

# Nursing at Francis Marion

## Nurse Educator

The MSN Nurse Educator option has been developed as an innovative, collaborative track with the Graduate School of Education in response to national and regional needs for nurse educators. This fully online program prepares the graduate to serve as a nurse educator in the academic as well as clinical practice area. Graduates of this option will meet the core competencies for the Nurse Educator as outlined by the National Nursing Staff Development Organization (NNSDO) and the National League for Nursing (NLN). Graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam.

### Admission Criteria

To be considered for admission as a graduate degree student, an applicant must submit the following materials:

1. The graduate application for admission online and non-refundable application fee;
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate, BSN, and graduate work from accredited institutions;
3. Three letters of confidential recommendations from professional associates or former professors who can attest to the academic potential of the applicant (one must be from a current employer);
4. A written statement of the applicant's career goals, 300-500 words in length, including the applicant's interest and reasons for seeking admission to the MSN program;
5. Resume or CV;
6. Current license to practice nursing in South Carolina or other National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Nurse Licensure Compact state.

All of the above materials must be submitted electronically to [NursingGraduate@fmarion.edu](mailto:NursingGraduate@fmarion.edu). Admission is done on a rolling basis. To be guaranteed timely consideration for acceptance all of the above materials should be submitted no later than a week before classes begin.

Coursework - Total 36 credits - Fully Online (Courses can be taken full or part-time)		
YEAR 1		
Spring	Summer I (End of May through June)	Fall
APRN 501: Advanced Practice Role: Theory and Knowledge Development (3) APRN 502: Biostatistics (3)	APRN 503: Advanced Research and Evidence-based Practice (3)	APRN 504: Health Policy and Leadership
YEAR 2		
Spring	Summer I	Fall
APRN 604: Teaching and Learning in Nursing (3) APRN 708: Academic Practicum (3) (135 practicum hours)	APRN 605: Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation (3)	APRN 709: Clinical Practicum (3) (135 practicum hours) APRN 710: Education Capstone Seminar (3)

\*Three additional online courses are taught through the School of Education. Offerings may vary each semester.

- EDUC 621: Understanding Learning Differences (3)
- EDUC 622: Assessment of Learning and Behavior (3)
- EDUC 742: Procedures for the Divergent Learner (3)

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