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Dear Prospective Student:

The Department of Nursing appreciates your interest in graduate nursing education at Missouri State University. The University has been offering graduate programs in nursing since 1996 and we are pleased that you are pursuing advanced education. Graduate education provides nurses with many exciting and rewarding opportunities.

The Department of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree for nurses who hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The Department offers specialization in the areas of Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator. In addition, the Department offers Post-masters Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator certificate programs for RNs with an MSN degree. All nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The Department makes every attempt to accommodate the adult learner. Nursing courses are available during both the day and evening hours, and classes are blocked in one to two day sessions per week. If at all possible, clinical experiences are planned in the student's geographic area of choice. Many courses are offered in an online format, and the Nurse Educator program is an online program.

We are very proud of our graduates. Currently, our graduates are enrolled in doctoral programs and employed by hospitals and clinics throughout the southwest Missouri region. The graduates of the MSN programs are characterized by high certification pass rates and employment rates.

Contact the Missouri State University Department of Nursing if you would like to find out more about our exciting programs and how they can help you meet your career goals.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn L. Hope'.

Kathryn L. Hope, PhD, RN
Head, Department of Nursing

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE COLLEGE

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The application deadline to avoid a late fee is set as follows:

Fall semester, July 20
Spring semester, December 20
Summer semester, May 20

However, **graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply six weeks before the start of the semester.** Please note that some programs have specific once a year deadlines. Check the departmental listing in the catalog to see if your department of interest has a specific deadline. Students applying after the published application deadline dates will be required to submit a \$25 late fee in addition to the required application fee.

A student desiring admission into a graduate degree program needs to take the following steps:

1. Complete a Graduate College Application, which can be found:
 - a. Online at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu>
 - b. In the back of the Graduate Catalog
 - c. In the Graduate College office, 306 Carrington Hall
2. Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$35. The application fee can be submitted with your application to the Graduate College.
3. Submit to the Graduate College two official transcripts showing course work for the bachelor's degree and any graduate-level courses. At minimum, the bachelor's transcript must show the last 60 hours of course work or the necessary additional undergraduate transcripts are required. Missouri State University transcripts do not need to be requested. Please note that transcripts are not considered official unless they are received directly from the institution where the course work was completed.
4. Check with department of interest for any additional materials necessary for admittance. These may include:
 - GRE, GMAT, or MAT scores
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Resume
 - Departmental/Program Application
5. Send all materials (application, fee, transcripts, and test scores) to: **Graduate College, Missouri State University, 901 S. National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65897.**
6. The student should submit all supporting data indicated on the MSN Admission Checklist (except reference letters) together with the MSN Checklist to the Department of Nursing, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897.

The Graduate College or the appropriate department will inform you of your admission status. If you wish to check your admission status online, go to the "Future Students" link on the Missouri State University homepage (<http://www.missouristate.edu>). On the "Future Students" page, click on the "Check admission status" icon found on the right-hand side of the page. Please allow approximately **6 weeks** to process your application.

Late Applicants. Students who submit the Application for Graduate Admission after the application deadline will be assessed a late fee of \$25 in addition to the \$35 application fee. Applications that arrive after the deadline and do not have necessary transcripts may make it impossible to process for a specific program in time for the start of a semester.

At the discretion of the Dean of the Graduate College, late applicants will be admitted as a non-degree seeking student pending full review of their materials. Please keep in mind that as a non-degree seeking student, students are NOT eligible for financial aid.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Nurse Educator Specialization:

Acceptance into the MSN program with nurse educator specialization is ongoing and applications will be taken until the class is filled.

Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization:

Completed applications will be reviewed beginning February 1 for the summer admission of the same year, and will continue until the class is filled.

To be considered for admission to the MSN program, a prospective student must apply to both the Department of Nursing graduate program and the Graduate College. See admission processes and requirements in Graduate College section of the catalog.

