

MSN Program Objectives

The Master of Science in Nursing program provides the students with an opportunity to:

1. Apply knowledge from the sciences and humanities to support advanced nursing practice, nursing administration, and role development.
2. Expand knowledge of theories used by nurses as a basis for advanced practice nursing or in the administration of clinical services.
3. Develop expertise in a specialized area of clinical nursing practice or in the administration of clinical services.
4. Acquire knowledge and skills related to a specific functional role in nursing.
5. Acquire initial competence in conducting research
6. Acquired the knowledge and skills to influence change in the health care system and in the practice and delivery of health care.
7. Further develop and implement leadership strategies for betterment of health care.
8. Actively engage in collaborative relationships with others for the purpose of improving health care.
9. Find employment in areas of specialization and/or related field.
10. Acquire a foundation for doctoral study.

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Assessment of Program's Student Learning Outcomes for the MSN Program in the School of Nursing
2007-2008

Programs' Student Learning Outcomes	Assessment Measures (Tools)	Benchmarks	Results	Analysis/Planned Actions
1. Students will be able to use critical thinking in the decision making process	1. Evidenced Based Project/Papers	90% average	95% average	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
	2. Clinical Evaluations	Overall evaluation score of 3.5 *	Overall evaluation of 4.0	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
	3. Performance on Certification Exams	90% (ANCC Normed Exam)	95%	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
2. Students will be able to promote health care through communication and collaboration with clients and other health care providers as evidenced by:	1. Clinical Evaluations	Overall evaluation score of 3.5*	Overall evaluation score of 4.0	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
	2. Evidenced Based Project Presentation.	3.5	4.0	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
	3. Evidenced Based Project Paper	90% average	95% average	Exceeds benchmark, no action needed
* On 4.0 Likert Scale 1=Beginner, 2=Advanced Beginner, 3= Competent, 4 = Proficient				

