Thank you for your interest in the graduate programs in nursing. We are pleased that you are considering graduate education and appreciate your interest in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Prior to applying we strongly encourage you to contact Dr. Catherine Kenney, Admissions Coordinator – Graduate Nursing Programs, to review your career goals, discuss your interest in the program, and to address any questions you might have about the program. Information sessions are also available so that you can better understand the graduate nursing program options at UWEC.

Enclosed you will find materials related to the admission process, the course requirements, and a sample program plan. Students may select full-time or part-time programs of study. The enclosed sample program plan provides you with potential course sequencing. Applications will be accepted starting September 15, 2019 and the priority application due date is January 4, 2020.

Students select a population focus of either adult-gerontologic or family health nursing and are prepared for the role of nursing educator or nursing administration/leadership and management. Individuals interested in pursuing the nurse practitioner or nurse executive role preparations need to apply to the post-baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-to-DNP) degree option. The MSN program of study is approximately 40-41 credits, depending on whether student selects to complete a scholarly project or thesis. All graduate course work is taught by nursing faculty who hold doctoral degrees. The nursing courses are offered in Fall, Winterim, and Spring Semesters; the program plan begins in the fall semester. To facilitate graduate study, courses are offered on a block schedule with the first-year course on Mondays, meeting generally once per week on campus with some online content. During the second year, courses are on Tuesdays and follow a Hybrid format with online and some immersion days on campus. All core graduate courses are offered once per year, with the second-year educator role preparation courses (NRSG 730/731) offered on an alternate year basis, e.g., 2020-21, 2022-2023, and the administrative courses (750-751) offered on the opposite years, e.g., 2021-2022, 2023-2024. Clinical practicums require an additional 525 hours of time over two semesters scheduled during weekdays, though many of these can be arranged in your home community/region. Clinical hours provide the valuable opportunity for students to work with preceptors in the clinical areas, under the supervision of a faculty member, to apply knowledge of the graduate coursework related to the role preparation.

For consideration for admission, an applicant must have an undergraduate degree in nursing (with at least a 3.00 GPA) from a program accredited by CCNE, NLN or ACEN RN licensure in the U.S at time of admission and Wi licensure by no later than July 1st following admission to the program; and prerequisite course content in undergraduate statistics and health assessment.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Discuss graduate program with Dr. Catherine Kenney (kromricc@uwec.edu) or attend a Graduate Nursing Program information session. Dates and sign-up are available at the Department of Nursing webpage https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/graduate-programs/

2. Complete the University of Wisconsin-Online Admission Application available at http://apply.wisconsin.edu/ and submit a $56.00 University application fee. There is a separate $35.00 program application fee that may be paid with the university application fee or separately.

3. Request TRANSCRIPTS of your academic work from the institution that granted your baccalaureate degree in nursing and from any institution from which you have completed course work necessary for admission, i.e., an undergraduate statistics course if taken at an institution different than your degree-granting institution (to be sent directly to the Office of Admissions).

MSN Program Admission Checklist:
(The forms provided must be downloaded/printed and then completed; they CAN NOT be completed online.)

1. Payment of $35.00 program application fee (by check or money order if not paid online with the university application fee).

2. Complete the MSN Demographic Data Form including information about your RN license. You must have a valid RN license in the U.S. to apply. An RN license in the State of Wisconsin is required by July 1st after being admitted to the MSN program. (Special consideration/exceptions may be obtained for applicants completing a BSN and licensure eligible.)

3. Request REFERENCES from three individuals who are knowledgeable of your clinical ability and/or potential for graduate study, e.g. employer, nurse manager, supervisor, or instructor. Three reference forms are provided for this purpose. Use only these forms.

