A message from the Nursing Graduate Program Director...

"Thank you for your interest in Ryerson University’s Master of Nursing Program."

As Director, I believe that we have developed a solid program of study that prepares our students for advanced professional practice roles in a variety of settings and contexts as needed in our ever changing and increasingly complex health care system. Building on Ryerson University’s strong tradition of distinction in its undergraduate programs, we are proud to bring forward this innovative graduate nursing program and our continued commitment to maintaining the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research and service to the community. The curriculum and learning experiences in our MN program are designed to further develop the leadership, research and educational expertise of our students and to advance nursing practice knowledge. We are here to guide and support you on your journey of learning and scholarly inquiry so please feel free to contact me as well as other members of the graduate nursing faculty and staff.

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The health care community is looking to universities to play an integral role in resolving the critical human and material resource challenges that Canada will face in the development and delivery of health services to an increasingly diverse and complex client population. In particular, nurses are needed in our health care system with advanced knowledge and skills to contribute to the further development of nursing science and the utilization of best practices knowledge across the health care spectrum.

Supported by values relating to social justice, accountability, advocacy and partnership, the Master of Nursing (MN) program at Ryerson University provides leading edge innovation and distinctive education to nursing graduate students who wish to achieve an advanced level of skill and knowledge in evidence-based practice, education, policy and leadership.

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Curriculum

The discipline of nursing is an ideal illustration of the Ryerson model of education as it integrates theory, research and practice in a meaningful way for both students and faculty. Situated in downtown Toronto, Ryerson’s close proximity to leading-edge health care organizations and research institutes ensures that students have access to a diverse range of learning opportunities.

Ryerson’s MN program complements the School of Nursing’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research and service to the community. The curriculum is comprehensive, designed to develop the leadership and educational expertise of students and to advance nursing knowledge and practice.

Course Work Stream

The Course Work Stream curriculum is designed for both full- and part-time students. Courses are scheduled during all three semesters of the academic year. Full-time students are expected to complete the program in 16-20 months (4-5 terms) and part-time students have 28-32 months (7-8 terms).

To successfully complete the MN Course Work Stream degree, students must complete ten course credits or equivalent. Students must complete seven required courses and three electives. The required program consists of five courses that are common to both fields and two courses that are required in each field of study.

Field I: Leadership in Health Care Policy and Education

_Required Field Courses_

- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

_Required Elective Courses_

- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education
- Population Health & Health Promotion

Thesis Stream

The Thesis Stream curriculum is designed for full-time students only. Courses are scheduled during all three semesters of the academic year; full-time students are expected to complete the program in 16-20 months (4-5 terms).

To successfully complete the MN Thesis Stream degree, students must complete ten course credits or equivalent. Students must complete six course credits plus a thesis. The required core program consists of five courses that are common to both fields and one course in their field of study. The thesis is equivalent to four course credits.

Required Core Courses

- Quantitative Research Methods: Design and Critical Appraisal
- Qualitative Research Methods: Design and Critical Appraisal
- Nature & Development of Nursing Knowledge
- Seminar: Advanced Nursing Practice
- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

Required Field Courses

Field I: Leadership in Health Care Policy and Education

_Elective Courses_

- Health Policy: Comparative Analysis
- Leadership in Education

Field II: Health and Illness of Individuals and Communities

_Elective Courses_

- Health & Illness: Theoretical Perspectives
- Population Health & Health Promotion

Field II: Health and Illness of Individuals and Communities

_Required Field Courses_

- Nature & Development of Nursing Knowledge
- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice
- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education

Thesis Stream

_Required Field Courses_

- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

Required Elective Courses

- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education

Elective Course

- Population Health & Health Promotion

Thesis Stream

_Required Field Courses_

- Nature & Development of Nursing Knowledge
- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

Required Elective Courses

- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education

Thesis Stream

_Required Field Courses_

- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

Required Elective Courses

- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education

Thesis Stream

_Required Field Courses_

- Nature & Development of Nursing Knowledge
- Practicum: Advanced Nursing Practice

Required Elective Courses

- Advanced Nursing Ethics
- Diversity & Globalization: Urban Health
- Interprofessional Health Education

Admission Requirements

_Thesis Stream_

Applicants must meet standard requirements for admission to the Ryerson School of Graduate Studies. Admission to the MN program Thesis Stream requires:

- Bachelor’s degree in Nursing (or equivalent) from a program accredited by CASN or approved by the appropriate provincial body
- Minimum overall B+ average in an undergraduate nursing program, with at least a B+ in the final half of at least 20 one-term/semester courses
- Submission of official transcripts, a curriculum vitae form, three confidential letters of reference (one from an academic referee and one from a professional referee or a second academic referee), and proof of current nurse registration in a province of Canada, or a letter of eligibility for registration
- Statement of interest

_Thesis Stream_ Applicants whose language of instruction during their undergraduate studies was a language other than English are required to submit a test of English language proficiency.

_Financial Support_ Ryerson University provides financial support in the form of scholarships, awards and research/bursary fellowships for as many full-time students as possible. Scholarships and awards are offered on a competitive basis, so the number awarded in any year varies. For more information on available funding see: www.ryerson.ca/graduate/funding.

_How to Apply_ All forms and application instructions are available at www.ryerson.ca/graduate/programs/nursing.