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 - d. completion of a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from a program accredited by a certified accreditation agency;
 - e. satisfactory completion of undergraduate courses in statistics, nursing research, and health assessment with a grade of C or higher;
 - f. a cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in the last 60 hours of college course work attempted;
 - g. licensure of a registered nurse (RN) and eligible for licensure in Missouri;
 - h. two letters of recommendation from faculty or employers who can address the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate study;
 - i. a one-page essay that addresses the applicant's professional career goals and how the MSN program will help accomplish these goals;
 - j. evidence of immunization or vaccination for vaccine-preventable diseases;
 - k. provide documentation of negative tuberculosis status or evidence of appropriate follow-up;
 - l. provide evidence of current nursing liability insurance;
 - m. graduate courses in statistics, advanced human Pathophysiology (for FNP students only), and nursing informatics as prerequisites. Students without these prerequisites may enroll in the courses during the first semester after admission.
 - n. Current infant, child and adult CPR certification.
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**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING APPLICATION

Check One: FNP Program DATE _____
 Nurse Educator Program
 FNP Post Master Certificate
 Nurse Educator Post Master Certificate

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

ADDRESS _____
(Street and Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

TELEPHONE (Landline home): _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMPLOYER NAME: _____ DEPARTMENT: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER PHONE NUMBER: _____

CLOSEST RELATIVE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

LIST ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE ATTENDED (beyond high school) IN
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

Name of School	Address	Length of Time	Date of Graduation	Degree or Certification Granted
_____	_____	To _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	To _____	_____	_____
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(COMPLETE BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM)

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

LIST ALL WORK EXPERIENCE SINCE GRADUATING FROM YOUR BASIC NURSING PROGRAM:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>How long Employed</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Anticipated Enrollment: Full-time _____ (9 credits/semester)
Part-time _____

Many, *if not most*, clinical experiences will occur during daytime hours (e.g. 9-5) and weekdays. Classes also may be scheduled during day time hours, due to resource availability.

Are you able to attend daytime, weekday clinicals and courses? Yes____ No____

Are you available for evening courses? Yes____ No____

Is there anything about you not included on your application that you feel we should consider in the admission process?

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR PROGRAM? _____

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
MSN ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

PREREQUISITES FOR MSN PROGRAM:

- Undergraduate Statistics
- Undergraduate Health Assessment
- Undergraduate Nursing Research
- A course in Health Care Informatics
- Graduate Statistics
- A course in Pathophysiology (For FNP only)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for last 60 hours

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Admission to Graduate College of Missouri State University.

(Submit the following application materials together in one envelope)

- Completed MSN Application NE FNP Post Masters Certificate
- GRE Scores if cumulative GPA less than 3.0.
- Copy of current RN License OR Eligible for MO license if RN license is not from MO.
Exp Date _____
- Evidence (photocopy) of current Professional Liability Insurance. Exp. Date _____
Nurse Practitioner students need to have NP Student Liability Insurance. Exp. Date _____
- Evidence of current health insurance.
- One-page essay addressing your professional career goals and how the MSN program will help accomplish these goals.
- Evidence of vaccination for tetanus (within the last 10 years). Exp date _____
- Evidence of vaccination for or, immunity to, Hepatitis B.
- Evidence of vaccination for or, immunity to, MMR.
- Evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child, infant). Exp date _____
- Documentation of negative TB status or evidence of appropriate medical follow-up. Exp date _____
- Varicella

- _____ Initiate and pay for Criminal Record Check and drug screening required for clinical agencies after you have been admitted to the program.
- _____ Missouri State HIPAA.
- _____ St. John's HIPAA.
- _____ EPIC training for St. John's (This is for Nurse Practitioner's after you have been admitted to the program).
- _____ Student Disclosure.
- _____ Name Badge.
- _____ Admittance letter from department.

