School of Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing
Advanced Practice Nursing
Academic Nurse Educator

Purposes
The overall purposes of the master’s degree in Nursing are to prepare advanced practice nurses and advanced nursing practice specialists to:

- Provide advanced nursing care specific to the health needs of adults, families, or individuals across the lifespan
- Advance and extend nursing knowledge and skill through research and evidence-based practice
- Assume an advanced nursing leadership role within the educational and health care delivery systems
- Acquire a foundation for doctoral study.

The Academic Nurse Educator (ANE) is an advanced nursing practice specialist with a concentration in the facilitation of learning. Emphasis is placed on the facilitation of learner development and socialization, assessment and evaluation strategies, as well as curriculum design and evaluation of program outcomes. The ANE is prepared to function within the educational environment as a change agent and leader, who engages in teaching, scholarship, research, service, and quality improvement in the nurse educator role.

The ANE option offers full time as well as part time schedules. The curriculum prepares the student to write the NLN Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam. The ANE option is taught 100% online with the exception of the practica and can be completed either full-time or part-time.

Admission Procedure
- All applicants must submit the MSU application for graduate admission, and request official transcripts be sent from each and all previous colleges attended to:
  Graduate Admission and Registrar’s Office
  Murray State University
  113 Sparks Hall
  Murray, KY 42071-3312
  There is an application fee that must accompany the MSU application.
- All applicants must submit the School of Nursing’s application for admission for advanced practice nursing to:
  Graduate Coordinator, Division of Graduate Nursing
  Murray State University
  120 Mason Hall
  Murray, KY 42071-3302
  In addition to 1 and 2, applicants for the CNS-APN, BSN to MSN option must submit a copy of their advanced licensure and a copy of their national certification.
- Selected applicants will be notified of a required formal interview with the Graduate Selection Committee.
- All materials (including recommendations) must be received by March 1. Applications submitted after the appropriate date will be considered on a space-available basis.
- Each student will be admitted without regard to race, creed, ethnic origin, age, gender, disability or marital status.
- To check the status of applications, contact: Dr. Dina Byers at dina.byers@murraystate.edu

Admission Requirements
- Admission to Murray State and the School of Nursing.
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school or the equivalent.
- Kentucky licensure and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship.
- Proof of liability insurance for advanced practice nursing, current immunizations, hepatitis vaccine or signed waiver, and TB testing are required before enrollment in clinical nursing courses. Please send copies of these to the Graduate Coordinator, School of Nursing.
- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- For international applicants: RN licensure in Kentucky and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship, TOEFL score 550.
- Three favorable recommendations on forms downloaded from the website. Recommendations must be mailed from the reference directly to the Graduate Coordinator and not via the applicant. Recommendations may determine invitation for interview.
- Successful interview.
- Current BLS certification; current BLS, ACLS, and PALS certification for NA option only.
- One year RN experience required; one year RN experience in intensive care prior to application deadline required for NA option.
- Students who admission to Murray State University’s Master of Science in Nursing Program must be in good standing at previously and/or currently enrolled programs.
  The Graduate committee will review all completed application packages and offer interviews to the most qualified applicants.
Outcomes
The curriculum is based upon expected measurable outcomes for the Murray State University graduate level nurse. These outcomes are designed to prepare advanced practice nurses and advanced nursing practice specialists to:

- Utilize new knowledge to provide high quality health care and/or education, initiate change, and improve nursing practice;
- Have a keen understanding of policy, organization, and financing of health care and/or nursing education;
- Maintain the standards of advanced practice and code of ethics;
- Have a clear understanding of the nursing profession, advanced practice nursing and/or advanced nursing practice, the requirements for and regulation of these roles;
- Develop a practice that incorporates a range of theories and relevant research providing for a comprehensive and holistic approach to nursing care and/or education;
- Develop global awareness of human diversity and social issues;
- Communicate and collaborate with other colleagues;
- Provide leadership for initiating and developing change strategies to influence health and/or education policy and improve the delivery of health care and education.
- Advocate for the nursing profession and for the consumer;
- Prescribe and provide culturally sensitive care, health promotion, illness prevention and maintenance of function with person, family, and community; and
- Assume accountability for lifelong learning.

The MSN program is accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

Academic Nurse Educator Curriculum Outline
Prerequisites: anatomy, physiology, chemistry, nursing assessment, nursing research, statistics (one course with both descriptive and inferential statistics)

Students must have personal access to complete online computer services and the software required for courses.

**Advanced Nursing Core (online)**
- NUR 603 Concepts and Theories in Nursing 3
- NUR 605 Issues in Rural Health Care 3
- NUR 630 Research in Nursing 3
- NUR 631 Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 3

**Clinical Core Courses (online)**
- NUR 673 Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice 3
- NUR 641 Advanced Nursing Assessment 4
- NUR 642 Advanced Pharmacology 3

**Clinical Specialty Courses (online)**
- NUR 610 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Education 3

**Clinical Practicum Courses**
- NUR 612 Nurse Educator Practicum I 2
- NUR 613 Nurse Educator Practicum II 2

**Electives – choose one**
- NUR 661 Nursing Staff Development 2
- NUR 662 Instructional Design for Active Learning 2
- NUR 663 Instructional Technology for Nursing Education 2
- NUR 664 Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing Education 2
- NUR 665 Multicultural Issues in Nursing Education 2

**Other Degree Requirements**
- One year RN experience

Total Credit Hours 31

Download all application materials from our website:
http://www.murraystate.edu/Academics/CollegesDepartments/CollegeOfHealthSciencesAndHumanServices/Nursing/MSN.aspx

or contact the graduate coordinator

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