Master of Science in Nursing
Nurse Educator

How long will it take me to complete the program? Do I need to take any clinical courses?

Full-time students can expect to complete the program in two years, including summer sessions. Part-time students may take three to four years to complete the program. The program consists of 36 credits. A precepted field experience in a clinical setting is required. Field experiences are tailored to match the student’s desired area of expertise.

Is this for Academic or Staff Development Educators?

The program is appropriate for students who wish to gain knowledge in nursing education either in the academic or clinical setting. A precepted field experience can be tailored to the student’s area of interest, and includes developing a clinical component.

Do I have to come to campus for classes?

The majority of the courses are online. Some courses do require live participation on a periodic basis via distance technology (e.g., Zoom). There may be times where you will be required to come to campus. Course instructors will provide details in the first week of classes.

Do I have to do a thesis?

Although Master’s Nursing students do have the option of doing a thesis, most students elect the non-thesis option. With this option, you will explore an area related to your professional areas of interest and complete a 1-credit Scholarly Capstone.

Can I work while I am a Nurse Educator student?

Many of our students in the Nurse Educator track work full- or part-time throughout their graduate program.

Do I need a Maine Nursing License?

All students in the Nurse Educator program must have a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the United States.