Master of Science

The Master of Science 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.

Master of Science Degree Program

Online Advanced Population Health Nursing

- For RNs with either:
  - a Bachelor of Science in nursing
  - an associate degree in nursing and a Bachelor degree or higher in another field
- Fall (August) Admission only
- Full- or part-time program

Fast Facts

- Two-step application process
- The program prepares nurses for leadership roles in population health with a focus on Hawaii and the Pacific Region.
- The 30-39 credit program is designed to be completed in one year as a full-time student or in two years as a part time student.
Coursework is completed online and through fieldwork activities conducted locally in the student’s own community.

Students complete a capstone project that can be conducted in their community.

Program Outcomes / Competencies

The AACN Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing provide the curricular elements and framework for the 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.

Master of Science in Nursing

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.
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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