

# NURSING (M.S.N.) - NURSE EDUCATOR (36 HOUR)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
NURS 500	Research <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 501	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 502	Nursing Theory and Advanced Practice	3
NURS 503	Managing Population Health	3
NURS 521	Nursing Issues, Informatics and Technology	3
NURS 527	School of Nursing MSN Practicum Gate	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students with RN license and bachelors degree in a discipline other than Nursing must take NURS 226, NURS 440, NURS 446, NURS 489, and NURS 491 within the first year of the program

<sup>2</sup> Introductory statistics course (math preferred) and an undergraduate course in health assessment are required. For those who did not complete these courses in their undergraduate programs, they may fulfill these requirements during the first two semesters of the M.S.N. program. Students must complete the statistics course prior to enrollment in NURS 500 and the health assessment prior to enrollment in NURS 505.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Nurse Educator Concentration</b>		
NURS 504	Advanced Pharmacology for the Nurse Educator	3
NURS 505	Advanced Health / Physical Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 506	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 600	Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 617	Nurse Educator I: Advanced Clinical Applications <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 618	Nurse Educator II: Teaching Strategies <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 619	Nurse Educator III: Curriculum Development <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

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<sup>2</sup> NURS 617, NURS 618, and NURS 619 involve practicum hours [Nurse Administrator - 200 hours] Students must obtain a preceptor site contract with an approved M.S.N. or doctorally prepared nurse leader preceptor. Students must also complete pre-practicum requirements prior to enrollment in any practicum course.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Liberty University coursework that is more than 5 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format

### Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NURS 501	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 505	Advanced Health / Physical Assessment	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NURS 506	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 521	Nursing Issues, Informatics and Technology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NURS 502	Nursing Theory and Advanced Practice	3
NURS 504	Advanced Pharmacology for the Nurse Educator	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
NURS 600	Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 617	Nurse Educator I: Advanced Clinical Applications	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
NURS 500	Research	3
NURS 618	Nurse Educator II: Teaching Strategies	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
NURS 503	Managing Population Health	3
NURS 619	Nurse Educator III: Curriculum Development	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

All applicable prerequisites must be met