

**Master of
Science in Nursing
Direct Entry
as Second Degree
(The MIDAS
Program)**

XAVIER

GRADUATE DEGREE FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Xavier University provides nurses with the opportunity to obtain advanced level preparation in nursing science. Graduates of the program are prepared to assume professional leadership roles that encompass educational, consultative and managerial functions. They are prepared to design and establish delivery services in response to health care policy changes.

The Master of Science in Nursing: Direct Entry as Second Degree (MIDAS) program at Xavier University is designed for mature, goal-directed individuals who have a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than nursing who desire to be a licensed registered nurse (RN).

The 20-month MIDAS program is a five-semester (including one summer), full-time program of study. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The student graduates with a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

The MIDAS program is futuristic in including the new clinical nurse leader (CNL) role within this generic master's program. The clinical nurse leader is an innovative nursing model developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to prepare graduate nurse leaders for reforming the health care delivery system and putting best practice into action.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The graduate of the program of study leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree will:

1. Synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from the humanities and the sciences, including nursing, and evaluate it for its use in guiding nursing research and practice.
2. Exhibit competence and confidence when assuming role responsibilities as a graduate with advanced-level preparation.
3. Exemplify moral and ethical leadership through a concern for others, the management of nursing care, and a commitment to professional excellence in the delivery of health care and the profession.
4. Evaluate issues and opportunities in health care delivery from ethical, sociopolitical, technological and historical frameworks while providing leadership for change.
5. Validate and extend nursing knowledge through interpretation of and collaboration in nursing research.
6. Communicate orally and in writing in a scholarly manner.
7. Develop in-depth knowledge in a concentrated area of study.

MIDAS Concentration Objectives:

- a. Successful completion of course content necessary for licensure as a registered nurse.
- b. Apply art and science of nursing to the role of the clinical nurse leader.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Prerequisite courses required by the first day of class but not necessarily at the time of application: Anatomy and Physiology (lectures and laboratories), Microbiology (lecture only) and Statistics. Note: Credits must be within five years.
- Graduate nursing application.
- Application fee of \$35.
- One official transcript from all colleges/universities attended.
- Official copy of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
- Three references.
- Current résumé.
- Personal essay describing career goals, ability for two years of full-time study and future plans for employment.
- A personal interview may be required.
- International students must submit additional documents for admission as required by the University. Contact the Office of Graduate Services at 513-745-3360 for further information.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

It is important for a prospective nursing student to know that a past felony or misdemeanor conviction related to drugs may disqualify him/her from taking the state licensure examination (as outlined in Section 4723.28 of the Ohio Revised Code).

To apply for admission, applicants may either:

- Apply online and download required admission forms (reference forms, essay instructions and transcript request form), or
- Download the application form as well as required admission forms (reference forms, essay instructions and transcript request form), or
- Request an application packet to be mailed to a home address. See the final page of this fact sheet for contact information.

CURRICULUM

The MIDAS program requires five semesters (two academic years plus one summer) of full-time study. Listed below is the curriculum for the program.

First Semester (Fall)

NURS 550 Nursing Perspectives I.....	3	semester hours
NURS 501 Theoretical Bases for Nursing Practice	3	semester hours
NURS 502 Nursing Research.....	3	semester hours
NURS 552 Art and Science of Nursing	4	semester hours
NURS 553 Art and Science of Nursing Practicum	2	semester hours
NURS 554 Essentials of Pathophysiology	3	semester hours
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>semester hours</i>

Second Semester (Spring)

NURS 560 Nursing Perspectives II.....	3	semester hours
NURS 562 Art and Science of Family Nursing.....	4	semester hours
NURS 563 Art and Science of Family Nursing Practicum.....	2	semester hours
NURS 564 Art and Science of Adult Nursing	4	semester hours
NURS 565 Art and Science of Adult Nursing Practicum	2	semester hours
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>semester hours</i>

Third Semester (Summer)

NURS 650 Art and Science of Advanced Nursing	6	semester hours
NURS 651 Art and Science of Advanced Nursing Practicum	3	semester hours
NURS 652 Art and Science of Psychiatric Nursing	2	semester hours
NURS 653 Art and Science of Psychiatric Nursing Practicum.....	1	semester hour
NURS 654 Advanced Pharmacology	2	semester hours
NURS 656 Advanced Pathophysiology	2	semester hours
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>semester hours</i>

Fourth Semester (Fall)

NURS 750 Nursing Perspectives III.....	3	semester hours
NURS 503 Epidemiologic Methods in Health Care.....	3	semester hours
NURS 752 Community Nursing/Public Health Policy	4	semester hours
NURS 753 Community Nursing/Public Health Policy Practicum	2	semester hours
NURS 754 Leadership and Management Concepts	3	semester hours
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>semester hours</i>

Fifth Semester (Spring)

NURS 850 Nursing Perspectives IV	3	semester hours
NURS 500 Health Care Ethics for Nursing Leaders	3	semester hours
NURS 852 Leadership for Quality	2	semester hours
NURS 854 Advanced Informatics.....	3	semester hours
NURS 851 Leadership Practicum	4	semester hours
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>semester hours</i>

Each practicum credit hour is equal to four clock hours per week.

Total semester hours required for the MIDAS program: 79 semester hours

FINANCIAL AID

Some scholarship support is available through Xavier University for those students admitted to the graduate program. Traineeship funding may be available for eligible candidates. Contact the School of Nursing for information. Some health care agencies in the Greater Cincinnati region offer tuition assistance plans to nurses pursuing advanced studies.

ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL

The MSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The address for CCNE is Department 210, Washington, D.C. 20055-0210. This agency can be reached by calling 202 887-6791. The cost of tuition and fees is made available yearly in a brochure distributed by the office of graduate services. Information on the costs is reported to and made available from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The MIDAS program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) for fulfilling all prelicensure requirements. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nurses. Information about the OBN can be obtained from their web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov.

Xavier's undergraduate and MIDAS nursing programs are endorsed by the American Holistic Nursing Certification Corporation (AHNCC). This endorsement by the AHNCC permits graduates of the MIDAS program to sit for the holistic nurse certification examination once the graduate has passed the state board licensure examination. Only 16 universities in the nation have this endorsement and the MIDAS program is one of the first graduate programs with this outstanding endorsement.

OTHER NURSING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT XAVIER

Graduate Programs for Registered Nurses:

MSN program with concentrations in administration, education, forensics, health care law, informatics and school nursing

RN to MSN program for registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma in nursing

MSN/MBA dual degree with the Williams College of Business

MSN/MEd dual degree with the department of education

MSN/MSCJ with the department of criminal justice

Undergraduate Program

Four-year BSN prelicensure program

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