After the above materials are received you will be contacted for an admission interview

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)**

Prerequisites to MSN Programs

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FT)

Summer Semester (1)	Hours
NUR 515 Healthcare Informatics*	3
NUR 607 Adv. Health Assessment	5
Graduate Stats*	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	8 or (11)

Fall Semester (2)	Hours
NUR 601 Nursing Science	3
NUR 611 Adv. Roles/Leadership	2
NUR 625 Primary Care of Women	4
NUR 661 Adv. Clinical Pharmacology	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	12

Spring Semester (3)	Hours
NUR 615 Primary Care of the Adult	6
NUR 672 Adv. Nursing Research	3
NUR 665 Appl. Of Adv. Patho	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	10

Summer Semester (4)	Hours
NUR 628 Primary Care of Child/Adol.	4
NUR 697 Non-Thesis Project	1
OR	
NUR 699 Thesis	<u>(3)</u>
TOTAL	5 or (7)

Fall Semester (5)	Hours
NUR 690 Nurse Pract. Adv. Practicum	5
NUR 688 Health Policy & Issues	3
NUR 697 Non-thesis project	2
OR	
NUR 699 Thesis	<u>(3)</u>
TOTAL	10 or (11)

NURSE EDUCATOR (FT)

Summer Semester (1)	Hours
NUR 515 Healthcare Informatics*	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	3

Fall Semester (2)	Hours
NUR 600 Epidemiology	3
NUR 601 Nursing Science	3
Graduate Stats*	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	9

Spring Semester (3)	Hours
NUR 620 Integrated Healthcare Concepts	3
NUR 621 Integrated Healthcare Practicum	1
NUR 672 Adv. Nursing Research	3
NUR 680 Teaching/Learning Theory	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	10

Summer Semester (4)	Hours
NUR 607 Advanced Health Assmnt.	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	5

Fall Semester (5)	Hours
NUR 681 Nurse Education Practicum I	2
NUR 686 Issues in Healthcare Education	2
NUR 688 Health Policy & Issues	3
NUR 697 Non-thesis Project	3
OR	
NUR 699 Thesis	<u>(2)</u>
TOTAL	9

Spring Semester (6)	Hours
NUR 682 Curriculum Design	3
NUR 683 Nurse Education Pract. II	2
NUR 697 Non-thesis	1
OR	
NUR 699 Thesis	<u>4*</u>
TOTAL	6 or 9*

*Graduate Stats – would need Department permission for overload

*Prerequisite courses – if not taken prior to matriculation in the FNP or Nurse Educator specializations, these courses may be taken early in the course of study, as indicated.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER SPECIALIZATION

**Department of Nursing
Missouri State University**

Family Nurse Practitioner Role

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program offers a specialization study as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). An FNP provides primary care to individuals and families across the age spectrum. Successful completion of the FNP curriculum qualifies the student to sit for the FNP certification examination.

Family Nurse Practitioner Curriculum

The FNP curriculum consists of MSN core courses and FNP specialization courses which can be completed in one and one-half years full-time enrollment. Total credit hours for the FNP Masters specialization is 45 cr (thesis) or 42 cr (non-thesis). The required courses are listed below.

MSN Core Courses	17-20 cr	FNP Specialization Courses	25 cr
NUR 601 Nursing Science	3	NUR 611 Advanced Role Theory & Leadership	2
NUR 607 Advanced Human Assessment & Health Promotion	5	NUR 615 Primary Care of the Adult	6
NUR 672 Advanced Research Methods	3	NUR 625 Primary Care of Women	4
NUR 688 Health Policies and Issues	3	NUR 628 Prim. Care of Children/Adolescents	4
NUR 697 Non-thesis Project	3	NUR 661 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3
or		NUR 665 App. Of Adv. Pathophysiology	1
NUR 699 Thesis	6	NUR 690 Advanced Nurse Practitioner Practicum	5

Additional required prerequisite courses (may be taken during early semester of the program):

NUR 515 Healthcare Informatics	3
NUR 565 Advanced Human Patho	3
Graduate Level Statistics	3

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 - d. completion of a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from a program accredited by a certified accreditation agency;
 - e. satisfactory completion of undergraduate courses in statistics, nursing research, and health assessment with a grade of C or higher;
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 - g. licensure of a registered nurse (RN) and eligible for licensure in Missouri;
 - h. two letters of recommendation from faculty or employers who can address the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate study;
 - i. a one-page essay that addresses the applicant's professional career goals and how the MSN program will help accomplish these goals;
 - j. evidence of immunization or vaccination for vaccine-preventable diseases;
 - k. provide documentation of negative tuberculosis status or evidence of appropriate follow-up;
 - l. provide evidence of current nursing liability insurance;

