

University of Maine School of Nursing  
Individualized Master of Science in Nursing (I-MSN)

There are many baccalaureate prepared nurses who are interested in an advanced degree in nursing. We established a Master's degree program in nursing in 1992, and successful graduates are scattered throughout the state. Undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Maine, School of Nursing are accredited by CCNE. Our diverse faculty is prepared in a variety of clinical and role specialties, and are therefore able to assist students in the development of a plan of study which will meet their individual needs. Many courses use distance education technologies as a means of making the curriculum more accessible. This theoretical and field-experience curriculum allows the student to develop a program of study that builds upon their professional interests and career goals. Through core courses, specialized courses, and experiential components, I-MSN students may prepare for professional careers in areas such as nurse administration and other clinical leadership roles.

The program of study may be tailored for full-time or part-time study. The Graduate Program Coordinator and the student's academic advisor will help plan a program of study and timeframe that meets the academic and experiential requirements.

Core courses for all I-MSN graduate students in nursing are as follows:

NUR 504	Theory Development in Nursing	3 cr
NUR 505	Nursing Research	3 cr
NUR 507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3 cr
NUR 516	Field Experience in Nursing Education or Administration	4 cr
NUR 693	Ethical Considerations in Health Care	3 cr
NUR 694	Health Policy, Politics and Nursing	3 cr
NUR 697 or 699	Graduate Capstone or Thesis	4-6 cr

In addition to the above core of 23-25 credits, the I-MSN student will complete an additional 10-12 credits. Those additional credits will be selected with the student's career goals in mind, and may be in nursing administration or other disciplines as appropriate. The following courses within the nursing curriculum are available:

NUR 502	Family in Health and Illness	3 cr
NUR 503	Physical Assessment and Health Appraisal	4 cr
NUR 508	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3 cr
NUR 512	Curriculum & Course Development	3 cr

Course selection is dependent upon the individual program of study; courses in other disciplines may be appropriate. The program of study will be determined at the time of admission. Application requirements include a BSN with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better, and a license to practice as a registered nurse. Applicants should also have received a grade of B or better in undergraduate physical assessment, statistics, and research courses. The application process may be initiated by contacting the Graduate School at 581-3219 or visiting the website at: <https://umaine.edu/graduate/apply/>