



## Preview Day

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**College of Graduate Nursing**

**MSN-E Preview Session**

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## **Agenda**

- Welcome & Program Overview \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00pm
- Current Student and Admission Q&A \_\_\_\_\_ 2:45pm



## **College of Graduate Nursing Mission**

The College of Graduate Nursing at Western University of Health Sciences offers a variety of programs for entry-level, ADN, BSN, and MSN-prepared students to achieve an advanced practice degree in nursing through a Web-based and on-campus seminar weekend educational delivery model. All graduate programs are BRN approved and professionally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the accrediting body for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The College of Graduate Nursing faculty foster excellence, creativity, innovation, self-reflection, personal and professional accountability, collaboration, cultural sensitivity, a passion for caring, leadership, and lifelong scholarship.

## **Important MSN-Entry Information**

Tuition: \$115,802

Application deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>

Interviews: Typically, 200 individuals out of the applicant pool are invited for an interview.

Requirements: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing/msn-entry/requirements/>

Curriculum: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing/msn-entry/curriculum/>

How to apply: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing/msn-entry/apply/>

Financing your education: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing/msn-entry/tuition-scholarships/>

## **Prerequisite Courses**

Prerequisite	Semester Units	Quarter Units
Human Anatomy w/lab	4	6
Human Physiology w/lab	4	6
Microbiology w/lab	4	6
Nutrition	3	4
Statistics	3	4
Social Sciences	3	4
Psychology	3	4
Communications	6	8



## Class Statistics and FAQ

Based on Fall 2020 entry

Number of Applications Received	614
Number of Interviews Granted	196
Number of Students Enrolled	72
Average Overall GPA	3.41
Average Last 60 Units GPA	3.63

What is the MSN-Entry program?

A master's entry program is an accelerated program of study that meets the same educational requirements for a BS in Nursing. The difference is that the students entering the program all have a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field. Therefore, the program of study is tailored to the needs of an adult learner who desires a master's degree in Nursing. In addition, the profession needs diverse students who have broader skills to bring to the discipline of nursing.

How do MSN-Entry graduates compare to traditional RNs on the NCLEX exam?

Current data verifies that MSN-Entry students score higher on the NCLEX exam. In California, the NCLEX pass rate ranges from 90% to 100%. Since MSN-Entry students are admitted with a higher GPA, it is thought that these students are academically proven by their BA or BS degree and are highly motivated to achieve an RN and MSN degree.

Are the College of Graduate Nursing programs accredited?

Yes, CGN has the highest level of accreditation. A ten-year re-accreditation with the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education and re-approval by the Board of Registered Nursing was granted in October 2012. Accreditation of nursing programs assures you as a consumer that the program meets professional educational standards of excellence.

What does WesternU offer that other institutions do not offer? What sets WesternU apart?

The advanced use of clinical simulation in the pre-licensure phase of the curriculum and a dedicated faculty team that is committed to the MSN-E model of education sets WesternU apart from other institutions. In addition, CGN has clinical partnerships in premier clinical facilities in southern California. Please review the prospective student website for more information: [nursing.westernu.edu](http://nursing.westernu.edu)

Can I work while in the MSN-Entry program?

We recommend that students do not work during their RN portion of the curriculum, as the courses are intensive and delivered in an accelerated format. With this in mind, it is important for you to make a full-time commitment throughout the duration of the program.



Can I take prerequisites at a community college?

Yes, prerequisites completed at a community college are accepted and given full consideration.

Can I be in the process of completing prerequisites at the time of application?

Yes, however, we recommend that you complete all but one prerequisite course by the spring term of the year you apply. The admissions committee understands that it is difficult to secure a seat in science prerequisite courses, therefore, we recommend that you complete all prerequisites no later than June. This will enable the admissions committee to accurately assess your GPA and assure that you are positioned for admission.

\*\*\*Beginning Fall 2022 application cycle, Human Anatomy & Physiology (w/lab) must be completed by the application deadline\*\*\*

Do I need experience in the health care field? Is experience preferred?

No, experience is not necessary to obtain acceptance into the MSN-Entry program. This program is designed for people without experience in healthcare industry. The admissions committee finds that students with degrees in other disciplines are often transferable to nursing. While experience is not required, exposure to professional health care and the ability to discuss your understanding of the RN role will strengthen your application.

Can I talk to a counselor about my coursework?

If you'd like to find out whether the courses you've taken or plan to take will satisfy WesternU's MSN-Entry prerequisites you can:

1. Search the prerequisite database by institution  
(<http://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing-msn-entry/requirements>)
2. If your courses aren't listed in the database and you have a few courses in question, you may submit a prerequisite verification form (<http://prospective.westernu.edu/nursing-msn-entry/requirements>)
3. If your courses aren't listed in the database and you have numerous courses in question, or simply wish to lay out your coursework, you may instead print and submit an academic worksheet.



**College of Graduate Nursing**  
*Master of Science Entry Level (MSN-E) Program*

**Application Checklist and How to Apply Guide**

**Application Checklist**

This checklist is provided to assist you in collecting the materials listed below. Your application will not be considered until all materials have been submitted by the deadline. The application deadline is November 1st however you are encouraged to apply early to avoid any possible delays.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Online application**

- \$60 non-refundable application fee made payable via credit card at the time you submit your online application

**\_\_\_\_\_ Essay Questions**

- Will be submitted electronically within the online application
- Compose your answers in a separate Word document and be sure to edit for spelling and grammar. It's always a good idea to have others proofread for spelling, grammar and clarity before submitting
- Once your questions are ready, you can copy/paste within the respective sections of the online application

**\_\_\_\_\_ Résumé/Curriculum Vitae**

- Will be uploaded electronically within the online application
- Include all previous employment and education
- Use the Resume Templet provided on the apply now page

**\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Reference Forms**

- To be completed by supervisors or faculty (non-relatives)
- Sent electronically
  - Enter the name and contact information of the recommender
  - An email will be sent to the recommender with a link asking them to submit the online recommendation form
- Written recommendations are accepted in addition to the 2 completed reference forms



\_\_\_\_\_ **Official Transcripts of all schools attended (do not include high school transcripts)**

- All transcripts must be received – including any undergraduate and/or graduate coursework that did not culminate in a degree
- WesternU prefers to receive electronic transcripts. These transcripts are considered official documents if they are sent directly from your school using one of the many Online Transcript Exchange services. These services include Interfolio, Docufide, or E-Scrip Safe. Please check with your Registrar to see if this service is available. If this service is available, please have your Registrar's office select the appropriate Western University of Health Sciences receiver account
- *NOTE:* If you have completed any coursework outside of the US, you must get your coursework evaluated by either:
  - Josef Silny & Associates (<http://www.jsilny.com/>)
  - World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prerequisite Worksheet (upload to online application)**

- Complete this form with the course name, institution, and grade received for all prerequisites
- Do not leave any blanks
- Do not write "see transcripts" otherwise your application will be considered incomplete

\_\_\_\_\_ **Repeated Courses Work Sheet (uploaded to online application)**

- List any courses you have repeated - do not include courses that are in progress

**Mailing address for transcripts:**

Western University of Health Sciences  
Admissions Operations  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854

**Questions regarding the online application**

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