4. Complete the MSN GRADUATE ADMISSION ESSAY. See enclosed instructions.

5. Submit a Resume/Curriculum Vitae.

6. Mail these materials (and the fee if not paid online) to:
   UW-Eau Claire Graduate Admissions
   111 Schofield Hall
   105 Garfield Ave., PO Box 4004
   Eau Claire WI 54702-4004

The priority application due date for the MSN program is January 4, 2020. The Department of Nursing Graduate Curriculum and Admissions Committee reviews completed applications after the priority deadline. Following admission to the nursing program, students must in a timely manner provide required health record information, information to conduct a Criminal Background check, and evidence of current CPR certification.

Please contact Dr. Catherine Kenney (715-836-3638, kromricc@uwec.edu) or Patricia McGregor, University Services Program Associate (715-836-4834, mcgregpj@uwec.edu) if you have any questions about the application process.

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Department of Nursing

MSN Program Demographic Form

FULL NAME: ______________________________ TELEPHONE: _______________________

HOME STREET ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____________________________________________________________ E-MAIL: ____________________________

Please answer the following questions by checking the appropriate box and providing the requested information. These data are used for a variety of purposes including assigning academic advisers and program evaluation.

1. POPULATION FOCUS (Must select one)  2. ROLE PREPARATION

- Adult-Gerontologic Health Nursing
- Nurse Educator

- Family Health Nursing
- Nurse Administrator/ Leadership and Management

3. REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE

- Wisconsin, license number __________________

OR

- U. S. Jurisdiction (Name of State) __________________ license number __________

Wisconsin License is required by July 1st following admission to the nursing program

4. TYPE OF INITIAL NURSING EDUCATION

- Associate Degree
- Diploma
- Baccalaureate

5. BACCALAUREATE IN NURSING

Date of Baccalaureate Degree __________________________

Name of Degree Granting Institution: ______________________________________________

Location: ______________________________________________________________________

City State Zip

6. COMMUTING DISTANCE

- Local (Eau Claire Area)
- Outside Eau Claire but less than 50 miles
- 50 miles or more

7. I PLAN TO COMPLETE THE MSN PROGRAM AS:

- a Part-time student  
- a Full-time student (not available for Nurse Administration role prep for fall 2017)

If part-time student, how many years? __________

8. STATISTICS COURSE REQUIREMENT

Course Name __________________________ Where __________________________

When: ___________________

Statistics at the undergraduate level is required for admission to the MSN program

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MSN GRADUATE ADMISSION ESSAY

Please prepare an essay (typed, 2-3 pages total, double-spaced) addressing the following three questions:

1. Describe your reasons for pursuing graduate nursing studies at UW-Eau Claire at this time in your professional career.

2. Discuss your ability to be successful in graduate coursework.

3. Explain the nursing role you plan to assume as a master’s prepared nurse, including, for instance, specific responsibilities (different from baccalaureate prepared nursing role), setting, client population, etc.

*Please include your name on the top of each page of your essay*

*Please remember to also submit a resume or curriculum vitae*
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### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

**FULL-TIME SAMPLE PROGRAM PLAN**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

with Nurse Educator or Nurse Administrator/Leadership & Management Role Preparation

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**NRSG 730** Nursing Education 6(3,3) cr<br><br>**OR**

**NRSG 750** Nursing Administration I 6(3,3) cr<br>

**NRSG 794** Scholarly Project<br>**OR**

**NRSG 799** Thesis 1-2 cr

**NRSG 731** Nursing Education II 7(3,4) cr<br><br>**OR**

**NRSG 751** Nursing Administration II 7(3,4) cr<br>

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Year 1 courses are on Monday, Year 2 courses are on Tuesday

Total Credits: 40 - 41  Total clinical hours 525 hours

Part time plan of study is also an option and may be required based on the year of admission. Please consult with the graduate programs director or your advisor for developing a part time plan.

* taught alternate spring semesters (for educator role prep) e.g. 2020,2022

** Nurse educator role preparation courses taught alternate academic years, e.g. 2020-2021, 2022-2023

**** Nurse administrator courses are taught on alternate academic years, e.g. 2019-2020, 2021-2022

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