

MASTER OF NURSING

Associate Membership for Preceptors and Instructors

The Master of Nursing (MN) program at Ryerson University consists of 4 streams: course based, thesis, combined MN & Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP), and a PHCNP Certificate.

The courses delivered within the MN program are primarily delivered by faculty who have a full appointment to the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS). However, a small number of courses are facilitated by instructors who bring professional experience and substantive knowledge of various fields. As well, the “practicum” or clinical courses offer students professional practice experiences and are often facilitated by preceptors from professional practice and clinical settings.

In the MN program, the preceptor instructs, observes, and assesses students as they demonstrate their competence with respect to specific MN practicum course objectives. Preceptoring occurs within a specified time period, in a variety of settings, using standardized evaluation procedures (Yonge et al., 2002).

Associate Membership Status with YSGS for instructors and preceptors is intended for those individuals who have already significantly contributed to the MN program through ongoing teaching and preceptoring of students.

Application requirements

To qualify for Associate Membership Status with YSGS, the applicant should have preceptored at least two Ryerson University MN students and/or taught at least 2 courses within the MN program over the past 3 years.

Individuals who participate in the teaching and/or precepting of students in the MN program and would like to be considered for an Associate Membership Status with YSGS, will need to submit to the Graduate Program Director the following items:

- 1) Cover letter (2-4 pages) detailing:
 - a. reasons for requesting appointment (i.e. engagement in teaching and/or preceptoring in the MN program)
 - b. qualifications (at minimum a Master’s Degree, training, professional certification / expertise / experience)

- c. philosophical or theoretical approach that informs teaching and preceptoring, research and/or scholarly experience
- d. a three-year professional development plan that outlines their intention to maintain currency in their chosen field

2) Current CV

Applications must be submitted by April 1st of each year

Once the applications are received, they are reviewed by the MN Membership committee. Following approval, the Graduate Program Director submits a written recommendation to the YSGS Dean. The YSGS Dean communicates their decision to the Graduate Program Director and/or the Applicant. Appointments are effective September 1st of that same year.

Length of appointment

Associate Member appointments are three years in length and can be extended by letter from the Graduate Program Director to the Dean, YSGS.

Renewal of Associate Membership status

To qualify for renewal as an Associate Member, YSGS, status, the applicant should have preceptored at least two Ryerson University MN students and/or taught at least 2 courses within the MN program over the term of their appointment. In addition, the applicant should have also participated in at least one MN program committee (e.g., Membership, Curriculum, Student Thesis, Admissions, ad hoc committee).

The following documents are to be included in the Renewal Application Package:

- a) Cover letter (2-4 pages) detailing:
 - a. reasons for requesting renewal of application (i.e. engagement in teaching and/or preceptoring in the Master's program)
 - b. qualifications (education, training, professional certification / expertise / experience)
 - c. philosophical or theoretical approach that inform teaching and preceptoring, research and/or scholarly experience
 - d. 3-year professional development plan that outlines their intention to maintain currency in their chosen field
- b) Copy of current licensure in relevant professional regulatory body (for preceptors only)

c) Up to date Curriculum Vitae

Rights and Responsibilities of YSGS Associate Members

- Associate Membership Status in YSGS is not associated with remuneration (i.e. financial or other) by Ryerson University
- Travel and other costs to and from Ryerson University are the responsibility of the Associate Member
- Access to a Ryerson University One-Card, for the term of the appointment
- Full use of the Ryerson University library, including electronic resources
- Participation in research projects
- Names and academic credentials of Associate Members are listed on the MN program website
- Associate Member is expected to acknowledge their affiliation with the MN program in all publications and scholarly works arising from their appointment
- While on campus or engaged in scholarly or academic work using their association with Ryerson University, it is expected that Associate Member, like other faculty members, comply with all Ryerson University policies

Yonge, O., Krahn, H., Trojan, L., Reid, D., & Haase, M. (2002). Being a preceptor is stressful!. Journal for Nurses in Professional Development, 18(1), 22-27.