- m. graduate courses in statistics, advanced human Pathophysiology (for FNP students only), and nursing informatics as prerequisites. Students without these prerequisites may enroll in the courses during the first semester after admission.
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING NURSE EDUCATOR SPECIALIZATION

**Department of Nursing
Missouri State University**

Nurse educators work in a variety of settings including academic institutions, community organizations, and health care agencies to provide consultation and education within a focused area of clinical practice. The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Missouri State University offers a program of study in which nurses develop advanced teaching skills and preparation in a variety of teaching settings within a focused area of clinical practice.

Nurse Educator Curriculum

The Nurse Educator program consists of 36 or 39 credits for the non-thesis and thesis option, respectively. The program can be completed in two years of full time academic study, or longer if part-time study is desired.

MSN Core Courses	17 or 20 cr	Nurse Educator Courses	19 cr
601 Nursing Science	3	NUR 600 Epidemiology NUR 620 Integrated Healthcare Concepts	3 3
NUR 607 Adv. Health Assmt. & Health Promotion	5	NUR 621 Integrated Healthcare Practicum	1
NUR 672 Advanced Research Methods	3	NUR 680 Teaching/Learning Theory for Healthcare Educators	3
NUR 688 Health Policies and Issues	3	NUR 681 Nursing Education Practicum I	2
NUR 697 Non-thesis Project OR NUR 699 Thesis	3 6	NUR 682 Curriculum Design NUR 683 Nursing Ed Practicum II NUR 686 Issues in Healthcare Education	3 2 2

Prerequisites: NUR 515 Healthcare Informatics, 3cr; and a graduate level Statistics, 3 credits, are required prior to admission.

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POST-MASTER'S FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

The Post-master's FNP Certificate Program is a series of courses totaling a minimum of 27 credit hours and 624 clinical hours. Completion of the certificate program will prepare students to take the national family nurse practitioner certificate exam(s).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Admission to the Graduate College at Missouri State University
2. Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing graduate program, that includes, at a minimum, graduate courses in nursing theory and research.
3. Graduate GPA of 3.00 or higher.
4. Licensure as a registered nurse (RN), and eligible for licensure in the State of Missouri.
5. Evidence of current liability insurance as an advanced practice nursing student.
6. Two letters of recommendation from faculty or employers who can address the applicant's potential to succeed as a nurse practitioner.
7. Evidence of immunization or vaccination for vaccine-preventable diseases.
8. Provide documentation of negative tuberculosis status or evidence of appropriate follow-up.
9. A graduate course in advanced pharmacology taken within 3 years. Students who do not have a graduate course in advanced pharmacology may take NUR 661 Advanced Pharmacology in their first semester of the certificate program to satisfy this requirement.
10. A graduate course in Pathophysiology. Students who do not have a graduate course in Pathophysiology may take NUR 565, Advanced Human Pathophysiology, in their first semester of the certificate program to satisfy this requirement.
11. A graduate course that covers content in health policy and issues with a grade of "B" or higher. Students who do not meet this requirement will be required to enroll in NUR 688, Health Policy and Issues.
12. Interview with a departmental selection committee.
13. Current infant, child and adult CPR certification.

Because of resource constraints, only a limited number of students will be admitted to the Post-master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program. **Complete applications are reviewed beginning February 15 of each year for admission the following fall semester.** Admission is on a space available basis.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

1. Students will be required to initiate and pay for any security checks and drug screenings required for clinical agencies
2. Apply for criminal record check and receive response that the applicant has not been convicted of any crime pursuant to Section 660.317 RSMO or other disqualifications that would prohibit licensure as a registered nurse.
3. Students who fail these checks or procedures will be subject to further review by a Department of Nursing Graduate Faculty Committee. This may result in dismissal from the Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.

