

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Degree Program	Troy	Phenix City	Atlantic Region	Florida/Western Region	Pacific Region	Southeast Region	Dothan	Montgomery
M.S. in Nursing	X*	X						X
M.S. Sport & Fitness Man.	X							

*Health & Human Services courses are also offered through Distance Learning Center.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

The Master of Science in Nursing Program is designed to provide graduates of baccalaureate programs in nursing the opportunity to develop the advanced knowledge and clinical skills required for leadership positions in nursing. The program prepares clinical nurse specialists in Adult Health and Maternal-Infant Health, Nursing Informatics Specialists, and Family Nurse Practitioners. Students are accepted for admission to the MSN clinical nurse specialist and nursing informatics specialist tracks every semester. Fall admission is recommended for students who wish to pursue full-time study. Students are accepted for admission to the Family Nurse Practitioner track in fall semester only.

Upon successful completion of the MSN program, the student will be able to

1. incorporate advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines into practice as an advanced practice nurse;
2. demonstrate advanced clinical expertise in advanced practice in a specialized area of nursing practice;
3. evaluate research for the purpose of selectively integrating research findings in nursing practice;
4. integrate leadership, management, and teaching strategies into advanced practice;
5. analyze the impact of health policy on health care for identification of areas needing improvement and development of appropriate strategies; and
6. assume responsibility for contributing to the advancement of nursing as a profession.

ACCREDITATION:

The School of Nursing MSN degree is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates for admission must hold the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:

Unconditional Admission

1. Graduate of a BSN program from a regionally accredited institution. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.

2. Overall undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major.
3. Score of 40 on Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) or score of 860 on Graduate Record Exam (GRE-verbal and quantitative).
4. Current RN licensure.
5. Undergraduate health assessment course or the equivalent.
6. Three letters of professional reference.
7. Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse is required for the Family Nurse Practitioner track.

Conditional Admission

1. Graduate of a BSN program from a regionally accredited institution. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.
2. Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major or score of 30 on the Miller's Analogy Test or score of 650 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE - verbal and quantitative).
3. One or more years of clinical experience as an RN; or graduate study without a graduate degree in nursing or another discipline, and a graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Current RN licensure.
5. Undergraduate health assessment course or the equivalent.
6. Three letters of professional reference.
7. Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse is required for the Family Nurse Practitioner track.

A student admitted conditionally to the graduate nursing program must clear conditional admission after nine semester hours. The student must attain an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students not satisfying conditional admission requirements will be dropped from the program for one calendar year, after which time the student may petition for readmission.

CURRICULUM:

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

Students may choose one of two clinical options: (Clinical major)

1. Adult Health Nursing
2. Maternal Infant Health Nursing

Students may choose one of two role options: (Functional minor)

1. Educator
2. Administrator

A minimum of 39 semester hours is required for completion of the program.

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)

NSG	5504	2	Theories in Nursing
NSG	5505	2	Health Care Economics
NSG	6660	2	Foundations of Advanced Practice

Research Courses (7 hrs)

NSG	6691	3	Research Methodology
NSG	6692	2	Data Analysis Techniques in Research
NSG	6696	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
NSG	6697	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional

NSG	6695	1-4	Thesis
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Nursing Specialty Courses (20 hrs)

NSG	5512	3	Advanced Health Assessment
NSG	5515	1	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum
NSG	6649	3	Advanced Pharmacology
NSG	6671	3	Advanced Pathophysiology

(Select One Series)

NSG	6620	2	Advanced Acute Care Nursing of Adults
NSG	6621	3	Advanced Acute Care Nursing Preceptorship
NSG	6622	2	Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults
NSG	6623	3	Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults Preceptorship

OR

NSG	6640	2	Advanced Maternal/Infant Health Nursing
NSG	6641	3	Advanced Maternal/Infant Health Nursing Preceptorship
NSG	6642	2	High-Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing
NSG	6643	3	High Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing Preceptorship

Nursing Role Courses (5 hrs)

(Select One Series)

NSG	6614	2	Role of the Nurse Educator
NSG	6615	3	Nursing Education Internship

OR

NSG	6616	2	Role of the Nurse Administrator
NSG	6617	3	Nursing Administration Internship

Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)

