



**DOMINICAN
UNIVERSITY**
of CALIFORNIA
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MASTER OF SCIENCE NURSING

FIND YOUR INSPIRATION

At Dominican we believe nursing is an art and a science. It is a profession where nurses strive to provide evidence based, compassionate and culturally competent patient care. We are here to motivate, educate and inspire you with this goal in mind. Dominican has chosen the Clinical Nurse Leader MSN as our focus. We have done so because we believe that advanced education is imperative for the nurse who works at the point of care, who advocates for patients and their families and who are instrumental in planning, implementing, and evaluating patient care best practices, regardless of the job title. The graduates of Dominican's MSN CNL program meet the AACN CNL master's outcome competencies and will be prepared for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) is a 32-unit program for students with a bachelor's degree in nursing. The MSN CNL can also be completed as a 48-unit program for students with an associate's degree in nursing. The CNL program requires a total of 400 clinical hours as well as a master's capstone project. As an MSN CNL, you will be prepared to work as a patient care facilitator, advocate, case manager, or resource nurse in your chosen specialty. Our graduates are highly respected members of their professional communities, known for their transformational leadership, clinical expertise, and ability to bring about change at the point of care.

Our program will prepare you to lead groups that provide evidence-based practice to improve patient outcomes, boost the fiscal bottom-line of health care service organizations, help to develop system wide policy, and create innovative learning environments to increase the quality of client care.

ENVISION THE PROCESS

PERSONAL ATTENTION: Our MSN is a cohort program, meaning that you will progress toward your degree with the same small group of people. You will build camaraderie and professional bonds with your fellow nurses. Small class sizes also allow for one-on-one instruction and guidance from our highly-trained, supportive faculty mentors.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: As a MSN CNL student you will participate in at least 400 clinical hours. These clinical hours can be best accomplished in your current workplace setting. For those students who may not be currently working we have clinical affiliations with more than 55 Bay Area acute care hospitals, non-profit agencies, long-term care facilities, and clinics. We also have on-campus simulation and skills labs that provide opportunities for practicing new nursing care techniques prior to applying them in an actual clinical setting. These well-equipped labs make it possible to replicate a learning experience that is not always available in a clinical setting.

CONVENIENT CLASS SCHEDULE: The MSN CNL program begins in the Fall only. Candidates beginning with a BSN will take eight units per semester for 4 semesters, for a total of 32 units. ADN candidates begin the program in the preceding Spring to begin the 16 units of bridge coursework designed to give you the necessary foundation for the MSN CNL program and meet the University graduation requirements.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

LENGTH:

BSN to MSN: 2 years; ADN to MSN: 2.5 years

FORMAT:

Weekday, on-campus classes that meet one day a week*

PRE-REQUISITES:

BSN to MSN: One semester of statistics; one semester of nursing research (both require five year currency)

ADN to MSN: Advanced English writing course (can be completed as co-requisite)

*Candidates enrolled in a site-specific cohort attend classes at the site.

Visit www.dominican.edu/gradprograms for additional program information.

CONTACT US

For more information,
or to arrange a campus visit,
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or email us at
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MSN CLINICAL NURSE LEADER CURRICULUM

- BIO 5501 Epidemiology and Biostatistics (3 units)
- NURS 5106 Advanced Assessment (3 units)
- NURS 5108 Survey of Nursing Research (2 units)
- NURS 5109 Advanced Pharmacology and Pathophysiology (4 units)
- NURS 5320 Health Care Economics (2 units)
- NURS 5302 Outcomes Research (2 units)
- NURS 5209 Nursing Leadership (4 units)
- NURS 5330 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (4 units)
- NURS 5412 Quality, Safety, and Risk Reduction – Theory (3 units)
- NURS 5413 Quality, Safety, and Risk Reduction – Clinical (2 units)
- NURS 5411 Health Care Policy and Organizations (2 units)
- NURS 5704 Capstone Continuation (1 unit)

Total units: 32

ACCELERATED ADN/RN TO MSN

The Associate's to Master's accelerated degree program is designed for the nurse with an Associate's degree who wants to advance quickly to the Master's level. The first year in the program is a year of bridge coursework, after which the student advances into the graduate program, and proceeds through the usual 32 unit coursework sequence after the second semester. This program results in a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

ASSOCIATE RN TO MSN PROGRAM - YEAR ONE, BRIDGE COURSEWORK

- PSY 3187 Statistics or equivalent (4 units)
- NURS 3103 Nursing Research (3 units)
- NURS 3001 Transitions and Leadership (3 units)
- NURS 3101 Nursing Informatics (1 unit)
- NURS 4150 Community Health – Theory (2.5 units)
- NURS 4150 Community Health – Clinical (2.5 units)

Total units: 16

Completion of both the MSN and bridge coursework requires 48 units.

FINANCIAL AID

For information on the cost of tuition as well as instructions for applying for financial aid, scholarships, and grants, please visit us online at

www.dominican.edu/admissions/aid

ADMISSION DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Priority Application Deadline:
May 15 for Fall semester.*

For ADN-to-MSN track students, the priority deadline is November 15 for a Spring semester start on campus*

Please note, applications are reviewed and admission decisions are made on an ongoing basis; early application is strongly recommended.

*Priority deadlines may vary for external cohorts. Contact the Office of Admissions for information.

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