



**Doctorate & Master's Degree**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Master of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing: RN-MSN (nurse educator track)

**Non-Degree/CAGS**

Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in nursing education

<b>Admissions Requirements for all programs:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application with a \$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College graduates)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. (Please note: Candidates for DNP must have a minimum cumulative 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Applications from BSN RNs with a GPA below 3.25 may be considered on an individual basis)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official transcripts indicating a Bachelor's or Master's degree earned</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Statement of Purpose: Your 300-500 word statement should describe your preparations for graduate work, your reasons for applying for this particular graduate program at Messiah College and how this graduate program will help you meet your professional and educational goals</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three letters of recommendations (addressing your professional experience and/or academic performance, excluding relatives). Applicants can invite references to complete an online recommendation form</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Résumé or Curriculum Vita (include a description of professional nursing or clinical experience)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unencumbered licensure as a Registered Nurse (United States &amp; Territories)</li> </ul>
<b>In addition, for the Post BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice: Family Nurse Practitioner Program:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of 500 hours as registered nurse in direct patient care with one year prior to admission</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion (grade of B or better) of the following undergraduate courses: statistics, research and health assessment (as a separate course or integrated concept)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of a phone or face-to-face interview</li> </ul>
<b>In addition, for the Master of Science in Nursing Program—Nurse Educator:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of one year of recent professional nursing practice prior to taking NURS 520</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory completion (grade of C or better) of the following undergraduate courses: statistics, research and health assessment (as a separate course or integrated concept)</li> </ul>
<b>In addition, for the Master of Science in Nursing Program—RN to MSN:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate degree in Nursing or diploma in nursing from an ACEN accredited program in nursing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently practicing as a nurse and completed 1000 hours of nursing practice prior to taking NURS 503</li> </ul>
<b>In addition, for the CAGS in Nursing Education :</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An advanced degree in Nursing (MSN, DNP, or PhD) without an educator focus from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program or its equivalent.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of one year of recent professional nursing practice.</li> </ul>