ACCELERATED MSN OPTIONS

Accelerated MSN Option & Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option

- Advance your education **while you work**
- **Online Coursework**
- Total credit hours:
  - Accelerated MSN Option: 30
  - Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option: 37

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Note: Program/program option availability varies by state/location.

Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program Overview

- **Accelerated MSN Option**
- **Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option**

The **Accelerated MSN Option** and **Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option** are designed to prepare nurses for a variety of advanced roles in nursing practice, including those that require skill in delivering direct and indirect care; leading healthcare initiatives; and educating patients, staff, and the community. The curriculum for the Accelerated MSN Option provides an innovative, integrative design that is student-centered, learner driven, and faculty-facilitated. The curriculum is designed to prepare the graduate to apply a systems approach to a variety of roles in nursing practice, from the micro-level to the meso-level of healthcare delivery, with emphasis on leadership, collaboration, interdisciplinary engagement, and process improvement. Integrated into the curriculum are the foundational principles of leadership, law and ethics, quality and safety, and use of evidence-based practice.

Because of the integrative design, time to completion is shortened in comparison to other tracks or options within Chamberlain's Master of Science in Nursing degree program. Within each 8-week session, the Accelerated MSN options allow students to complete courses and assignments within an individualized timeframe while maintaining weekly interaction with faculty in each course. This gives students more flexibility in managing work-life family responsibilities while completing coursework.

Courses within the curriculum are application-based which allows the students to begin "practicing" what they are learning, in real time, at their workplaces. The curriculum provides nurses with advanced knowledge and preparation to:

- Use best practices and evidence-based interventions to ensure coordinated, safe, quality nursing care in complex health systems;
- Decrease fragmentation of healthcare services;
- Assist patients in navigating their healthcare;
- Assist patients in becoming partners in care;
- Lead quality improvements in clinical care for better patient outcomes;
- Assume accountability and responsibility for patient and systems outcomes.

The deliberate alignment of content to Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL™) competencies provides students with a Clinical Nursing Leadership option. Students pursuing the Clinical Nursing Leadership option not only complete the 144 hours of required practicum learning in the final required course of the Accelerated MSN option, but also complete elective practicum hours in two additional 8-week sessions with 144 hours of practicum in each session. These last three courses in the Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option require the completion of enough clinical hours for graduates to be eligible for the CNL™ certification exam. For more information about certification as a CNL, visit aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CNL/CNL-Certification-Guide.pdf.

The curriculum is sequential, with prior coursework establishing foundational-concept mastery required for subsequent courses. Therefore, students may not take courses in a random sequence. However, students may individualize the pace for completing degree requirements by limiting or expanding the number of courses taken each session.

Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, the Master of Science in Nursing degree will be conferred.

Graduate Program Outcomes

The MSN program outcomes are aligned with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing publications, The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing (2008) and The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing (2011). The expected outcomes for Chamberlain's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program are as follows:

1. Provide high-quality, safe, person-centered care grounded in holistic healthcare principles.
2. Create a caring environment for achieving quality health outcomes.
3. Engage in lifelong personal and professional growth through reflective practice and appreciation of cultural diversity.
4. Integrate professional values through scholarship and service in healthcare.
5. Promote positive health outcomes through compassionate, evidence-based, collaborative advanced nursing practice.

Program Details

Accelerated MSN Option

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing
Semesters: 2 Full Time (30 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses for Accelerated MSN Option		
NR-518	Population Health and Epidemiology in Nursing Practice [1]	4
NR-519	Adv Nursing Practice Across the Health Continuum: Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, & Pharmacology [1]	3
NR-520	Applied Theoretical Foundations, Scientific Inquiry, and Decision-Making [1]	4
NR-527	Communication and Collaboration for Advanced Nursing Practice [1]	3
NR-528	Leading and Managing Evidence-Based Change in Nursing	3
NR-529	Leadership and Management within the Clinical Healthcare Environment	3

NR-561	Addressing Global Health Disparities	3
NR-562	Leadership and Management within Complex Healthcare Systems	3
NR-662	Advanced Nursing Role Synthesis	4

[1] Core Nursing Coursework

Note: All coursework is considered Specialty Nursing Coursework unless otherwise noted as Core Nursing Coursework.

Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing
Semesters: 3 Full Time (37 credit hours) Effective Prior to May 2024

Code	Title	Hours
Courses Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option		
NR-518	Population Health and Epidemiology in Nursing Practice [1]	4
NR-519	Adv Nursing Practice Across the Health Continuum: Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, & Pharmacology [1]	3
NR-520	Applied Theoretical Foundations, Scientific Inquiry, and Decision-Making [1]	4
NR-527	Communication and Collaboration for Advanced Nursing Practice [1]	3
NR-528	Leading and Managing Evidence-Based Change in Nursing	3
NR-529	Leadership and Management within the Clinical Healthcare Environment	3
NR-561	Addressing Global Health Disparities	3
NR-562	Leadership and Management within Complex Healthcare Systems	3
NR-663	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 1	4
NR-664	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 2	3
NR-665	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 3	4

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Degree: Master of Science in Nursing
Semesters: 3 Full Time (37 credit hours) Effective May 2024

Code	Title	Hours
Courses Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership Option		
NR-518	Population Health and Epidemiology in Nursing Practice [1]	4
NR-519	Adv Nursing Practice Across the Health Continuum: Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, & Pharmacology [1]	3
NR-520	Applied Theoretical Foundations, Scientific Inquiry, and Decision-Making [1]	4
NR-527	Communication and Collaboration for Advanced Nursing Practice [1]	3
NR-528	Leading and Managing Evidence-Based Change in Nursing	3
NR-529	Leadership and Management within the Clinical Healthcare Environment	3
NR-561	Addressing Global Health Disparities	3
NR-562	Leadership and Management within Complex Healthcare Systems	3
NR-658	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 1	4
NR-664	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 2	3
NR-669	Advanced Nursing Role Immersion – Part 3	4

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For the most up-to-date curriculum grids, visit chamberlain.edu/curriculum.

Practicum Experiences

The practicum experience is the main focus and pedagogy in the Accelerated MSN Option and Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership option culminating course(s). This concentrated professional experience further prepares students for practice in the advanced generalist role. The practicum courses provide students an opportunity to apply newly developed skills and theoretical knowledge to real-world practice situations. Additionally, the last three courses in the Accelerated MSN with Clinical Nursing Leadership option require the completion of enough clinical hours for graduates to be eligible for the CNL™ certification exam. These practicum experiences allow students to enhance their skills in communication, teamwork, critical thinking and professionalism. The practicum courses include online classroom work, assignments, threaded discussions and a practicum project.

Students are responsible for specifying their own practicum site and qualified mentor that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain. If students are unable to secure their own practicum site and qualified preceptor, Chamberlain will assist in identifying site/preceptor upon the student providing documentation of at least five potential sites that have not been able to accommodate the student, and must submit the request three sessions in advance of the need. Students using Chamberlain's preceptor matching service will be provided with one preceptor option within a 100-mile radius of their home address. Students are assisted in this effort by an experiential learning specialist. Students must have an active and unrestricted nursing license in the state in which they will complete their practicum. If the preceptor, mentor and/or field instructor you are submitting for Chamberlain University's review and approval was found using a student-arranged third-party preceptor matching service, be advised that Chamberlain University will not reimburse any fees you may have incurred.