MDE Open House
Why?

- A career in nursing offers a plethora of benefits: a high level of personal satisfaction and growth, career mobility, location flexibility, and competitive salaries.

- Upon consulting with hiring managers and nurse leaders, we found that master’s prepared RNs were most competitive in obtaining clinical positions.

- The increased complexity of the healthcare environment requires the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise.

- Master’s prepared RNs will be able to obtain greater leadership positions in their clinical settings.

- Students will be able to move directly from the MDE program into one of our doctoral programs, the clinical Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) or the research-based Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD).
Overview of Nursing Education

- Masters Direct Entry is an accelerated nursing program that offers basic competence in professional nursing and generalized master’s coursework.

- You will learn the language, tasks, skills, and components of nursing as well as how to function in an organized unit of care delivery.

- Emphasis will be placed on religio-cultural competency, evidence based practice, and care coordination.

- At the completion of the program, students will be eligible for NCLEX licensure.

- Doctoral Studies
  - The Doctor of Philosophy [PhD] (Research degree)
  - The Doctor of Nursing Practice [DNP] (Clinical degree)
Doctoral Education at Columbia Nursing

Building on our strengths

MDE

PhD

MDE

DNP/APRN
Research Doctorate (PhD)

Two Admission Options:
- Post-MS in nursing or related discipline
- Post-licensure in nursing (MDE)
Clinical Doctorate (DNP)

- The DNP is a doctoral degree that prepares nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for fully accountable comprehensive practice with patients across sites and over time.
- The DNP degree represents the highest academic preparation for nurse clinicians.
- The degree is conferred in any specialty in advanced practice.
- It is taught by an interdisciplinary faculty with lectures, seminars, case studies, and field experiences. It also includes a residency and portfolio.
Specialties

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care
- Family Primary Care
- Pediatric Primary Care
- Psychiatric/Mental Health
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
- Nurse Midwifery
- Nurse Anesthesia (MS only)
Subspecialties

- Palliative and End of Life Care
- Oncology
- Woman’s Health
- HIV/AIDS
Admissions Process

- **MDE**
  - MDE admissions committee.
  - May apply to PhD or DNP during the four semesters.

- **MDE/DNP**
  - MDE admissions committee.
  - Second, DNP specialty admissions.
  - May transfer out of anesthesia or midwifery but not vice versa.
  - One year ICU experience between MDE and Anesthesia coursework.
  - If denied into specialty for DNP, may still complete MDE.
  - May re-apply to DNP during MDE year.

- **MDE/PhD**
  - MDE admissions committee.
  - Second, PhD admissions committee.
  - If denied into PhD, may still complete MDE.
  - May re-apply to PhD during MDE year.
Strategies/Tips for Success

- During the first two years in a traditional baccalaureate program students learn sciences, math, English, etc., and the second two years are the nursing courses.

- This program compresses 72 credits into one fifteen-month period.

- It is not a part-time commitment. It is NOT possible to work outside of school during MDE the first year.

- Clinical hours match traditional nursing programs. Therefore, students will not be excused for weddings, family reunions, etc.

- Do not plan any large life changes.
## Overview of Scheduling

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<td>Make-ups on Sunday</td>
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The Clinical Site Experience

- The MDE program leadership assigns clinical experiences.
- Students will be rotated to various hospitals during their clinical rotations.
- Any hospital in NYC may be used during clinical. All sites can be reached by mass-transit.
  - NYP Columbia Milstein Hospital
  - NYP Cornell Hospital
  - NYP Allen Pavilion
  - NYP CHONY
  - Montefiore (CHAM)
  - Mt. Sinai Hospital
  - NY Psychiatric Institute
  - St. Luke’s Hospital
  - Metropolitan Hospital
  - Nyack Hospital (transportation provided)
Late Spring Coursework (after spring break)

• Integration
  – Intense clinical
  – Approximately 36 hours per week x 6 weeks
  – Any day of the week including weekends
  – Days, evenings and/or nights
  – Any borough of NYC or Long Island
  – Some other opportunities include:
    • La Romana, Dominican Republic; Juarez, Mexico, University of Navarra, Spain; Malawi, West Africa
    • Cooperstown, NY
Evidence demonstrates that Columbia University nursing students perform better on the NCLEX exam resulting from their participation during the school year with Kaplan review testing.

