The MSN program curriculum at Dillard University College of Nursing (DUCON) embodies a coherent course of study, consistent with the competencies for the novice nurse educators, nurse leaders and nurse entrepreneur’s values. Integrated throughout each program option are role specific competencies for the nurse educator, nurse administrator, and nurse entrepreneur that align with the College of Nursing’s end-of-program student learning outcomes (EPSLOs) and DUCON master’s competency statements. You the student meet three times a semester (beginning, midterm, and final), with the remaining course work asynchronous.

Application Process

1) Complete a Dillard University (DU) – Graduate Studies application by **August 1, 2023**.
2) Submit all electronic transcripts from institutions attended to admissions@dillard.edu. For official paper transcripts, the mailing is address is Office of Admissions, Dillard University, 2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70122
3) Once you receive your admission letter from Dillard’s Office of Admission it will contain your DU ID.
4) Once you obtain your DU ID, follow the instructions to access your DU email.
5) Submit a DUCON Graduate Application to the College of Nursing by **August 7, 2023**. The Graduate Student ID must be included on the DUCON Graduate Application.
6) Your acceptance letter to the Graduate Nursing Program and nursing graduate advisor information will be sent to your DU email.

Note: **Dual admissions will occur the fall 2023 (full time only) and spring 2024 (full time and part time plans of study) semesters. Seating capacity for fall semester 2023 is 8 students per option.**

**COLLEGE OF NURSING GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

1. Cumulative undergraduate GPA 3.0 or greater
2. Have a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited pre-licensure nursing program (CCNE, ACEN, CNEA)
3. Unencumbered Louisiana State Registered Nurse (RN) license or an unencumbered multistate license.
4. Admitted to Dillard University graduate studies.
5. If a transfer graduate student, submitted transcripts from all previous graduate schools or programs.
6. Two letters of recommendation. One must be from a former faculty member or a supervisor in your current practice area.
7. A personal statement regarding graduate education.
8. A current CPR card.

Note: Students admitted to the MSN degree program options receive a DUCON Graduate advisor to assist with program matriculation.

The organization of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) follows:

**Graduate nursing core – 18 credit hours**

NUR 501-**Issues and Trends in Healthcare Delivery**
NUR 503-**Advanced Pathopharmacology**
NUR 505-**Advanced Health Assessment**
NUR 507-**Theoretical Perspectives for Nursing**
NUR 509-**Legal Implications and Ethics in Healthcare**
NUR 511-**Transition to Advanced Practice**

**Role Option Specialty Courses**
Advanced practice role development: 6 credit hours – NUR 608 - NUR 616
Advanced practice role strategies: 6 credit hours – NUR 600 - NUR 606
Research: 6 credit hours/ 9 credit hours – NUR 620 - 624

**Total Credit Hours - 36 credit hours, non-thesis option; 39 credit hours thesis option.**

Effective May 3, 2023, this nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on May 3, 2025.

**Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)**
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

Note: Upon granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the nursing program was approved by the ACEN as a candidate program that concluded in the Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.
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