RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing Administration

Master of Science in Nursing Education

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health
SUNY Empire State College’s Nursing and Allied Health Degree Programs

When you enroll in SUNY Empire’s School of Nursing and Allied Health, you’re taking the first important step toward a flexible, affordable and well-respected college degree. Our online degree programs are designed for New York state’s licensed nurses and allied health professionals.

An online degree program designed to meet the need for allied health professionals.

As a student in our School of Nursing and Allied Health, you’ll gain the knowledge and skills critical to become a part of and leader on interdisciplinary teams in complex healthcare settings. Our goal is to provide you with:

» seamless academic progression through your chosen program
» collaborative and dynamic learning environments using state-of-the-art technology
» supportive faculty mentor relationships
» an appreciation for and understanding of professional values, professional development and the importance of lifelong learning
» accessible and flexible study options to meet your academic and personal needs.

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing

SUNY Empire State College School of Nursing and Allied Health is a member of the Tau Kappa At-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The mission of STTI is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service.

Accreditation

The college is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education
3624 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
267-284-5000.

The RN to BSN, the M.S. in Nursing Education and the M.S. in Nursing Administration programs at Empire State College are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Accreditation.
About SUNY Empire State College

SUNY Empire State College is one of the 13 arts and sciences colleges within the State University of New York, awarding associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Offices of the college can be found in communities throughout New York state.

The college also is the largest online provider in the SUNY system. SUNY Empire State College counts more than 81,000 graduates since its founding in 1971, and annually enrolls nearly 19,000 adult students.

Resources and Academic Support

Empire State College recognizes that adult learners face the challenge of pursuing their studies while meeting work, family and community commitments. The college offers a number of ways to study, including, but not limited to, a variety of online courses and clinical learning experiences based in the student’s community.

Learning resources include course information, community discussion spaces, access to library resources and academic support services. In addition to these web-based resources, students can take advantage of numerous physical locations across New York state, which provide local administrative support.

A master’s or doctorally prepared mentor serves as a resource and guide from acceptance into the program until graduation. Students work with their mentor to define goals and identify credit options, incorporating prior college course work, as well as college-level learning gained from work and life experience.

“The Empire State College distance learning program has given me the tools and knowledge to advance in my nursing career while balancing family life and working full-time. As a student, I enjoy the unique learning experiences that I am able to apply to my everyday practice, both clinically and professionally as a business owner. The master’s in nursing program at Empire State College has allowed me the flexibility to acquire new wisdom and skills that transfer into real life scenarios that improve patient care.”

– David Theobald ’13, M.S. in Nursing Education student

SUNY Empire State College's nursing and allied health programs are affordable and flexible, serving students throughout New York state.
This upper-division nursing program includes online courses and two community-based precepted clinical experiences. Most students enroll on a part-time basis and complete the program in about 24-36 months.

Admission requirements include:
» an admissions application and essay,
» an active, unencumbered New York state RN license, and
» an associate degree or diploma from a New York state approved nursing program or equivalent.

The RN to BSN program requires a total of 124 credits completed through a combination of nursing component requirements, transfer credits and credits earned by meeting SUNY Empire State College general learning requirements.

Clinical practice experience requirements are embedded in the Community Health Nursing and Baccalaureate Nursing Capstone courses. The clinical experiences are designed to meet both pre-determined and personal learning objectives. Students design their clinical and capstone experiences in collaboration with a faculty member and a local preceptor, with the learning objectives in mind.

RN to BSN Curriculum
Nursing Component 41 credits
General Learning Component 83 credits

Core – 37 credits
» NUR-203014 Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing (4 credits)
» NUR-203024 Health Assessment (4 credits)
» NUR-203044 Pharmacology (4 credits)
» NUR-203064 Nursing Informatics (4 credits)
» NUR-203074 Nursing Research (4 credits)
» NUR-204034 Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy (4 credits)
» NUR-204054 Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing (4 credits)
» NUR-204084 Community Health Nursing (4 credits)
» NUR-204095 Baccalaureate Nursing Capstone (5 credits)

Elective Requirement – 4 credits
More than 50 online courses have been approved by the nursing faculty to meet the elective requirement. In addition, selected professional certifications also have been approved to meet the elective requirement. The School of Nursing and Allied Health catalog and website include some examples of approved courses and certifications to meet the elective requirement. Some examples are:
» NUR-203204 Multigenerational Nursing (4 credits)
» NUR-203224 Foundations of Palliative Care (4 credits)
» NUR-203254 Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health (4 credits)
» American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) (2 credits)
» American Heart Association Pediatric Life Support (PALS) (2 credits)

» Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board: Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (4 credits)
» AACN Certification Corporation: Certification for Adult Critical Care Nurses (4 credits)
» American Nurses Credentialing Center: Certified Gerontological Nurse (3 credits)
» Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing: Certified Emergency Nurse (3 credits)
» National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses: Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (3 credits)

General Learning Component – 83 credits
The remaining 83 credits are obtained via the transfer of credits and by completing SUNY Empire State College general learning requirements.
**Master of Science in Nursing Education and Master of Science in Nursing Administration Admission Requirements**

Admission requirements include:
» an admissions application and essay,
» an active, unencumbered New York state RN license,
» a bachelor’s degree in nursing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and
» a resumé that clearly demonstrates at least one year of clinical practice as a registered nurse.

