Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

UH Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing offers a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education for working professional nurses and graduate nursing students to advance their careers and further their education. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education will enable the RN to obtain national nursing certification as a nurse educator. In addition, the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education will enable RNs to use this certification towards earning continuing education credits to meet the Hawaii State Board of Nursing continuing competency requirements for RN licensure renewal.

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education closely aligns with the MS in Nursing Education and Leadership Program for those who would like to continue their education.

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

- For RNs with one of the following:
  - a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS) or higher
  - an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a bachelor’s degree or higher in another field
- currently enrolled graduate nursing students
- Fall (August) Admission only
- Part-time program

Fast Facts

- The certificate courses will be offered in fall and spring semesters.
- The part-time 15 credit certificate program is designed
to be completed in two years (4 semesters).

**Curriculum**

The Nursing Education Certificate is a 15-credit curriculum. Below is a sample of the part-time course of study. Current students consult with the Nursing Education & Leadership Program Director to develop an individualized program of study.

**Sample Part-Time Course of Study**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Credits</th>
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<td><strong>Year 1</strong></td>
<td>9 Credits</td>
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<td><strong>Fall</strong></td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>NURS 732 Best Practice &amp; Innovation in Teaching &amp; Learning in Nursing Education (3)</td>
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<td><strong>Spring</strong></td>
<td>6 credits</td>
<td>NURS 747 Curriculum Development &amp; Assessment Strategies in Nursing Education (3)&lt;br&gt;NURS 662 Leadership Role Identity &amp; Organizational/System Change Seminar (3)</td>
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<td><strong>Year 2</strong></td>
<td>6 Credits</td>
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<td><strong>Fall</strong></td>
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<td>NURS 749 Curriculum Evaluation &amp; Accreditation in Nursing Education (3)</td>
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<td><strong>Spring</strong></td>
<td>3 credits</td>
<td>NURS 748 Nursing Education &amp; Leadership Capstone Practicum (3)</td>
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Total Number of Credits: 15 credits

Curriculum effective for students entering: Fall 2023

Current students consult with the Nursing Education and Leadership Program Director for their individualized program of study.
How to Apply

Fall (August) 2023 Applications Available: September 1, 2022

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Application Information

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education program uses a rolling admissions process. Applicants must submit fully completed applications containing all requirements for both the UHM Graduate Division and the DON to be reviewed for admission to the program. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and cannot be re-submitted. Applicants may apply only once per annual admission cycle. Applicants must meet the requirements of both the UH Manoa Graduate Division and the DON for admission to the program.

Each applicant is evaluated on the merit of their individual application and placed into one of three categories: admit, alternate or deny. Notifications about decisions occur following review of the completed application by the admissions team.

We encourage applicants to apply beginning September 1 both in the NursingCAS system and the UHM Graduate Division. Please check NursingCAS and the UHM Graduate Division for a full listing of application requirements.

Two-Step Application Process

Application Requirements are found on the websites listed below.

Step 1 – Apply to UH Manoa Graduate Division
https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/how-to-apply/
- Fee: $100
- Select “Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education” as the planned course of study

Step 2 – Apply to Nursing’s Centralized Application Service

Application deadlines for NCAS are set to Eastern Standard Time (EST) and will close at midnight EST the date of the deadline.

- http://www.nursingcas.org
- Fee: $75 (fee increase effective August 11, 2022)
- Select “Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education” for the planned course of study

Admission Requirements for RNs with a Bachelor of Science in nursing

Education

Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited college or university earned by July 15 of the program start year.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Undergraduate GPA 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Licensure

Current unrestricted RN license in the United States or evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice by the end of the first semester of the program.
Research Course Completion

Successful completion of an undergraduate research course or equivalent within 7 years of beginning classes in the MS program. Applicants who have not completed an undergraduate research course within 7 years of beginning classes in the program may still be admitted, but must complete the undergraduate research course by the end of the first semester of the program.

English Language Proficiency

If an applicant’s native language is not English or has not obtained a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an English speaking college, then the applicant must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600/100 (paper/internet) and subtest scores of 25 for listening and 25 for speaking or Grad International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 7.00.

International Students

Please visit the UH Manoa Office of International Student Services page, email them at issmanoa@hawaii.edu, or call them at (808) 956-8613.

Admission Requirements for RNs with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor degree or higher in another field
**Education**

Completion of a Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing Program and a non-nursing baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university earned by July 15 of the program start year.

**Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Undergraduate GPA 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

**Licensure**

Current unrestricted RN license in the United States or evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice by the end of the first semester of the program.

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**RN to MS Requirement**

Applicants with a non-nursing baccalaureate should have evidence of baccalaureate level knowledge in research; community, public, and global health; and an integrative clinical practicum and leadership development within the last seven years. Competency in each of the three areas may have been obtained through course work, professional programs, and/or professional or life experience.
The admitted student can petition to waive coursework by submitting an experiential portfolio to demonstrate either coursework or experience in the required areas. Samples of evidence include: resume, transcripts for previous college coursework; course syllabi which outline course descriptions and learning objectives; professional training programs coursework that includes learning objectives. Guidelines for the experiential portfolio are available from the Nursing Office of Student Services.

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