

c) Functional Area Content	24 hours
APRN 701	Primary Care of Adults
APRN 702	Primary Care of Infants, Children, and Adolescents
APRN 703	Primary Care of Women
APRN 704	Primary Care of Geriatric Patients
APRN 705	Internship I
APRN 706	Internship II
APRN 707	Clinical Decision-making and Ethics

2. Achieve a 3.0 overall grade point average for all graduate courses.
3. Make application for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which the last course will be taken.

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH MAJOR IN NURSE EDUCATOR

Director of the Nurse Educator Track: Dr. Karen K. Gittings

The FMU MSN/Nurse Educator track has been developed as an innovative, collaborative track with the Graduate School of Education in response to national and regional needs for nurse educators. The MSN/Nurse Educator curriculum synthesizes cohesive educational theory and principles with the unique learning needs of professional nursing. Students will be taught strategies to facilitate learning in clinical, simulated, and didactic environments. This program provides baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurses (RNs) access to a high-quality graduate education in order to serve regional and national nursing education programs as well as clinical partners. Nurse educators are needed in both the academic and clinical areas to promote quality health care. The graduates of this track will meet the core competencies for the Nurse Educator as outlined by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

Enrollment in the program is limited. Students must be accepted as graduate degree candidates. Courses are offered in an online format, but academic practicum hours will generally occur during the school hours of the academic unit. Clinical practicum hours may be more flexible, but may also occur during the traditional workday. Practicum hours are extensive and time for completing them should be considered by each student. Advisement for this program will be done on an ongoing basis by the director of the program.

To receive a Master's Degree in Nursing as a Nurse Educator from FMU, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. **Complete 36 graduate credit hours**, which include 270 practicum hours.
 - a) Graduate Nursing Core Courses (All MSN programs). 12 Hours

APRN 501	Advanced Practice Role: Theory and Knowledge Development
APRN 502	Biostatistics
APRN 503	Advanced Research and Evidence-based Practice
APRN 504	Health Policy and Leadership
 - b) Functional Area Content 24 hours

APRN 604	Teaching and Learning in Nursing
APRN 605	Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation
EDUC 621	Understanding Learning Differences
EDUC 622	Assessment of Learning and Behavior
APRN 708	Academic Practicum (135 practicum hours/semester)
APRN 709	Clinical Practicum (135 practicum

	hours/semester)
APRN 710	Education Capstone Seminar
EDUC 742	Procedures for the Divergent Learner

2. Achieve a 3.0 overall grade point average for all graduate courses.
3. Make application for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which the last course will be taken.

NURSE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Director of Nurse Educator Certificate: Dr. Karen K. Gittings

Nursing offers a Nurse Educator Certificate. Students must be admitted into the FMU graduate program (see "Admission Requirements" page 223). The Nurse Educator Certificate option provides graduate nursing students and advanced practice RNs access to foundational courses in the discipline of nursing education in order to serve in a clinical or academic nurse educator role. Students who have an M.S.N. and complete this certificate program are eligible to take the Certified Nurse Educator Examination (CNE) offered by the National League for Nursing (NLN). For all students completing the series of three (3) courses listed below, a certificate in nursing education will be granted and noted as a "Certificate in Nursing Education" on the student's official FMU transcript. This certificate program will not be a stand-alone recognition during graduation ceremonies but will be noted when completed along with an M.S.N. degree at FMU.

To receive a Certificate in Nursing Education from FMU, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete nine (9) graduate credit hours
 - a. APRN 604 Teaching and Learning in Nursing
 - b. APRN 605 Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation
 - c. APRN 710 Education Capstone Seminar
2. Achieve a 3.0 overall grade point average for all graduate courses

GRADUATE COURSES FOR NURSING (APRN)

501 Advanced Practice Role: Theory and Knowledge Development (3) S. This course examines advanced practice nursing concepts, theoretical underpinnings, and current professional issues. Learners will examine how theoretical issues are integrated into practice and how they can be a mechanism to improve patient outcomes related to health promotion and disease prevention. Understanding of the role and scope of the advanced practice registered nurse is an expectation.

502 Biostatistics (3) S. This course applies theoretical foundations and applications of hypothesis testing, simple linear regression, and multiple regression analysis. The learner will use computer software to analyze biophysical data for frequency distributions, clinical significance, and correlation of variables.

503 Advanced Research and Evidence-based Practice (3) (Permission of the department) SU. This course explores quantitative and qualitative approaches to research issues in advanced healthcare practice. Theories, methods, designs, measurement, ethical conduct, and skills in critical research appraisal are emphasized, along with the use of research to improve practice and client outcomes.

504 Health Policy and Leadership (3) F, S. This course explores how health policy affects the practice of healthcare practitioners and the healthcare of patients, families, and populations. It assists the learner to assume a leadership role that can affect healthcare policy. The learner will be expected to use analytical skills to promote policy development based on population need and best practice.

505 Population Health and Epidemiology (3) (Prerequisites: 502