MDE Open House

Masters Direct Entry Program for Non-Nursing College Graduates
Overview

- 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, you will receive a Master of Science in Nursing and be eligible for NCLEX licensure.
Why Masters Direct Entry?

• 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 & 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 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or the research-based Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD).
Program Options

1. **Masters Direct Entry (MDE)**
   - 15 months
   - Eligibility for RN licensure

2. **Masters Direct Entry/Doctor of Nursing Practice (MDE/DNP)**
   - 4 years (15 months MDE + 3 years DNP)
   - Eligibility for RN licensure after MDE portion
   - Eligibility for APRN licensure during DNP portion

3. **Masters Direct Entry/Doctor of Philosophy (MDE/PhD)**
   - 4-5 years (15 months MDE + 3-4 years PhD)
   - Eligibility for RN licensure after MDE portion
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
- Midwifery
- Anesthesia (MS only)

Sub-specialties

- HIV/AIDS
- Oncology (adult and pediatric)
- Palliative and End-of-Life Care
- Women’s Health
Research Doctorate (PhD)

The PhD program is a full-time, research-intensive curriculum that prepares nurse scientists to conduct research in clinical outcomes and health policy, both independently and as part of interdisciplinary teams.
Admissions Process

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

- **MDE/DNP**
  - MDE admissions committee
  - Second, APRN specialty admissions
  - May transfer out of Anesthesia or Midwifery but not vice versa
  - One year ICU experience between MDE and Anesthesia program
  - 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
# Overview of MDE Scheduling

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<th>1st Summer Session</th>
<th>Fall/Winter</th>
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<td>Clinical Wed. and Thurs 7-3</td>
<td>Intensive experience with registered nurse</td>
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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)
Financial Aid
# Understanding Cost Of Attendance

## Mandatory University Fees
- Tuition
- University Fees
- Student Insurance Fees (can be waived)

## Cost of Living
- Room and Board
  - *Includes rent, utilities, food
- Books
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses
### Masters Direct Entry (MDE) - Mandatory University Fees

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<td>$87,694</td>
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<td>Program Fee</td>
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<td>*Student Health Insurance Fee</td>
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<td>Student Health Service Fee</td>
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* Student Health Insurance can be waived with proof of insurance

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<td>DNP (varies by specialty)</td>
<td>$1,932 per credit</td>
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Options for Funding your Cost of Attendance

- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- School of Nursing (SON) Institutional Scholarships
- External Scholarships
- (DNP students ONLY) salary-paid residency
- (DNP students ONLY) TA-ships
- (DNP students ONLY) may work part-time or per diem while enrolled
SON Institutional Scholarships

- The School of Nursing awards over $7,000,000 annually in need-based and merit-based scholarships.
- 95% of 2015 cohort received some type of scholarship.

**MDE Scholarship (need-based)** – up to $27,000 in the first year of the MDE program

**DNP Scholarship (for seamless MDE/DNP students)** – $26,500 for the DNP program, split evenly during the 1st and 2nd years of the DNP
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

- Access the application here: nursing.columbia.edu
- Be consistent with applicant name & contact information
- 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 scores
- $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
  - Applicants must use our school code
- If scores are older than 5 years, a copy of the original score sheet may be submitted
- Test date must be before application deadline
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 only 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.) – must have been taken 5 years prior to start of classes
- Human Anatomy (Human A&P I)
- Human Physiology (Human A&P II)
- Microbiology
- Nutrition

- 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. 9/2016 for Fall 2016 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.
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*All materials must be received by the deadline*
Questions?