

Nursing MSN

Georgia College School of Nursing offers a number of options for BSN prepared nurses who are seeking to further their career. Our programs are offered in a fully online format with minimal face to face on campus requirements during the program. Students completing the MSN degree have opportunities encompassing management, administration, teaching and advanced practice clinical positions throughout Georgia and the nation.

Our Master of Science in Nursing degree offers concentrations in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP), **Nurse Midwifery** and Nurse Educator (NE). **Post-Master's certificates** in these concentrations are also offered for MSN prepared nurses seeking certification.

All clinical rotations must be completed in Georgia with a preceptor that is approved by the School of Nursing (SON). Students are assisted by the SON in securing their preceptors and arranging their clinical schedule.

Students must have computer access, preferably at home. All MSN majors are expected to be able to use Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access) when submitting assignments. Graduate students should have proficiency with Microsoft Office, Internet, and email.

To earn the MSN, students need to complete all required courses within a period of seven years from the date the student begins graduate courses at Georgia College. Any coursework completed more than seven years prior to completion of requirements for the MSN degree will be considered outdated and will not be applied toward the MSN degree program. This includes courses that may be transferred in from other institutions.

Students taking the Advanced Assessment course (NRS 5480) are required to be on the Milledgeville campus for Lab Immersion Week. This 45-hour hands-on intensive clinical instruction provides the advanced assessment skills foundation for all FNP, PMHNP, WHNP, NM and Nurse Educator students.

The MSN application deadline is the second Tuesday of January. If space allows, applications will continue to be accepted until March 1st.

Nurse Midwifery Online

Mission Statement

In concert with the Georgia College liberal arts mission are committed to the formation of nurse leaders to engage in evidence-based practice, lifelong learning, and civic participation in a health information intensive environment through the development and mastery of clinical reasoning, professional nursing skills, and values in the practice of full-scope midwifery care to women and their families.

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Nurse Midwifery Quick Facts

Nurse Midwives are trained to provide primary care for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. This master's option couples theoretical background with evidence-based clinical experiences in a wide variety of community-based practice settings.

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is the professional association that represents certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States. ACNM sets the standard for excellence in midwifery education and practice in the United States and strengthens the capacity of midwives in developing countries.

Students are prepared to apply to take the certification exam through the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)

Online Program and Required Trips to Campus

- It is an online program. However, **there are a limited number of mandatory trips to the campus that are required.** These dates are posted well in advance.
- Our programs begin each summer with a mandatory four-day face to face immersion experience on campus, enabling you to meet your faculty and fellow students. During Immersion Week, you are also provided with training that supports and encourages your successful completion of the program. Examples of topics that are covered include:
 - How to use our library system so that books and journal articles can be delivered directly to your home.
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 - How to connect to your online classroom.
 - How to navigate the online learning system.
 - How to meet virtually with your classmates and faculty outside of class time.
 - How to develop an electronic portfolio of your work.
 - How to ensure that you are up to date with technology requirements.
 - How to secure preceptors and clinical sites.
 - Opportunities for International Study Abroad and Exchange Programs.
- Students taking Advanced Assessment (NRS 5480) are also required to be on campus for Lab Immersion Week in June. This 45-hour hands-on intensive clinical instruction provides the advanced assessment skills foundation for all WHNP students. (Full-time NM students take this class the very first semester they are enrolled in the program. Part Time students will take this course the following Summer semester.)
- Throughout the rest of the program, there may be approximately an additional 5 - 10 required trips to campus, for activities such as a required guest lecture, specific skills lab, etc. These dates are announced well in advance so that you may plan accordingly.

Information about Clinicals and Preceptorships

The majority of student's clinical experiences are completed in their home communities with a preceptor that is approved by the School of Nursing (SON). Students are assisted by the SON Clinical Coordinator in securing preceptors and arranging their clinical schedule.

- Total of 810 clinical hours in the program.
- Our Clinical Coordinator assists students in selecting qualified providers who have precepted our students in the past and provides instruction on how to present yourself in a professional manner to a potential preceptor.
- Because we are a public University, clinical hours **MUST** be completed within the State of Georgia.

Classes

- Didactic classes are held on Thursday and are structured in a variety of formats aimed at engaging the learner and making learning possible for all students. Class formats include:
 - Synchronous interactive lecture/discussion via WebEx.
 - Asynchronous online modules and recorded lectures that can be accessed on your own schedule.