Nurse Educator at SIUE

The nurse educator program is provided in an online format with three face-to-face practicum experiences provided in a variety of settings. The 270 hours of practica are individualized according to the student’s professional experience, interest and academic needs. Faculty teaching in the program offer diverse experiences, provide exciting teaching strategies and act as role models for students in the program. Out-of-state students 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. Please note that international students are ineligible to receive a student visa for this program. For more information, visit siue.edu/consumer-disclosures.

Degrees Available at SIUE

• Master of Science, Nurse Educator (NE)

Certificate

• Nurse Educator Post-Master’s Certificate

Undergraduate to Graduate Nursing Options

Qualified SIUE nursing students can apply to enroll in graduate-level courses taken during the following undergraduate programs:

• Nursing (Traditional)
• Accelerated RN-BS
• Accelerated BS in Nursing as Second Degree

What can I do with a nurse educator degree?

There is an ever-increasing need for nursing faculty as the average age of experienced faculty is rising and current instructors are reaching retirement age. Due to a faculty shortage, many qualified undergraduate and graduate applicants to nursing schools are denied entrance. Baccalaureate-prepared nurses who obtain a nurse educator master’s degree are in high demand nationally and throughout the St. Louis metropolitan region.

Priority Application Deadlines

• Summer Applicants: February 1
• Fall Applicants: June 1
• Spring Applicants: November 1
Applications may still be accepted after these deadlines if space allows.

Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees

• 33
• Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information
Admission Requirements
• Graduate School application and $40 fee
• Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
• A degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN accredited program. Graduates from non-CCNE or ACEN accredited programs may be evaluated on an individual basis. Please contact the School of Nursing for more information.
• Minimum undergraduate (graduate for post-master’s applicants) nursing GPA or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
• Submission of a personal statement
• Submission of three professional reference forms
• One must be from your current manager
• Two preferably from nurses holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field
• International Applicants: Proof of English Proficiency, minimum requirements are TOEFL (79), IELTS (6.5) or equivalent
• Please note: International students who do not live in the United States are unable to enroll in this program. No student visas are available.

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 coursework, 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 program.

Standard Program of Study
The program for the Master of Science in nursing consists of 33 semester hours for nurse educator.

Year 1 (Fall Semester)
• (3) NURS 600 Theory Guided Practice
• (3) PAPA 561 Biostats/Epidemiology
  6 - Total Credits

Year 1 (Spring Semester)
• (3) NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice & Healthcare Outcomes
• (3) NURS 606 Leadership and Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice
  6 - Total Credits

Year 1 (Summer Semester)
• (3) NURS 580 Teaching and Learning Theory, Development and Socialization in Nursing Education

Year 2 (Fall Semester)
• (3) NURS 581 Curriculum Theory, Design & Program Evaluation in Nursing Education
• (3) NURS 516 Advanced Pharmacology
  6 - Total Credits

Year 2 (Spring Semester)
• (3) NURS 518 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Educators
• (3) NURS 582 Instructional Design, Assessment & Evaluation in Nursing Education
  6 - Total Credits

Year 2 (Summer Semester)
• (3) NURS 586 Advanced Specialty Nursing Practice for Nurse Educators: Seminar (2 hours didactic, 1 hour practicum)

Year 3 (Fall Semester)
• (3) NURS 585 Nurse Educator Role Synthesis (2 hours didactic, 1 hour practicum)
• Completion of Terminal Project

Total Hours 33