

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DIRECT ENTRY

GUIDE

Trinity College of Nursing  
& Health Sciences  
UnityPoint Health



## Overview

The MSN-DEP option is a 2 year program of study designed for students who hold a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing discipline. Students learn about best practices in nursing, research utilization, leadership and management, community assessment and planning, information management, and historical and political influences on health care.

The MSN-DEP option allows graduates to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to qualify for practice as a Registered Nurse. A combination of in-class instruction, clinical practicum, and online instruction is utilized in the MSN-DEP option.

Graduates demonstrate the knowledge, proficiency, and cultural competence of an educated person including the ability to synthesize general and professional education and experience. The Master's program further reinforces accountability for lifelong learning and professional career development. Graduates practice in diverse nursing roles, provide knowledgeable and competent nursing care across a variety of health care settings.

## Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate or higher degree in non-nursing discipline
- Minimum College GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of all required prerequisite general education courses with a "C" (2.0) or above
  - Anatomy and Physiology I
  - Anatomy and Physiology II
  - Microbiology
  - Advanced Science with lab (i.e. Organic Chem, Biochemistry, or Physics)
  - Human Growth and Development
  - Statistics
  - Research\*
- Science courses must be taken within the last 7 years prior to the date of enrollment in the program

## Curriculum Plan

SUMMER SEMESTER		
Course #:	Description:	Semester Hours
NUR 511	The Art & Science of Nursing Practice for the MSN	7
NUR 524	Pharmacology for the MSN	1
NUR 533	Assessment across the Lifespan for the MSN	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>
*Students may take the Research prerequisite in the first semester.		
FALL SEMESTER		
NUR 512	Adult Health Nursing for the MSN	9
NUR 603	Pathophysiological Basis for Nursing Practice	3
NUR 604	Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
SPRING SEMESTER		
NUR 503	Nursing Theories & Evidence Based Practice	3
NUR 521	Lifespan Nursing I for the MSN	9
NUR 523	Maternal Newborn Nursing for the MSN	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
SUMMER SEMESTER		
NUR 505	Technology in Health Care	3
NUR 531	Nursing Leadership, Management & Organizations	3
NUR 541	Nursing in the Community for the MSN	4
NUR 544	Clinical in the Community	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>
FALL SEMESTER		
NUR 504	Population Health & Disparities	3
NUR 522	Lifespan Nursing II for the MSN	8
NUR 620	Master's Thesis/Project	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>
SPRING SEMESTER		
NUR 502	Health Care Policy, Trends, & Issues	3
NUR 520	Graduate Seminar	4
NUR 620	Master's Thesis/Project	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>
GRAND TOTALS		
<b>Total</b>		<b>74</b>

## Transferable Courses

Trinity College maintains cooperative agreements with Black Hawk College, EICC, and Portage Learning. Academic credit will generally be accepted from other regionally accredited institutions upon review. Admission Representatives will unofficially review transfer credit for applicants during the pre-application process. Upon receipt of application, the Registrar will evaluate the student transcript to formally approve prerequisites.

General Education Courses	Black Hawk http://www.bhc.edu	EICC http://www.eicc.edu	Portage Learning https://www.portagelearning.com
Anatomy & Physiology 1	BIOL 145	BIO 168	BIOD 151
Anatomy & Physiology 2	BIOL 146	BIO 173	BIOD 152
Microbiology	BIOL 261	BIO 186	BIOD 171
Advanced Science (CHOOSE 1)	BIOL 250 with BIOL 251 (Must be taken together) CHEM 111 CHEM 203 PHYS 101 PHYS 102	CHM 132 CHM 261/263 PHY 162	CHEM 121
Statistics (CHOOSE 1)	MATH 108 MATH 228	MATH 156	MATH 110
Human Growth & Development	PSYC 200	PSY 121	PSYC 140
Research	Registrar will evaluate the student transcript to formally approve transfer credit.		

## Apply

- Online Application:** [www.trinitycollegeqc.edu](http://www.trinitycollegeqc.edu)  
To request a paper copy, please contact Student Services: 309.779.7700
- Application Fee (\$50.<sup>00</sup>)**  
Pay online with application submission OR by telephone: 309.779.7700
- Official Post-Secondary Transcripts**  
Required from all institutions attended
- TOEFL:** [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)  
Required if applicant is not fluent in English
- Personal Essay**  
Personal essay addressing candidate's professional attributes and ability to manage an accelerated program.

## Accreditation

The master's degree program in nursing at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

## Application Deadline

First Application Deadline	November 1st
Early Decision Notification	December 20th
Rolling Deadline & Decisions	December 20th-May 1st

## Contact

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