NSG	6655	1	Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice
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Minimum Total: 39 Semester Hours

NURSING INFORMATICS SPECIALIST TRACK

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)

NSG	5504	2	Theories in Nursing
NSG	5505	2	Health Care Economics
NSG	6660	2	Foundations of Advanced Practice

Research Courses (7 hrs)

NSG	6691	3	Research Methodology
NSG	6692	2	Data Analysis Techniques in Research
NSG	6696	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
NSG	6697	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional

NSG	6695	1-4	Thesis
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Nursing Specialty Courses (11 hrs)

NSG	6631	3	Computer-Based Communication
NSG	6632	2	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
NSG	6633	3	Systems Analysis and Design
NSG	6635	3	Integration of Technology in Information Exchange

Nursing Role Courses (6 hrs)

NSG	6634	2	Role of the Nursing Informatics Specialist
NSG	6636	4	Nursing Informatics Internship

Elective (3 hrs)

Any 5000/6000 Approved Elective

Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)

NSG	6655	1	Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice
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Minimum Total: 34 Semester Hours

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP) TRACK

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)

NSG	5504	2	Theories in Nursing
NSG	5505	2	Health Care Economics
NSG	6660	2	Foundations of Advanced Practice
NSG	6659*	1	Adaptation to the FNP Role (required for FNP-PM certificate students only)

Research Courses (7 hrs)

NSG	6691	3	Research Methodology
NSG	6692	2	Data Analysis Techniques in Research
NSG	6696	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
NSG	6697	1	Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional

NSG	6695	1-4	Thesis
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Nursing Specialty Courses (27 hrs)*

NSG	5512	3	Advanced Health Assessment
NSG	5513	3	Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship
NSG	6645	3	Family and Cultural Theories in Advanced Nursing Practice
NSG	6649	3	Advanced Pharmacology
NSG	6665	3	Primary Care I
NSG	6666	3	Primary Care I Preceptorship
NSG	6667	3	Primary Care II
NSG	6668	3	Primary Care II Preceptorship
NSG	6671	3	Advanced Pathophysiology

Role Courses (6 hrs)*

NSG	6670	1	Role Synthesis Seminar
NSG	6680	5	Family Nurse Practitioner Internship

Synthesis and Evaluation (1hr)

NSG	6655	1	Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice
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Minimum Total: 47 Semester Hours

*The FNP Certificate for nurses holding the MSN requires 34 hours and includes all FNP nursing specialty and role courses.

NOTE: 1. Requirements for the MSN degree must be satisfied within five years of the initial enrollment for that degree.

NOTE 2. A grade of "D" is not acceptable for meeting requirements for a subsequent course.

Requirements for Students in Clinical Courses

All students must maintain RN licensure, current CPR certification, professional liability insurance, proof of annual physical examination and negative drug screen when enrolled in clinical nursing courses. Professional liability insurance is available through the School of Nursing. Students are responsible for their own medical care if needed in the clinical setting. Students are also responsible for personal transportation costs incurred during the program.

Students must meet Communicable Disease Center (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.

Laboratory Fees for the MSN Program:

NSG 5515, 6696, 6697	\$ 37.50
NSG 5513, 6621, 6623, 6641, 6643, 6666, 6668	\$ 67.50
NSG 6615, 6617	\$105.00
NSG 6636, 6680	\$180.00

Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

- To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted.
- Unconditionally admitted graduate students may apply for admission to candidacy after completing six semester hours and requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. A student will be admitted to candidacy the term following completion of 12 semester hours.

Degree Requirements

Any student completing the course work with a 3.0 or better GPA, fulfilling candidacy requirements, and successfully completing the required comprehensive examination will be awarded the degree.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of six semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a "B" grade or better can be applied toward the degree. These courses must be comparable to Troy University courses and must be approved by the MSN graduate faculty.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT AND FITNESS
MANAGEMENT**

The Sport and Fitness Management program is designed to provide the graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to engage in the practice of management in a variety of settings. The goals and objectives of the program are guided by, but are not limited to, the criteria and guidelines set forth in the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program by the North American Society for Sport Management.

