



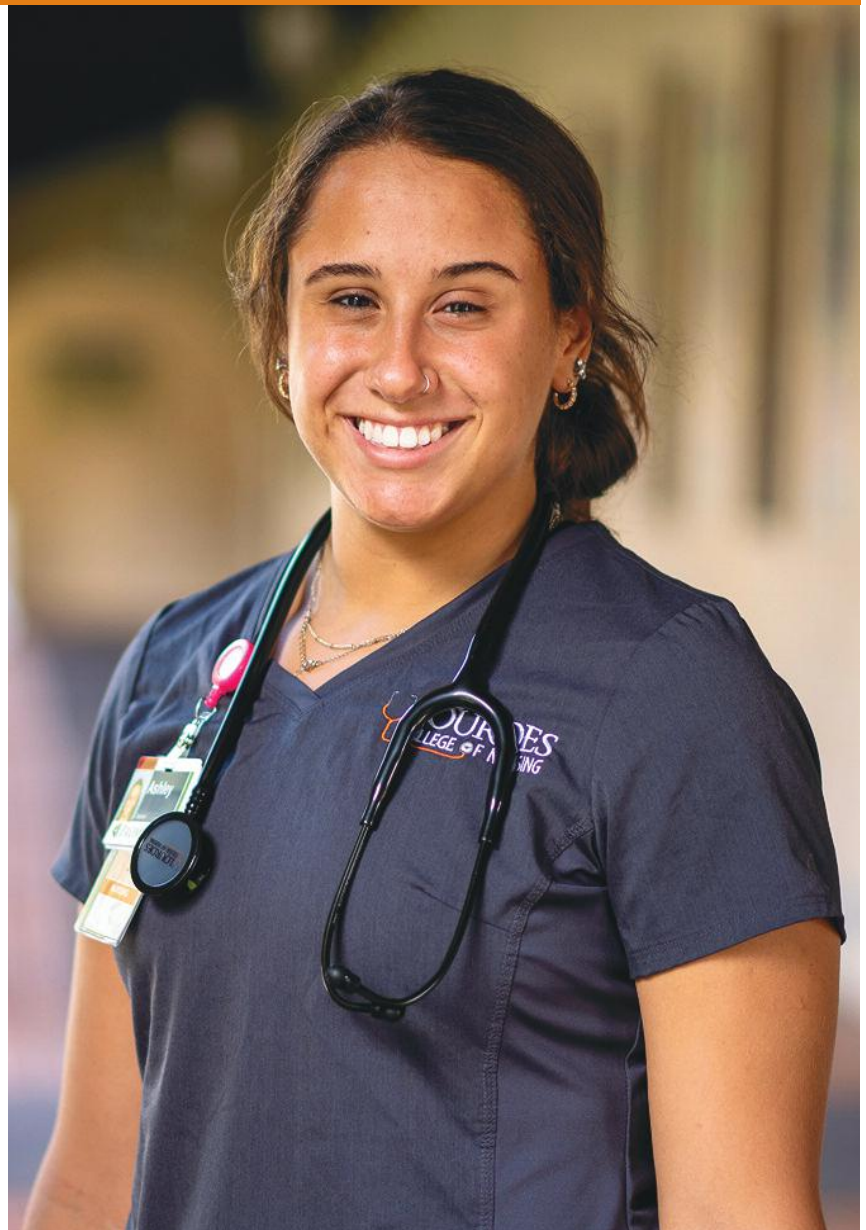
*It's Always the Right Time
To Invest in Yourself*

The Advantages of Earning a Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing (DEMSN)

Earning a Direct Entry MSN is an excellent way to make a career change and start fulfilling your passion for helping people as a masters-prepared nurse.

With Lourdes University's Direct Entry MSN you'll earn a Master of Science in Nursing and be better equipped to take on future leadership roles in healthcare or pursue advanced nursing certification or even a DNP down the road.

With a master's degree, you'll have the opportunity to further your education with a DNP or as an Advanced Practice Nurse. It will also help you stand out in the nursing job market where many entry-level nurses only have an associate's or a bachelor's degree.



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Preparing For Your Next Career

If you've earned a conferred bachelor's degree in another field of study, you can earn your MSN in as few as 20 months. Lourdes DEMSN program will prepare you to enter the nursing field and start changing patients' lives every day.

The Lourdes DEMSN includes a total of 66 credits and covers:

- Health science concepts across the lifespan
- Holistic patient-centered care
- Clinical practice
- Evidence-based practice
- Nursing management, leadership, and informatics
- Patient education and advocacy
- Capstone project based on clinical area of interest

After graduation, you'll be ready to provide compassionate, evidence-based care to patients of all ages.

Why Earn Your Direct Entry MSN from Lourdes?

Lourdes DEMSN program was built with the working adult in mind. It offers much greater flexibility than similar programs, allowing students to access some of their coursework remotely on their own schedule. While labs and clinicals are of course held in person, academic learning can be done online, allowing students additional flexibility to work around their busy schedules.

Lourdes' supportive professors and dedication to facilitating a thriving learning community helps students realize their potential and move on to successful careers.

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Quick Facts About Lourdes DEMSN

- 66 credits
- 780 hours of lab and clinical experience
- Flexible course structure with multiple modalities
- Eligibility for graduate financial aid
- Masters-level coursework
- State-of-the-art nursing school and simulation lab

Admission Requirements

The Direct-Entry MSN is designed for students who already have a conferred bachelor's degree in any non-nursing field.

To apply, you will need to provide:

- A completed online application
- Transcripts from all undergraduate educational institutions attended, showing an undergraduate or graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher for the last 60 credits of the program
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must demonstrate the following minimum satisfactory TOFEL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores: 550 for the paper-based exam; 213 for the computer-based exam; or 79-80 for the internet-based exam
- Official course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials for international transcripts
- Proof of passed federal and civilian criminal background check completed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI)
- Proof of current Basic Life Support (BLS) card with expiration at least 18 months after start of DEMSN Nursing Major
- Satisfactory completion of College of Nursing health and professional requirements

Pre-Requisite Course Requirements

Your bachelor's transcripts must also show that you have taken the following courses within the last five years and with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in these subjects:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with lab) (BIO/BIL 330)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (with lab) (BIO/BIL 331)
- Chemistry (with lab) (CHM 140/CHL 140)
- Microbiology (BIO 335)

In addition, you must have earned at least a C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in each of the courses listed above. You may be required to take or re-take pre-requisite courses prior to beginning Direct Entry MSN courses.



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Semester I

- NUR 501 Foundations of Professional Nursing and Theories Guiding Practice
- NUR 502 Health and Physical Assessment
- NUR 509 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology Concepts
- NUR 520 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development I: Care of Adults with Common Health Problems

Semester II

- NUR 530 Advanced Nursing Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 575 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development II: Mental Health Nursing
- NUR 580 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development III: Care of Adults with Complex Health Problems

Semester III

- NUR 609 Advanced Pathophysiology and Pharmacology Across the Lifespan
- NUR 618 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development IV: Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families
- NUR 623 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development V: Population-Focused Nursing

Semester IV

- NUR 624 Healthcare Systems Management and Policy in a Diverse Community
- NUR 626 Nursing Informatics
- NUR 627 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Globe
- NUR 628 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development VI: Synthesis of Concept-Based Practicum

Semester V

- NUR 639 Clinical Practice, Clinical Judgement, and Role Development VII: Contemporary Nursing Leadership/Management
- NUR 641 Knowledge Integration and Transition into Practice

Have questions? We're here to help!

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