

Healthcare and Nursing Administration

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Master of Science, Healthcare and Nursing Administration (HCNA)

Certificate

- Healthcare and Nursing Administration Post-Master's Certificate

Course Format

- Fully online

Healthcare and Nursing Administration at SIUE

The Healthcare and Nursing Administration (HCNA) program in SIUE's School of Nursing prepares nurses for entry into management positions in healthcare organizations, and refines the skills of experienced nurse managers to mentor them for executive-level positions. The courses assist graduates to become credentialed nurse executives through exams sponsored by organizations such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Organization of Nurse Executives Credentialing Center, with appropriate work experience in an administrative role. The program includes 315 practicum hours. Out-of-state students applying for this program are strongly encouraged to discuss clinical requirements with the assistant dean of graduate programs. Clinical arrangements are not able to be made in all states.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the HCNA program are prepared to guide and lead other nurses by becoming managers, leaders or executives in a variety of health care settings. Graduates will collaborate with other health care professionals to help transform patient care and improve outcomes.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- International Applicants: Proof of English Proficiency, minimum requirements are TOEFL (79), IELTS (6.5) or equivalent

School of Nursing admission decisions are based upon the following:

1. Provide professional experience, goals statement, and three reference forms (one of which should be from your current manager and two others preferably from nurses holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field).
2. Bachelor of Science in nursing (Master of Science in nursing for post-master's applicants) from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited program (Graduates from non-NLNAC or CCNE accredited programs will be considered under certain circumstances. Please contact the School of Nursing for more information.).
3. Current unencumbered RN licenses in the state where you plan to complete your practicum experience. Due to the required clinical assignments, nurse anesthesia students must possess unencumbered Illinois and Missouri RN licenses.
 - NP, NE and HCNA students, please note that if you live anywhere in or around St. Louis metro area, we strongly encourage you to hold an active Illinois and Missouri license.
 - If a student participates in any clinical practicum in a state in which they are not licensed, the student will be referred to the appropriate Student Affairs Committee Honor Board for a Level 4 violation of the Academic Integrity Statement.
4. Minimum undergraduate (graduate for post-master's applicants) nursing GPA of 3.0/4.0.
5. Preferred minimum undergraduate (graduate for post-master's applicants) science GPA of 3.0/4.0.
6. Preferred minimum overall undergraduate (graduate for post-master's applicants) GPA of 3.0/4.0.
7. Evidence of completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or better.
8. Completion of a minimum of one (1) year of professional nursing practice experience prior to enrollment in the first specialization clinical course.
9. Successful completion of a drug screen and a criminal background check, as specified by the School of Nursing, to be performed after initial acceptance to the program.



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Sample Curriculum (subject to change)

The program for the Master of Science in nursing consists of 33 semester hours for healthcare and nursing administration.

NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing 3

PAPA 561 Biostats/Epidemiology 3

NURS 504 Research in Advanced Nursing Practice 3

NURS 505 Health Policy and Advanced Nursing Practice 3

NURS 510 Healthcare Informatics 3

NURS 590 Organizational Behavioral and Leadership for Nurse Executives (2.5 credits didactic, .5 credit practicum) 3

NURS 592 Healthcare Finance and Budgeting (2.5 credits didactic, .5 credit practicum) 3

NURS 556 Quality and Safety for Nurse Executives (2 credits didactic, 1 credit practicum) 3

NURS 593 Management of Human Resources in Health Care 3

NURS 558 Nurse Executive Leadership I (2.5 credits didactic, .5 credit practicum - Begin project) 3

NURS 594 Nurse Executive Leadership II (2 credits didactic, 1 credit practicum - Complete project) 3

School of Nursing Retention Policy.

Scholarship appropriate for students in a School of Nursing graduate program is demonstrated through satisfactory completion of course work, defined as obtaining a course grade of "A" or "B." The following retention policy applies specifically to all graduate nursing courses with the NURS prefix for degrees conferred by the School of Nursing:

1. Students who obtain a course grade of "D" or "F" in a graduate nursing specialization are withdrawn from the graduate program without the option of repeating the course.
2. Students may only earn one course grade of "C" and stay enrolled in graduate nursing programs. If a second course grade of "C" is earned, students will no longer be allowed to progress in the graduate nursing program, regardless of the cumulative GPA. Repeating a course in which there is originally a grade of "C" does not eliminate the original course grade of "C" from being applied toward this exclusion policy.
3. Per university SIUE Graduate School policy, all students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to graduate.

For more information on the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Graduate School Retention Policies, please refer to the Graduate Handbook located at http://www.siu.edu/graduatestudents/catalog/ch1/policies_academic.shtml.

Admission Requirements, Cont.

Applicants may follow-up with the graduate nursing advisor to check on status of the application. Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at graduateadmissions@siue.edu.

Review the SIUE Admissions Policy for more information.

Application Deadline

The priority application deadline is February 1 for summer applicants, June 1 for fall applicants, and November 1 for spring applicants.

Graduation Requirements

Master's Terminal Project (Master's and Post-Master's Students)

Master's students in the School of Nursing demonstrate synthesis of their course work, practicum experiences, and attainment of the master's student outcomes by creating a rigorous, scholarly, evidence-based project that incorporates a broad review of the literature from nursing and related fields, and present the project orally to students and faculty, during the final synthesis course for the specialization.

Review the graduation policy for more information.

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