MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION

Students who choose the administration concentration are provided with an in-depth study of nursing leadership principles and practices for the improvement of nursing practice and the investigation and resolution of nursing health care issues and problems. In addition, an integrated dual degree with the Williams College of Business is offered to students enrolled in the administration concentration for whom the MSN/MBA would enhance career opportunities through the additional study of business courses.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Apply macro- and micro-concepts of administrative practice to health care delivery services.
2. Assess organizational structures, cultures, leadership and power in order to understand and manage organizational behaviors.
3. Understand the complexities of finance in health care delivery.
4. Explore the role of the nurse administrator in planning, decision making and directing change for the delivery of quality health care services.

CONCENTRATION (10 semester hours)

NURS 630 Organizational Behavior for Nursing Leaders..... 3
NURS 636 Financial Management for Nurse Executives..... 2
NURS 632 Management Processes for Nursing Leaders 3
Guided Elective..... 2

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING CLINICAL NURSE LEADER (CNL) CONCENTRATION

The clinical nurse leader role is a national initiative developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in 2004 to futuristically address quality, safety and fragmentation in the delivery of health care. Students who choose the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) concentration will be prepared to meet the health care needs of a growing population requiring complex care. The CNL role is a proactive, integrative and comprehensive role that will assist a variety of direct care providers in bringing the best of health care science and practice to the point of direct patient care.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Apply art and science of nursing to the role of the clinical nurse leader at the point of care.
2. Communicate effectively across health care disciplines.
3. Ensure quality and safety in health care delivery.
4. Implement and coordinate the best practice at the point of care and across settings.
5. Integrate knowledge of nursing theory, research, epidemiology, informatics, ethics, health care policy, economics, health care finances and leadership into the management of health care delivery.

CONCENTRATION (15 semester hours)

The MSN CNL concentration requires a total of 43 semester hours. The program can be completed with full-time study in four semesters or with part-time study in seven semesters.

NURS 556 Introduction to CNL for RNs 3
NURS 602 Applying CNL Concepts for RNs 3
NURS 658 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology for RNs 3
NURS 680 Advanced Pathophysiology for RNs..... 3
NURS 756 Advanced Health Assessment for the RN..... 3

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Students enrolled in the education concentration are required to have a minimum of 10 concentration hours. All students will take NURS 660, NURS 662 and NURS 664. Students may then choose either NURS 668 Roles of Nursing Faculty or NURS 670 Roles of the Corporate/Staff Educator, depending upon individual career goals.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Expand knowledge of the principles and techniques of education in modern society.
2. Enhance specific knowledge in the development and provision of education programs.
3. Apply education principles to the education of student nurses, nurses and the public.

CONCENTRATION (10 semester hours)

A minimum of 10 credit hours are to be selected with consultation from concentration coordinator. Specific courses are to be determined based on individual career objectives.

Required:

NURS 660 Dev. of the Adult Learner in Health Care..... 3
NURS 662 Advanced Technology and Simulation..... 3
NURS 664 Teaching Strategies..... 2

Select one:

NURS 668 Roles of Nursing Faculty..... 2
or NURS 670 Roles of the Corporate/Staff Educator 2

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FORENSIC CONCENTRATION

The forensic concentration is intended to prepare nursing graduate students for further studies in various clinical roles such as sexual assault nurse examiner, forensic psychiatric nurse, legal nurse consultant, forensic nursing death investigator and/or nurse coroner.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Interface with other health care disciplines and the criminal justice system.
2. Apply forensic nursing principles to the promotion of health care and safety in the community.
3. Promote early identification and prevent potential abuse of children, adults and the elderly.
4. Discuss trauma and death and the collection, preservation and documentation of related evidence.
5. Apply expert witness skills and legal consultation in investigations related to violence and trauma.

CONCENTRATION (minimum of 10 semester hours)

The courses in the forensic concentration are individualized so as to give an in-depth application of nursing principles in both criminal and civil investigations and legal matters.