REQUIRED COURSES (27 hrs)

NUR 607 Advanced Health Assessment & Health Promotion*	5 hrs
NUR 611 Advanced Roles & Leadership in Nursing	2 hrs
NUR 615 Primary Care of the Adult	6 hrs
NUR 625 Primary Care of Women	4 hrs
NUR 628 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents	4 hrs
NUR 665 Applications of Advanced Pathophysiology	1 hr
NUR 690 Family Nurse Practitioner Advanced Practicum	5 hrs

*this course may be transferred in if taken within 3 years.

Sample Academic Plan:

Fall

- NUR 611 Advanced Roles and Leadership in Nursing 2
- NUR 625 Primary Care of Women 4
- NUR 661 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology 3
(if previously not taken) 9

Spring

- NUR 615 Primary Care of the Adult 6
- NUR 665 Applications of Advanced Pathophysiology 1
7

Summer

- NUR 607 Advanced Health Assessment & Health Promotion* 5
- NUR 628 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents 4
9

Fall

- NUR 690 Family Nurse Practitioner Advanced Practicum 5

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POST-MASTER'S NURSE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Department offers a Post-Master's Nurse Educator Certificate Program for nurses who have a Master's Degree in Nursing in another specialty. The Certificate Program consists of five courses, totaling a minimum of 12 credit hours and 192 clinical hours that can be completed in 2 semesters.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Admission to the Graduate College at Missouri State University.
2. Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing graduate program, that includes, at a minimum, graduate courses in nursing theory and research.
3. Completion of a graduate clinical course with a grade of "B" or higher. Students with no graduate clinical courses may satisfy this requirement by enrolling in NUR 620 during their Certificate Program.
4. Completion of a graduate health assessment course with a grade of "B" or higher. Students with no graduate health assessment course may satisfy this requirement by enrolling NUR 607.
5. Graduate GPA of 3.00 or higher.
6. Licensure as a registered nurse (RN), and eligible for licensure in the State of Missouri.
7. Evidence of current liability insurance.
8. Two letters of recommendation from faculty or employers who can address the applicant's potential to succeed as a nurse educator.
9. Evidence of immunization or vaccination for vaccine-preventable diseases.
10. Provide documentation of negative tuberculosis status or evidence of appropriate follow-up.
11. Current infant, child and adult CPR certification.

Because of course constraints, only a limited number of students will be admitted to the Post-master's Nurse Educator Certificate Program. Complete applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Admission is on a space available basis. Students may pursue either part-time or full-time study; however, all course work in the Post-Master's Nurse Educator Certificate Program must be completed within 5 years.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

1. Students will be required to initiate and pay for any security checks and drug screenings required for clinical agencies.
2. Apply for criminal record check and receive response that the applicant has not been convicted of any crime pursuant to Section 660.317 RSMO or other disqualifications that would prohibit licensure as a registered nurse.
3. Students who fail these checks or procedures will be subject to further review by a Department of Nursing Graduate Faculty Committee. This may result in dismissal from the Post-Masters Nurse Educator Certificate program.

REQUIRED COURSES (12 hours)

NUR 680 Teaching Learning for healthcare Ed.	3 hrs
NUR 681 Nursing Education Practicum	2 hrs
NUR 682 Curriculum Design & Program Develop.	3 hrs
NUR 683 Nursing Education Practicum II	2 hrs
NUR 686 Issues in Healthcare Education	2 hrs

Sample Academic Plan

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- NUR 680 Teaching/ Learning for Healthcare Educators 3
 - NUR 688 Issues in Healthcare Education 2
 - NUR 681 Nursing Education Practicum 2
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- NUR 682 Curriculum Design and Program Development 3
 - NUR 683 Nursing Education Practicum II 2
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Where to Get More Information and Application Materials?

- Consult the Graduate College, (417) 836-5335, for a Graduate College application and a copy of the Graduate Catalog or online at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu>.
- Contact the Department of Nursing, toll free 1-877-728-001 or (417) 836-5310, or e-mail: nursing@missouristate.edu, or visit <http://www.missouristate.edu/nursing> to obtain an MSN application.