Master of Science

The Master of Science (MS) degree program is designed as a post-baccalaureate program to meet our statewide demand for a highly competent nursing workforce equipped with the skills to ensure the delivery of safe, quality nursing care in Hawaii. The program incorporates the AACN Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing (AACN, 2011) as the foundation for the curriculum, integrating evidence based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership to prepare nurses for flexible leadership and critical action within complex, changing systems, including health, educational, and organizational systems. Planning is underway to transition the curriculum to address the 2021 AACN The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education.

MS Degree Program offers two tracks:

Online Advanced Population Health Nursing

- For RNs with either:
  - a Bachelor of Science in nursing
  - an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a bachelor’s degree or higher in another field
- Fall (August) Admission only
- Full- or part-time program

Nursing Education & Leadership

- For RNs with one of the following:
  - a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS)
  - an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a bachelor’s degree or higher in another field
- Fall (August) Admission only
- Full- or part-time program
Fast Facts

- Two-step application process
- The Master of Science (MS) degree program has two tracks which prepare nurses for leadership roles. The Advanced Population Health Nursing is focused on population health in Hawaii and the Pacific Region. The Nursing Education & Leadership has a focus on nursing education and leadership.
- The MS degree program also has a thesis option in both tracks.

Program Outcomes / Competencies

The AACN Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing provides the foundational curricular elements and framework for the master’s education nursing program (AACN, 2011). Copies or versions in other languages are available at the AACN Essentials website. Planning is underway to transition the curriculum to address the 2021 AACN The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education.

A competent nurse in an advanced role:

- Demonstrates professional actions based on core nursing values, professional standards of practice, and the law.
- Develops insight through reflective practice, self-analysis, and self-care through the understanding of the law.
- Engages in ongoing self-directed learning and provides care based on evidence supported by research.
- Demonstrates leadership in nursing and health care.
- Collaborates as part of a health care team.
- Practices within, utilizes, and contributes to the broader health care system.
- Practices client-centered care.
- Communicates effectively and uses technology to support
the delivery of health services.

- Demonstrates clinical judgment and critical thinking in the delivery of care of clients while maintaining safety.

(2018 – UHM Graduate Nursing Program – MS, DNP, PhD Program Outcomes)

Student Testimonial

As a Native Hawaiian nurse, I look forward to helping Hawaiian people with health issues that are common to our population. The IKE AO PONO Program has supported my academic journey as a graduate student, and I intend to repay this support by helping to improve the health of future generations. – Kanoe Tani, Master of Science in Advanced Population Health Nursing

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