Students are provided with classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences to accomplish these objectives. Students are evaluated on their progress in meeting the above objectives throughout the program. Opportunities and evaluations are provided for actual participation in professional clinical sites including athletic, sport and club fitness, coaching facilities, rehabilitation facilities and community settings in the practice of Sport and Fitness Management.

The program aims to provide a broad-based, comprehensive curriculum, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration that prepares a sport and fitness manager practitioner to

- direct an individual's participation in selected clinical opportunities aimed at reinforcing and enhancing performance; facilitate learning of those skills and functions essential for productivity, thus the individual will be able to better communicate effectively with clients, subordinates and the public;
- provide services to improve function to prevent deficits in activities of daily living, work, play/leisure, and in the un-

derlying performance of managing to ensure quality of services and effectiveness of the program; and

- function in a variety of roles including direct managing provider, consultant, case manager, educator, administrator, researcher and advocate in a variety of sport and fitness management delivery models and systems where sport and fitness management is traditionally practiced and in emerging areas of local community, state, regional, national and international arenas.

Upon successful completion of the SFM program, the student will be able to

- plan, develop, implement and evaluate programs of service designed to meet local community, state, regional, national and international needs;
- administer and manage a sport and fitness management service;
- articulate and apply sport and fitness management principles, intervention approaches, rationales, and expected outcomes of service;
- be innovators and leaders in the profession, applying sport and fitness management knowledge to the solution of complex sport and fitness managerial issues and health problems; and
- demonstrate an attitude of inquiry and nurture the capacity for creative thinking, critical analysis and problem solving; to interpret research studies and to apply research results to sport and fitness management practice; and to contribute to the advancement and dissemination of research and knowledge in the behavioral science.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for admission must hold a baccalaureate degree in sport and fitness management or related field.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT AND FITNESS MANAGEMENT

Unconditional Admission

- Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.
- Applicants must achieve a score of 33 or higher on the Miller Analogies Test or a score of 850 or higher on the Graduate Record Examination (verbal and quantitative).
- Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 2.5 on a four-point scale.

Conditional Admission:

- Students not satisfying the unconditional admission requirements may be conditionally admitted to the program pending satisfactory completion of the first 12 semester hours with a 3.0 grade point average. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.
- Students not satisfying conditional admission requirements will be dropped from the program for one calendar year, after which time the student must petition for readmission.

CURRICULUM

All courses offer three semester hours of credit except SFM 6625, 6626, 6627, 6680, 6681, 6682.

TRANSFER CREDIT

A maximum of 12 semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher learning, with a grade of "B" or better, can be applied toward the degree. These courses must be comparable to Troy University's courses and must be approved by the SFM graduate faculty.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

- To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted.
- Unconditionally admitted graduate students may apply for admission to candidacy after completing six semester hours of requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. A student will be admitted to candidacy the term following completion of 12 semester hours.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Any student completing course work with a 3.0 or better GPA, fulfilling candidacy requirements, and successfully completing the required comprehensive examinations will be awarded the degree.

Sport and Fitness Management:

Students may choose one of two options (concentrations):

- Athletic Administration
- Fitness, Sport and Club Management

A minimum of 33 semester hours is required for completion of the program.

Sport and Fitness Management Core Courses (18 hrs.)

SFM	6610	3	Physical Education, Sport and the Law
SFM	6615	3	Sport Administration
SFM	6617	3	Readings in Sport Management, Fitness Management
SFM	6632	3	Critical Issues in Sport and Fitness Management
SFM	6640	3	Sport Marketing
SFM	6691	3	Research Methods

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Athletic Administration (Select 15 hrs.)

SFM	6616	3	Sport Finance
SFM	6672	3	Sport Psychology
SFM	6673	3	Ethical Issues in Sport
SFM	6674	3	Entrepreneurship in Sport
SFM	6690	3	Thesis/Intern/Elective
SFM		3	Adviser Approved Elective

Fitness, Sport and Club Management (Select 15 hrs.)

SFM	6623	3	Biomechanics of Sport Technique
SFM	6620	3	Physical Fitness: A Critical Analysis
SFM	6650	3	Nutrition and Physical Performance
SFM	6670	3	Exercise and Disease Prevention
SFM	6671	3	Exercise Through Life Span
SFM	6690	3	Thesis/Intern/Elective
SFM		3	Adviser Approved Elective