

Nursing—Direct Entry, MS

Part I: Prelicensure

The direct-entry nursing student enters the accelerated master's program as a graduate student. The first 16 months (four semesters) of the program consist of intensive, sequential classes and clinical with combined undergraduate- and graduate-level courses. Students are then prepared to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) upon completion of 64 program semester hours. Students earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) after this part of the program. Financial aid will be granted on an undergraduate basis during the prelicensure phase of the program.

RN WORK EXPERIENCE

Once a student becomes a licensed RN, they participate in an online professional practicum for two semesters. The minimum full-time RN experience required for progression into the NP clinical practicums is one to two years, depending on the track. Students may begin core courses such as epidemiology during the required one to two years of RN experience with approval from the program director. Finding RN employment is the responsibility of the student, as it is professional nursing experience. Northeastern will help support the student in preparation for the job search. A leave of absence (LOA) may be granted on an individual basis to gain more nursing experience before returning to the master's portion of the program.

Part II: Return to Master's Specialty Tracks

In the master's specialty track, students are required to take professional and research core classes, clinical core, and specialty clinical courses. Full- or part-time academic study is available to students. Most students return to the master's segment of the program, taking course work as a part-time student while continuing to work and increase the amount of RN professional experience. Full-time study, however, is also an option. Completion of the MSN can take four to six semesters depending on the student's pace and specialty track. Upon completion of the required specialty area credits, the student receives a Master of Science degree and is eligible to take the national certification exam in their area of advanced specialty nursing practice. Financial aid is awarded on a graduate basis during this portion of the program.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

A grade of B or better in the **BSN clinical courses** is highly recommended for progression into the MSN portion of the program. Progression is at the graduate specialty director's discretion.

A grade of B or better is required in **graduate-level courses: Advanced Pharmacology (NRS 5117), Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice (NRS 5126), and Health Informatics (NRS 6306)**.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
NRS 2210	Influences on Health and Illness: A Nursing Perspective	3
NRS 4610	Managing and Leading in Healthcare	4
NRS 5117	Advanced Pharmacology	2
NRS 5126	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice	3

NRS 6306	Health Informatics	3
Assessment		
NRS 2220 and NRS 2221	Nursing Interventions, Assessment, and Community Care and Lab for NRS 2220	5
NRS 3323 and NRS 3324	Intermediate Interventions and Assessment and Lab for NRS 3323	2
Theory and Clinical		
NRS 3302 and NRS 3303	Nursing with Women and Families and Clinical for NRS 3302	5
NRS 3320 and NRS 3321	Nursing Care of Adults 1 and Clinical for NRS 3320	6
NRS 3400 and NRS 3401	Nursing and the Promotion of Mental Health and Clinical for NRS 3400	5
NRS 3420 and NRS 3421	Nursing Care of Adults 2 and Clinical for NRS 3420	6
NRS 4502 and NRS 4503	Nursing Care of the Child and Clinical for NRS 4502	6
NRS 4604 and NRS 4605	Public Health Community Nursing and Clinical for NRS 4604	5
Research		
HLTH 5450	Healthcare Research	4
Practicum		
NRS 4995	Comprehensive Nursing Practicum	5

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

64 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required