

# NURSING: EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (M.S.)

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## Description

### Evidence-Based Practice

The evidence-based nursing track focuses on developing advanced generalist nursing practice in a focused area of study, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering life-long learning, and preparing students for the leading edge of health care knowledge and delivery. Students strengthen knowledge and skills in clinical decision making, the application of nursing interventions, and their ability to critique and appropriately use evidence as a foundation for practice. In this graduate track, students study nursing as an applied discipline, advancing their knowledge of theoretical perspectives for clinical practice, with an emphasis on leadership; the cultural, social, and political context of health and illness; and quality improvement methodologies. Students are mentored in the enactment of leadership strategies to improve quality care in nursing practice through an intensive clinical practicum.

### Graduate Program in Nursing Admission Requirements

Registered nurses (RNs) who have successfully passed the NCLEX–RN, currently hold an unencumbered, active RN license in the United States, and who hold a baccalaureate degree in either nursing or another field can be considered for admission. Applicants are required to have a good academic record and completion of coursework in statistics and research. The following is required:

1. Unencumbered, active RN license in the United States
2. Baccalaureate degree in nursing or another field
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in associate and baccalaureate programs
4. Nursing experience is preferred but not required for Clinical Nurse Leader and Evidence-Based Nursing tracks; One to two year's RN experience is required in order to apply to the Family Nurse Practitioner track.
5. Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course and undergraduate research course
6. 3 letters of recommendation (1 academic and 2 from current nursing professionals with graduate education) Letters of recommendation should be substantial. Referee's credentials should be included on reference form. Letters of recommendation from family or friends are not acceptable.
7. Admission committee may request an interview

RNs whose baccalaureate degree is in a field other than nursing may apply to the master of science degree in nursing (MS) program and will be considered for the track that is commensurate with their clinical experience based on faculty discretion.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 901	Health Policy	3
NURS 908	Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 909	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 925	Leadership, Role & Collaboration	3
NURS 944	Health Promotion Theory & Population Health	3
NURS 953	Promoting Quality Management	3
NURS 955	Practicum in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 956	Capstone Project Seminar	3
NURS 963	Biostats and Epidemiology	3
NURS 968	Foundations of Evidence Based Practice	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## Student Learning Outcomes

**The Masters of Science Evidence Based Practice program builds upon the skills of the baccalaureate prepared nurse. Students entering the EBP program are expected to:**

- Synthesize core knowledge from the liberal arts, sciences, and nursing as the foundation of professional practice.
- Integrate knowledge and skills to assess, design, implement, and evaluate nursing care in a safe, compassionate, culturally sensitive, evidence-based manner.
- Engage clients, families, and communities in collaborative decision-making incorporating evidence-based knowledge and anticipatory guidance.
- Employ team leadership and collaborative skills with other health professionals to optimize client and system outcomes.
- Recognize the influence of complex health systems on health care practice and advocate for policies that promote a socially just, patient centered healthcare system.
- Engage in scholarly inquiry to identify, evaluate and integrate the best current practice.
- Integrates health promotion, clinical prevention strategies when providing care at the individual or population level.
- Incorporates principles of patient safety and risk mitigation when using healthcare technology and therapeutics in the provision of care.
- Uses effective written, verbal, and nonverbal communication strategies when engaged in professional practice.
- Embrace professional values embodied in the ANA code of ethics.

**At the completion of the Master's nursing program, the graduate student is prepared to:**

- Serve in a healthcare leadership and change agent role as part of a diverse, complex, and patient-centered health care system.
- Act as a practice scholar to design, direct and evaluate system changes to promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable and patient-centered care.
- Use data analytic methods, information systems and technology to evaluate, integrate and apply knowledge that will improve programs of care, outcomes of care and care systems.
- Use translational science and analytic methods to develop, identify, implement, and evaluate best practices to improve health care and health care systems.

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- Design and implement health promotion and clinical prevention strategies across the health/illness continuum to optimize health and disease management.
- Systematically use improvement methods to monitor and evaluate care processes and outcomes and applies data for continuous improvement and safety
- Advocate for social justice through policy, professional and political engagement.
- Applies leadership principles that support interprofessional practice.