

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (M.S.N.)/ MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.)

Introduction

In today's rapidly changing health-care environment, professional nurses pursuing nurse executive leadership roles often want to expand their knowledge and expertise in both nursing and business administration. The M.S.N./M.B.A. dual degree affords M.S.N. students who are enrolled in the nurse executive leader concentration the ability to complete a M.S.N./M.B.A. dual degree.

Overview

Applicants to the M.S.N./M.B.A. dual program are required to apply and meet eligibility criteria for both programs. Once accepted into the dual program, students complete the M.S.N. curriculum in its entirety before beginning course work in the M.B.A. program.

Students enrolled in the M.S.N. nurse executive leader concentration may apply to the M.S.N./M.B.A. dual program during enrollment or upon successful completion of the M.S.N. program. Graduates of the M.S.N. degree, nurse executive leader concentration may apply to the dual degree program after the M.S.N. has conferred but must complete the M.B.A. requirements within six years from the time of admission to the M.S.N. program. Note: See M.S.N. and M.B.A. application criteria for a detailed description of program-specific requirements.

Dual Degree Programs

- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) (<http://catalog.ben.edu/graduate/academic-programs/msn/>)
- Master of Business Administration (<http://catalog.ben.edu/graduate/academic-programs/mba/>)

Degree Requirements Curriculum

Benedictine's M.S.N./M.B.A. dual program can be completed in 46 months. Courses run eight weeks in duration and are generally taken one at a time in a ladder sequence. The M.S.N. program requires 36 semester credit hours of graduate M.S.N. coursework and 33 semester credit hours of M.B.A. coursework to earn both the M.S.N. and M.B.A. degrees. Courses include:

Code	Title	Hours
M.S.N. Foundation		
NRHL 5501	Health Promotion and Interprofessional Collaboration ¹	3
NRHL 5502	Ethical and Culturally Competent Healthcare Professional	3
NRHL 5503	Evidence-based Nursing Practice: Research and Process Improvement	3
NRHL 5505	Healthcare Policy and Advocacy ²	3

NRHL 5506	Quality Improvement and Safety in Healthcare Systems	3
Total Hours		15

¹ NRHL 5501 Health Promotion and Interprofessional Collaboration may be waived for credit if equivalent BSN undergraduate coursework in NRHL 4365 Health Promotion for Families, Communities, and Populations and NRHL 4392 Nurse Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration were satisfactorily completed with a final grade of "B" or better.

² NRHL 5505 Healthcare Policy and Advocacy may be waived for credit if equivalent BSN undergraduate coursework in NRHL 4375 Healthcare Policy, Regulation and Advocacy was satisfactorily completed with a final grade of "B" or better.

M.S.N. Nurse Executive Leader Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
NRHL 6620	Building Effective Communication and Relationships	3
NRHL 6622	Professionalism and Executive Career Development	3
NRHL 6624	Advanced Knowledge of Healthcare Systems	3
NRHL 6646	Leadership and Systems Thinking	3
NRHL 6648	Financial Management and Resource Allocation	3
NRHL 6653	Advanced Nursing Practice: Clinical Immersion	3
NRHL 6655	Advanced Nursing Practice: Capstone Project Implementation	3
Total Hours		21

Code	Title	Hours
M.B.A. Foundation (subject to waivers)		
ACCT 5501	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3
ECON 5101	Economics	3
MNGT 5101	Organizational Behavior	3
M.B.A. Core		
ACCT 6201	Managerial Accounting for Decision Makers	3
ECON 6101	Managerial Economics	3
FINA 6101	Techniques in Financial Decision Making	3
MKTG 6101	Brand and Marketing Management	3
MNGT 6301	Human Resources and Talent Management	3
MNGT 6501	Operations Management	3
MNGT 6601	Project Management	3
MNGT 6801	Global Strategic Management	3
Total Hours		33