The College of Nursing offers a program that leads to a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree.

Master’s nursing education builds on baccalaureate nursing education and prepares nurses for specialized clinical roles. The M.S.N. program offers three clinical tracks: Advanced Nursing of Growing Families, Advanced Nursing of Adults, and Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. Three role options are available to graduate students: Care Manager, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Administrator. Graduate students must select one clinical track and one role option. The College offers a special track for Registered Nurse applicants leading to the B.S.N. or to both the B.S.N. and M.S.N. Please contact the college directly for information about this pathway. Both the bachelor’s degree (BSN) and the master’s degree (MSN) programs in the College of Nursing are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission [61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, Phone 212-363-5555, Ext 153] and also by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education [One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone 202-887-6791; Fax 202-887-8476]. Questions about accreditation status may be addressed to these organizations.

All students take a common core before entering the clinical and role options. The common core includes Pathophysiology, Research, Theory, and an Issues Seminar.

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Synthesize knowledge gained from the behavioral and natural sciences, humanities, and nursing into advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize the research process to solve problems and improve the quality of health care.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Each student must pass a comprehensive examination which tests communication, critical thinking, advanced discipline knowledge, and the ability to synthesize.
2. Each student must demonstrate application of theory, practice, knowledge, critical thinking, and problem solving by completion of a thesis or project.
Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

All students must take the following 4 courses regardless of their selected clinical and role options.

**Core Courses** ........................................................................................................ 9 hours
- NURS 7100 Pathophysiology .................................................. 3 hours
- NURS 7110 Theories Used in Nursing ...................................... 2 hours
- NURS 7120 Nursing Research .................................................. 3 hours
- NURS 7130 Seminar in Issues & Health Policy ....................... 1 hour

**Clinical Focus Courses** .................................................................................. 12 hours

**Advanced Nursing of Growing Families**
- NURS 7211 Advanced Nursing Care with Growing Families .................. 6 hours
- NURS 7312 Advanced Nursing Care with Growing Families During Health Crisis .................. 6 hours

**Advanced Nursing of Adults**
- NURS 7231 Advanced Nursing for Health Promotion of Adults ........................................ 3 hours
- NURS 7332 Advanced Nursing for Health Restoration of Adults ........................................ 3 hours
- NURS 7231K ANHPA Clinical laboratory .................................. 3 hours
- NURS 7332K ANHPA Clinical laboratory .................................. 3 hours

**Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing**
- NURS 7251 Mental Health Nursing with Person ...................... 6 hours
- NURS 7352 Mental Health Nursing with Persons ..................... 6 hours

**Role Option Courses** .................................................................................. 9 hours

**Education**
- NURS 7321 Curriculum Design for Nursing .............................. 3 hours
- NURS 7422 Teaching Strategies for Nursing .............................. 6 hours

**Nursing Administration**
- NURS 7331 Nursing Administration: Roles & Theories .................. 3 hours
- NURS 7432 Nursing Administration: Implementation of Role .................. 6 hours

**Care Manager**
- NURS 7341 Care Manager: Roles and Theories ........................... 3 hours
- NURS 7442 Care Manager: Implementation of Role ............................ 6 hours

**Thesis or Project (All students must do a thesis or project)** .......................... 6 hours
- NURS 7463 Thesis ................................................................. 1-6 hours
- NURS 7473 Project ................................................................. 1-6 hours

**Total Required for the Degree** .............................................................. 36 semester hours
Requirements in Addition to the University Requirements for Admissions, Retention, and Graduation

Special Admission Requirements
1. Must have graduated from a NLNAC or CCNE accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
2. Minimum score of 800 on the verbal and analytical sections of the Graduate Record Examination
3. GPA of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 point scale
4. Evidence of Georgia licensure.
5. Documentation of current health and accident insurance
6. Three letters of recommendation from persons whose observations of applicant’s character and abilities are current.

Admission to regular graduate status requires completion of a statistics course and completion of a course or demonstrated competency in advanced physical assessment.

Special Retention Requirements
1. Documentation of malpractice insurance of $1,000,000/$3,000,000.
2. A minimum grade of C in all nursing courses.
3. Documentation of current certification in CPR.
4. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all graduate courses.
5. Maintenance of current licensure as a Registered Nurse

Special Graduation Requirements
1. Satisfactory completion of the comprehensive examination covering the areas of theory, research, the clinical focus, and the selected role.
2. Successful completion of a thesis or project.
3. Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.