**Master of Science in Nursing Education Curriculum**

The M.S. in Nursing Education program requires a total of 42 credits, including six core courses, three graduate-level courses, four courses within the nursing education specialty, and one graduate elective course.

**Core – 18 credits**

» NUR-50000 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice (3 credits)
» NUR-50100 Professional Role Development and Ethics (3 credits)
» NUR-50200 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)
» NUR-50300 Informatics and Health Care Technology (3 credits)
» NUR-50400 Contemporary Issues in Health Care (3 credits)
» NUR-50500 Population Health, Human Diversity and Social Issues (3 credits)

**Additional Graduate-level Courses – 9 credits**

» NUR-50600 Advanced Pathophysiology (3 credits)
» NUR-50700 Advanced Pharmacological Nursing Practice (3 credits)
» NUR-50800 Advanced Health and Physical Assessment (3 credits)

**Nursing Education Specialty Courses – 12 credits**

» NUR-60000 Curriculum and Program Development (3 credits)
» NUR-60100 Instructional Design and Teaching with Technology (3 credits)
» NUR-60200 Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation of Learners and Programs (3 credits)
» NUR-60900 Nursing Education Capstone (3 credits)

**Graduate-level Elective Requirement – 3 credits**

“At the School of Nursing, the flexibility of online education is combined with passionate faculty and personalized mentor support. Students are challenged to grow as students and professional nurses while being supported in achieving their educational and professional goals. I never imagined that such a strong sense of community and support could exist in distance learning.”

– Jennifer Pettis, M.S. in Nursing Education student
Master of Science in Nursing Administration Curriculum

The M.S. in Nursing Administration program requires a total of 33 credits, including six core courses, four courses within the nursing administration specialty, and one graduate-level elective course.

Core – 18 credits

» NUR-50000 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice (3 credits)
» NUR-50100 Professional Role Development and Ethics (3 credits)
» NUR-50200 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)
» NUR-50300 Informatics and Health Care Technology (3 credits)
» NUR-50400 Contemporary Issues in Health Care (3 credits)
» NUR-50500 Population Health, Human Diversity and Social Issues (3 credits)

Nursing Administration Specialty Courses – 12 credits

» NUR-560300 Healthcare Finance and Budgeting (3 credits)
» NUR-560400 Organizational Theory and Human Resource Management (3 credits)
» NUR-560500 Innovative Leadership in Healthcare Organizations (3 credits)
» NUR-561000 Nursing Administration Capstone (3 credits)

Graduate-level Elective Requirement – 3 credits

Please note: Graduate-level courses to be considered for transfer must be completed within seven years of admission. A maximum of 9 graduate-level credits are accepted in transfer.

Application Deadlines

The School of Nursing and Allied Health accepts applications for the Fall 1 and Spring 1 terms only. Our programs have limited capacity, so we encourage you to apply early. If we are unable to accommodate your first-choice term, we will give your application preference for the next available term. All application materials must be submitted by the deadlines listed below.

» June 1 for the Fall 1 Term
» Nov. 1 for the Spring 2 Term
Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Curriculum

The Bachelor of Science in Allied Health for allied health professionals includes eight online core courses in addition to elective and general learning coursework. You can complete your general learning requirements online or on-site at any regionally accredited institution.

Core – 32 credits

- Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Health Professions (4 credits)
- CHS-252104 The United States Health Systems (4 credits)
- CUL-222304 Communications for Professionals (4 credits)
- CHS-253134 Cultural Competency in Health Care (4 credits)
- SMT-273124 Health Informatics (4 credits)
- CHS-253744 Health Care Ethics (4 credits)
- CHS-254134 Leadership in Health Care (4 credits)
- CHS-254714 Health Care Policy (4 credits)

Elective Requirement – 16 credits

Choose from more than 100 online elective courses based on your interests and career goals.

General Learning Component – 76 credits

Earn general learning credits through transfer credit and/or by completing our general learning requirements online or at any regionally accredited institution.

You can earn credit for prior college-level learning and apply it toward your bachelor’s degree. Your mentor will help you determine what relevant college-level learning you already have.

PLUS, the college accepts credits from accredited institutions if those credits are appropriate for your degree program at Empire State College.