

The University of Iowa

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# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS, ADMISSION

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

# MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Master's degree candidates must complete 42 semester hours of course work, maintain at least a 2.5 grade-point average, and satisfactorily complete and defend a written thesis or satisfactorily complete a master's project. Full-time or part-time study is available.

## Course Requirements

- 17 semester hours of advanced nursing core course work:
  - Theory 3 s.h.
  - Leadership 3 s.h.
  - Research 6 s.h.
  - Issues 2 s.h.
  - Health Policy/Economics 3 s.h.
- 14 semester hours in an area of nursing specialization and role preparation:
  - Clinical nursing specialization options** (8 semester hours)
    - Child health nursing
    - Adult health nursing
    - Gerontological nursing
    - Community/Family health nursing
  - Role preparation options** (6 semester hours)
    - Education
    - Administration
    - Advanced clinical practice
- 6 semester hours of supporting course work for students choosing the master's thesis; 9 semester hours of supporting course work for students choosing the master's project
- 5 semester hours of thesis work or 2 semester hours of project work

### Educational Costs for Graduate Students, 1992-93

<i>Item</i>	<i>Minimum Amount</i>	<i>Maximum Amount</i>
Tuition (4 sem.) resident \$1239/sem nonresident \$3675/sem	\$4,956	\$14,700
Housing (\$290/mo.)	(resident) 6,960 (without utilities)	(nonresident) 9,000 (with utilities)
Food Allowance (\$6.50-\$10.00/day)	4,550	7,000
Book Allowance (5.5 books/course @ \$30/book)	1,440 (additional books from library)	1,600
Transportation (Bus: \$5.00 per week)	300	300
Thesis/Project (200 pages @ \$1.50)	300	500
Typing (10 papers/20 pages @ \$1.50)	300	300
Xeroxing	100	200 (plus thesis)
Malpractice Insurance (\$60/year)	120	120
Student Health Fees	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>
Total	\$19,106	\$33,800

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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students should apply to the master's program in nursing through The University of Iowa Graduate College. Requirements for full-status admission include:

- A graduate-level statistics course
- Current license to practice nursing in Iowa or another country
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale
- Satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Three letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant's capacity and potential for graduate study
- For applicants whose native language is not English, a minimum score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Health screening (health questionnaire and consent form, physical examination, urine analysis, rubella, rubeola, tetanus diphtheria, polio, TB skin test)

Individual consideration may be given to applicants who do not meet all of the above requirements.

Options are available for applicants with a non-nursing bachelor's degree or a B.S.N. from a nonaccredited program, for foreign registered nurses with a bachelor's degree, and for registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing or a diploma in nursing.

## **Statistics Requirements**

Prior to enrollment in the research courses the student needs knowledge of:

- Levels of measurement
- Univariate descriptive statistics (frequency distributions, percentiles, percentile ranks, central tendency, variability of dispersion, standard scores)
- Inferential statistics concepts (t-test, pearson r)
- Nonparametric statistics concepts (chi-square)
- Hypothesis testing (alpha levels, type I and type II errors)
- Inferential statistics (ANOVA)
- Nonparametric statistics (Mann-Whitney U test, Spearman's rho, Kendall tau)
- Use of computer statistical programs (SPSS, Minitab, BMDP, and some local programs)

## FINANCIAL AID

Full-time students are eligible for limited professional nurse traineeships providing full or partial tuition support. The traineeships are funded by the federal government and are not guaranteed from year to year.

Limited teaching and research graduate student assistantships, graduate opportunity fellowships, and scholarships are available on a competitive basis. The best source of financial help for graduate students is a low-interest bank loan.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The college reviews applications for admission to the master's degree program continually. Applications must be complete, with all relevant materials submitted, in order to be reviewed.

## Deadlines

May 1 for summer and fall admissions  
December 1 for spring admission

Students may first enroll during fall, spring, or summer semesters.

## Materials to be Submitted

- Completed application form
- Application fee
- Complete transcripts for work done in all undergraduate and graduate schools
- GRE scores
- Three letters of professional reference

Applications should be sent to Graduate Admissions, 116 Calvin Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

All Graduate College regulations pertaining to academic standing, probation, and dismissal apply to graduate students in nursing. Transfer credits applicable to the master's degree program are limited and must be approved by the dean for the graduate program in nursing and by the student's adviser.

The University of Iowa requests personally identifiable information for the purpose of maintaining student records. No one outside the University is routinely provided this information except for directory information such as name and local address. Responses to all appropriate items are required. The University may not be able to properly advise applicants who do not respond fully. Return the enclosed reply card for more information.

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