Therefore, the faculty require participation in Kaplan testing.

The cost of the program is $350 per year.

Online testing takes place during most coursework and during Integration.
Typhon

• The MDE program will begin to utilize the Typhon Tracking System. Our master’s specialties have utilized the program since 2012. This is a computer-based program that is compatible with most computer systems which tracks de-identified data of all patients seen. All students are required to purchase this program for $50 before clinical starts June 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2015.

• Demonstrations will be held prior to utilization.

• The MDE faculty have access and periodically review Typhon records. Each student is required to input clinical information on a weekly basis throughout the program.

• Additionally, students will maintain a professional portfolio within the program.
Financial Aid
# Understanding Cost Of Attendance

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- **Room and Board**
  - Includes rent, utilities, food

**Cost of Living**

- Room and Board
  - *Includes rent, utilities, food
- Books
- Transportation
- Personal

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**Columbia University**

**School of Nursing**

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# Master’s Direct Entry (MDE) - Mandatory University Fees

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<td>$1,537 annual</td>
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<td>$105 one time fee</td>
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<td>MDE Tuition (Last Summer Term)</td>
<td>$15,961</td>
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<td>DNP (varies by specialty)</td>
<td>$1,932 per credit</td>
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Cost of Living (Non Mandatory Fees)

- Room and board: $2000 per month, $24000 per year
  - Rent: $1400
  - Utilities: $300
  - Food: $300
- Transportation: $1398 per year (*based on MTA monthly pass)
- Books and supplies: $1550 per year
- Personal: $2400 per year

Estimated Total: $30,000 per year
(covering summer, fall, and spring semester)
PhD and Doctoral Program Funding

- Ph.D is fully funded by the Institution for the first two years.

- **Nurse Faculty Loan Program** is a loan forgiveness program for nurses wishing to become a nurse faculty after completing their doctoral program. Awarded up to $35,500.
  - After four years as a full time faculty, 85% of the loan is forgiven. Due to limited funding, only DNP and PhD students are eligible to apply.

- Students that apply for the program must be committed to working as faculty and take an additional educational component with their program plan of study. Doctoral students interested in applying should contact the Financial Aid Office.

- **Federal Loans:** (Unsubsidized Loan/Graduate Plus Loan)
MDE and DNP Scholarships

**MDE Scholarship (need-based)**

The school may award up to $27,000 in the first year of the MDE program.

\[ \$87,694 - \$27,000 = \$60,694 \]

**DNP Scholarship (not need-based)**

- MDE students who continue seamlessly into the DNP will be awarded a $26,500 scholarship during the DNP program. This scholarship will be split evenly during the first and second years of the DNP program.

- The final year is a residency that may be salary paid while enrolled.
Financial Aid Tips

1) **SAVE** as much money as you can to help with unmet costs
2) **RESEARCH** for scholarships that can reduce tuition and unmet costs
3) **APPLY** for as many scholarships available. There is no limit to the amount of scholarships to apply.
4) **BUDGET YOURSELF!**

**Helpful Websites**

- Health FA Resources
  - [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov)
  - Nurse Corp Scholarship
  - National Service Corp Scholarship
  - Loan Forgiveness Programs

- Federal Aid Resources

* Both **great** for Loan Repayment/ Forgiveness Information

- Scholarship Information
  - [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)
  - [collegenet.com](http://collegenet.com)
  - [scholarshipmonkey.com](http://scholarshipmonkey.com)
  - [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
Contact the Office of Financial Aid

Main Phone: 212-305-8147

Email: sonfinaid@cumc.columbia.edu

Office Hours:

- **Walk-In Days:** Walk-in days are now **Monday - Wednesday, 9-4pm**
- **By appointment only:** Thursdays and Fridays 9-4pm.

