

# Concordia University TEXAS

## MSN Program after Sp17



### Points to Consider:

- 33 credits for an MSN in Informatics or Leadership; 36 credits for a MSN in Nursing Education.
- Tuition is at a flat rate per credit hour and credits are lower than other programs to complete. This is important because some employers will reimburse tuition only. Fees in the program are kept to a minimal with this in mind.
- Concordia Texas offers an education that is based on using problem-solving, healthcare program management techniques designed by Chief Nursing Officers and is based upon the skills needed to solve actual patient and nursing care problems.
- Practicum experiences will occur in the employing institution, whenever possible. Students will work with leaders in their chosen areas and gain knowledge and skills that can further their opportunities.
- Upon completion, graduates have more than just a transcript. They will have a learning and working portfolio which will enhance their advancement.
- Students can choose to apply their specialty hours in three different areas: nursing education, nursing informatics, nursing leadership

### Admission Requirements:

- GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale for all previous course work leading to Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- A Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that is accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency.
- A license as a Registered Nurse from the state in which the student resides or a state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Three letters of recommendation, one from the last immediate supervisor (nursing supervisor, if employed in nursing), one from previous nursing faculty member, and one from a professional colleague.
- Interview may be required.
- Applicants who fall below these standards may submit a petition and will be admitted only if they are determined eligible by the faculty.
- All admissions are conditional until all items on the nursing requirement checklist are completed. This checklist includes current CPR certification, proof of insurance, proof of immunizations and other items specific to nursing. Students will be given a website to upload their admission documents.

### MSN Degree Requirements

#### Spring Semester 1- Level I: to be taken as a cohort

Course Title	Session 1 or 2 (8 weeks each)	Course Number	Credit Hours
Transforming Global Health Through Intercultural Nursing	Session 1 – note that BSN students	NUR 4305	3

	may take this in Fall also		
Global Health Missions Practicum (missions trip)	May be taken any time until program completion	NUR 5050	REQUIRED but no credit
Healthcare Project Management	Session 2	NUR 5313	3

**Summer Semester 2 – Level II: These 3 courses are taken concurrently as a cohort. All courses must be passed in order to move to next semester.**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Theoretical Basis of Nursing Research and Practice	Session 1	NUR 5321	3
Applied Research	Session 2	NUR 5320	3
Advanced Pathophysiology (Co requisite to 5350 for education track only)	Session 1 and 2	NUR 5105	1
Practicum I	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5350	3

**Fall Semester 3 – Level III: These 3 courses are taken concurrently. All courses must be passed in order to move to next semester**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Leadership for Change	Session 1	NUR 5331	3
Informatics and Healthcare Technologies	Session 2	NUR 5330	3
Advanced Pharmacology (Co requisite to 5360 for education track only)	Session 1 and 2	NUR 5106	1
Practicum II	Sessions 1 and 2, (16 weeks)	NUR 5360	3

**Spring Semester 4 – Level IV: These 3 courses are taken concurrently. All courses must be passed in order to complete this semester and graduate.**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Curriculum Development & Implementation	Session 1	NUR 5340	3
Healthcare Policy & Ethics (last week is onground for presentations of graduate portfolio)	Session 2	NUR 5341	3
Advanced Assessment (Corequisite to 5370 for education track only)	Session 1 and 2	NUR 5107	1
Practicum III	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5370	3

\* practicum courses are highlighted. Plan ahead for one day (6 hrs) weekly on a day/time of student's choice Graduation will be in the Spring commencement ceremony. Students will be invited to come to campus during the last week for final presentations (exceptions will be granted).