NURS 648 Foundations of Forensic Nursing ..... (4)
NURS 642 Psych/Social/Legal Aspects of Forensics 2
CJUS 439 Criminalistics II or CJUS 449 Criminalistics III ... 3
Elective(s) (Requires the approval of an advisor).....(1+)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING HEALTH CARE LAW CONCENTRATION

Students who choose the health care law concentration are provided with advanced study of legal issues surrounding the health care industry. The health care law concentration is designed for nurses seeking a career in which they would apply their advanced nursing knowledge to legal issues in a variety of settings, including risk management and legal nurse consulting. Nurses currently working in administration or forensics also may want to choose a graduate degree with a health care law concentration to enhance their roles in health care administration or as expert witnesses.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Synthesize the principles and processes of law that govern health care practice.
2. Identify roles professional nurses fulfill in the legal environment.
3. Apply principles of criminal law and procedures to a variety of investigations in health care.
4. Synthesize a framework for addressing malpractice and other legal risks, performance improvement processes and insurance issues.
5. Apply research methods of legal principles to the location, collection and presentation of data for legal interpretation.

CONCENTRATION (10 semester hours)

HSEA 581 Legal Aspects of Health Care 3
NURS 611 Med./Legal Research, Writing & Presentation 2
NURS 610 Liability of Health Care Organizations & Health Care Professionals 3
NURS 642 Psych/Social/Legal Aspects of Forensics..... 2

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING SCHOOL NURSE CONCENTRATION

Students who choose the school nurse concentration are provided with advanced study of school nursing practice as an emerging complex speciality of community-focused nursing. The emphasis is on effective health care delivery in an educational setting. The program also offers school nurse licensure. Upon completion of this program, the student will have met the school nurse licensure requirements for the state of Ohio. In addition, an integrated dual degree with the Department of Education is offered to students enrolled in the school nurse concentration for whom the MSN/MEd would enhance career opportunities and advancement through the additional study of graduate education courses.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Synthesize principles of education, public health methods and nursing science in the application of school health nursing to cultural/ethnic diverse school populations.
2. Apply principles of school health nursing to the coordination of health care for students from pre-school through grade 12.
3. Evaluate the impact of social, political and environmental determinants of health on the school-age population.

CONCENTRATION (12 semester hours)

NURS 520 School Health Nursing...3
EDAD 660 Curriculum Design and Teaching Strategies 3
EDSP 500 Special Education Identification and Issues 3
NURS 707 School Nurse Practicum* 3

* This practicum may be waived for those who hold school nurse licensure. The student should consult the concentration advisor for further information.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING INFORMATICS CONCENTRATION

The informatics concentration is intended to prepare the graduate as an informatics nurse specialist (INS) eligible for American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification. The concentration focus combines foundational science and theoretical concepts that define nursing informatics as a discipline. Leadership, management and organizational concepts are integrated into the concentration. Application projects will prepare the graduate to work in various roles as an INS within a complex healthcare system. Major topic areas include: human factors considerations in technology, information technology, system life cycle, models and theories, professional practice, trends and issues, information management, knowledge generation and decision making, and current technologies and initiatives in e-health and tele-health.

CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

1. Prepare MSN graduates for roles as informatics nurse specialists (INS).
2. Prepare graduates for ANCC informatics certification eligibility.
3. Identify the concepts, science and theories that define nursing informatics.
4. Identify leadership, management and organizational concepts to support the role of the INS within a multidisciplinary milieu for various types of healthcare organizations.
5. Apply nursing informatics science to nursing practice problems.
6. Identification of appropriate technology for use in nursing practice.
7. Analysis and appraisal of the impact of technology on nursing efficiency and productivity.
8. Analysis of the ethical issues pertaining to proposed application of information technology to nursing practice.

CONCENTRATION (MINIMUM OF 10 SEMESTER HOURS)

NURS 854	Advanced Informatics	3
NURS 630	Organizational Behavior for Nursing Leaders	3
NURS 632	Management Processes for Nursing Leaders	3
NURS 695	Special Topics/Guided Study	1

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