- **Appointment Request:** We are asking that you send your appointment request in writing to sonfinaid@cumc.columbia.edu. Please title the email “Appointment Request”. The Office of Financial Aid will contact the student with 1-2 business days with our availability.
Thank you for your Attention!

Any questions?
The Application Process
A Complete Application Consists of:

- Online application and fee
- Personal statement
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Three References
- GRE Scores (TOEFL if applicable)
- Official Transcripts from all post-secondary schools
- All materials must be received by the deadline
Online Application

- nursing.columbia.edu
- SLATE – Technical Support
- Be consistent with applicant name & contact information on both the profile and the application
- Be sure to correctly fill out each field
- Use the start date of the semester for each prerequisite (e.g. 9/2016 for Fall 2016 courses)
- Must upload Personal Statement, Resume, Three References, Transcripts and GRE
- $65 Application fee due at time of submission
Essay – Part 1 (statement of purpose)

1. Why do you think it is important for nurses to pursue higher education than they have in the past? How do you think this shift in nursing will affect your career as a nurse? How does your personality align in your decision to pursue a career in nursing?

2. **MDE applicants**: Why do you think it is important for registered nurses to be trained at the master’s level? 
   **MDE/DNP applicants**: Additionally, discuss your understanding of your intended specialty and how prepared you are to pursue this role.
   **MDE/PhD applicants**: Describe your area and/or method of research?

**Guidelines**
- 2 pages
- Double-spaced
- 1 inch margins
Essay – Part 2 (short answer)

Columbia Nursing is dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience that supports inclusive care for diverse populations. Describe your interest in and commitment to working with diverse populations.

Guidelines
- 1 page
- Double-spaced
- 1 inch margins
Essay – Part 3 (optional video)

1. Please tell us about a time that you have overcome an obstacle in your life, how you dealt with it, and what you learned from the experience.

2. Please tell the admissions committee something about yourself that is not apparent in your application and that you think would influence our decision.

Guidelines

- This is a VIDEO Essay
- 2 minutes in length
- Recorded in “real time” using a webcam
Resume/Curriculum Vitae

- Include relevant information
- Capture a different side of the applicant
- Fill in some gaps in an applicant’s interest
- Include volunteer experience, languages spoken, places traveled, hobbies and interests
Recommendations

- Admissions References are completed via online submission – recommender is e-mailed recommendation form and applicant is able to view the status
- Choose people that know you well and can speak to your skills
- At least two of your recommendations must be from individuals with whom you have worked (or taken a course) within the past 6 months.
GRE

- Official GRE scores must be sent to our office
- Waived for applicants with a graduate degree
- ETS.ORG/GRE -- School Code 2142
  - Applicant must use our school code for Columbia SON to receive scores
- If older than 5 years, copy of original score sheet or copy of graduate schools' score sheet
- Test date must be on or before deadline
- ETS.ORG/GRE/GREPREP
Transcripts

- All transcripts will be uploaded to your application
- Uploaded transcript must contain school’s name, applicant name, student ID number and detailed coursework
- Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all transcripts are received by the deadline
- Officials transcripts will be required if offered admission
Prerequisites

Must be completed prior to the beginning of the program:

- English Composition / Writing
- Psychology (Intro, General, Developmental, or Lifespan)
- Statistics (Intro, Basic, Business, etc)
- Human Anatomy (Human A&P I)
- Human Physiology (Human A&P II)
- Microbiology
- Nutrition
- Anesthesia (Chemistry & Organic Chem)

- Applicant must submit the grades of any prerequisites in progress at the end of each term.
- Use the start date of the semester for each prerequisite on the application (e.g. 9/2015 for Fall 2015 courses).
DEADLINES

MDE and MDE/DNP/PhD

Priority Deadline: October 1, 2016
Final Deadline: October 17, 2016

*Application and all supplemental materials are due by the deadline listed above.
Contact Us

- Email us: nursing@cumc.columbia.edu
- Call us: (800) 899-8895 or (212) 305-5756
- Visit our website: nursing.columbia.edu
- Visit our offices:
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  New York, NY 10032

*All materials must be received by the deadline*