who have not been officially admitted to the graduate program may take courses on a non-degree basis. Should they later be admitted to the program, usually no more than six credits of "B" quality work or better will be counted toward graduation.

FULL-PART-TIME STUDY

Both full-time and part-time study are available. Full-time study is encouraged for its educational benefits as well as access to financial assistance.

LOCATION OF CLASSES

Lecture courses usually meet once a week for three to four hours. Courses are primarily offered on the Storrs Campus in either morning, afternoon or evening time slots. Core courses are offered via distance technology to Hartford, UConn Health Center and/or Avery Point in either afternoon or evening time slots. Clinical practicums are offered in a variety of sites throughout Connecticut and nationally when appropriate.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- ◆ **Federal Nurse Traineeship** applications are distributed to all matriculated students each spring via the School's master's listserv. Federal funds are available for tuition assistance on a semester-by-semester basis.
- ◆ **Graduate Teaching Assistantships** in the School of Nursing are available to full-time students. Reimbursement includes tuition waiver, health care benefits, and a stipend. A minimum of 10 hours a week is required. Applications are made available, on-line, to all matriculated students each spring.
- ◆ **University Scholarships & Financial Aid Opportunities** are listed in the "Graduate Catalog". You may request a catalog by calling the Graduate Admissions Office (860) 486-3617 or visiting <http://catalog.grad.uconn.edu>.
- ◆ **New England Regional Student Program** offers special tuition rates to out-of-state students enrolled in certain graduate degree programs at UConn. Contact the NEBHE, 45 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111 for more information.
- ◆ **School of Nursing Scholarships** for more information about any of our programs, please visit us on the web www.nursing.uconn.edu

RN to MS

Registered nurse graduates of associate degree or diploma programs who hold licenses to practice in Connecticut may apply for admission. To be eligible to receive advanced placement credit, registered nurse graduates must meet the following requirements: hold a valid license in Connecticut as a Registered Nurse (RN); fulfill the admissions requirements for the University; and are accepted by the University. The minimum number of credits to be awarded for nursing content from an associate degree or diploma nursing program is 30 semester credits. The School awards 30 credits to RN students demonstrating required competency. The number of credits transferred cannot exceed the number of credits earned.

All previously-completed coursework is eligible for transfer review. The University of Connecticut will not accept general education credits for courses in which a grade below C was earned. Please note that the School of Nursing has a minimum C grade requirement in numerous courses, as specified under the Scholastic Standing Requirement, which follow.

Transcripts are evaluated for admission on an individual basis. Applicants may request evaluation of their records for awarding credits for other standardized examinations and experiential background that are part of the curriculum.

APPLICATION

RN applicants who have earned an associate degree or a diploma in nursing must complete the University's Undergraduate Application and indicate their status as a transfer student. Visit the web site at www.admissions.uconn.edu/content/transfer.

RN applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing need to apply for admission directly to the Graduate School at the University. Visit the web site at www.grad.uconn.edu/applications.html.

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

For Registered Nurses with a master's degree in nursing, who wish to complete the track requirements for a different specialty area. The program will consist of several master's level practicum courses and their associated theory courses. Faculty coordinators may require additional coursework based on an individual portfolio review. Coursework is completed as a non-degree student: therefore, Post-Master's Certificate students are not eligible for financial aid. Applicants must have a minimum of 3.0 grade point average from their MS in nursing program.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND US ON THE WEB

www.nursing.uconn.edu

Directions

<http://www.newhusky.uconn.edu/travel.htm>

Parking at UConn: Visitors to campus are directed to park in either the metered areas (not to exceed 45 minutes) or the North Parking Garage. For information about parking garage rates and hours, [link here](#) or call (860) 486-6267. For more information about parking at UConn, [link here](#).