SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

Master's Direct Entry into Nursing Practice (MDE) Program

Launch your nursing career with your master's in just 16 months

The University of Rochester School of Nursing offers an accelerated master's-level nursing degree for non-nursing college graduates, providing another route to RN licensure. The program offers an accelerated pathway for non-nursing college graduates to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

The curriculum is aligned with the **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials** and includes 690 clinical hours across key settings such as medical-surgical, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, and psychiatric/mental health. Coursework emphasizes foundational nursing education, evidence-based practice, quality and safety, leadership, and population health. Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Master of Science degree in Nursing and be eligible to sit for the **NCLEX-RN exam.**

70.5 credit curriculum with 690 clinical hours across key settings

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16-month, full-time program

On-site program with hybrid coursework and hands-on clinical and lab experiences

Application Deadline
- **March 1** Fall start
- **July 1** Spring start
- **Nov. 1** Summer start

Eligibility Requirements
- **Bachelor's degree** in a field other than nursing
- **3.0 GPA** from qualifying degree
- **English language** proficiency
- **Prerequisite courses**

Prerequisites
All following coursework must be completed prior to program start:

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab
- Microbiology with lab
- Nutrition
- Human Growth & Development
- Statistics

Learn more at bit.ly/son-mde

> This program expands access to nursing education and creates new opportunities for individuals with diverse academic backgrounds to join the profession. Whether their goal is to become a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse leader, or nursing educator, the robust curriculum will produce highly-skilled nurses ready to lead in today's dynamic healthcare environment."

Lisa Brophy, EdD, RN, MSBA, CNE
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

Application Requirements

- Official transcripts from all schools attended
- Current resume or CV
- TOEFL, IELTS, or DET scores for international applicants who are non-native English speakers
- As part of your application, you must also answer several questions (each with a 150-word limit)

Our accelerated and pre-licensure programs are designed to help you transition into nursing, but the right degree for you will depend on your goals and timeline.

MASTER'S DIRECT ENTRY VS. ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S IN NURSING

Master's Direct Entry into Nursing (MDE)	Accelerated Bachelor's in Nursing (ABSN)
16 months (4 semesters)	12 or 24 months (3 or 6 semesters)
Blend of in-person and online coursework, with on-campus clinical & labs	In-person coursework (12-Month) or online coursework (24-Month), with on-campus clinical & labs
70.5 credits	49 credits
690 clinical hours	650 clinical hours
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Advanced general nursing practice and leadership	Fundamental nursing competencies
Prepares for NCLEX-RN exam; provides additional skills for leadership roles	Prepares for NCLEX-RN exam
Advanced degree may improve candidacy for leadership and quality roles	Shorter time to RN licensure, and potential for BSN-preferred roles

BENEFITS OF MDE

⮞ **Advanced education and skills**: Gain master's-level knowledge and enhanced skills in leadership and quality improvement to prepare for practice or future advanced nursing education

⮞ **Career advancement:** Master's-prepared nurses are well-positioned for nursing and healthcare leadership roles that offer a broader scope of responsibilities and higher pay

⮞ **Strong foundation:** Provides a pathway to various academic and career opportunities, including Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), Nursing Education, and doctoral programs, nursing leadership or healthcare quality roles, and other advanced nursing specialties

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