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# 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).
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# 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 Acute Care
- Family Primary Care
- Midwifery
- Pediatric Primary Care
- Psychiatric/Mental Health

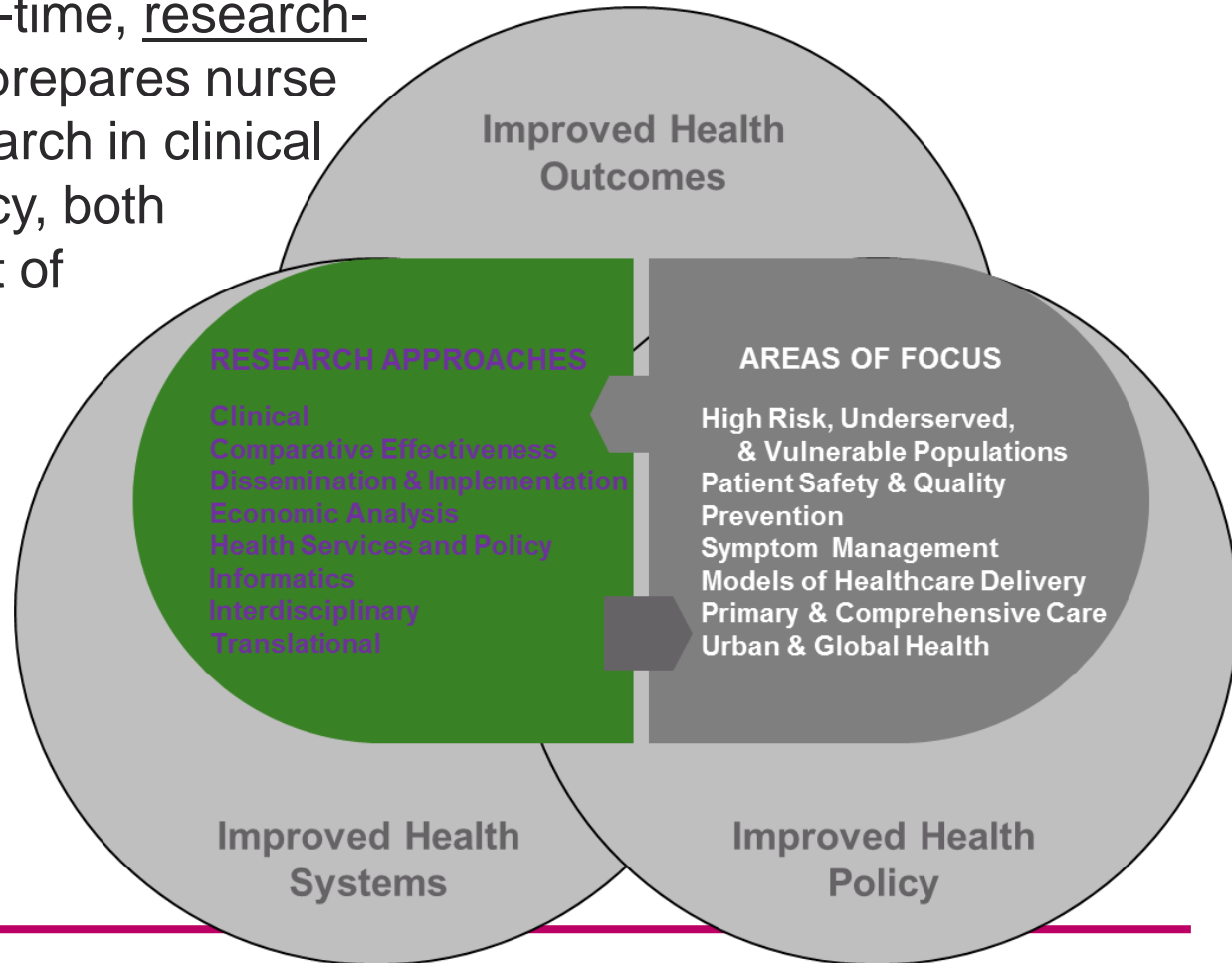
## Sub-specialties

- 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.



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# Admissions Process

- ❑ MDE
  - ❑ MDE admissions committee
  - ❑ May apply to PhD or DNP as an internal applicant
- ❑ MDE/DNP
  - ❑ MDE admissions committee
  - ❑ Second, APRN specialty admissions
  - ❑ 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

1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session	Fall/Winter	Spring Session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session
Classes Mon., Tues., Fri. 8-8 variable	Classes Mon., Tues., Fri. 9-4 variable	Classes online	Class dates and times variable
Skills/PA lab once/week Wed. <u>or</u> Thurs. 2 hours each	Clinical Wed. <u>and</u> Thurs 7-3	Intensive experience with registered nurse	
Clinical once/week Wed. <u>or</u> Thurs. 7- 3	Make-ups on Sunday	Any day, any shift	



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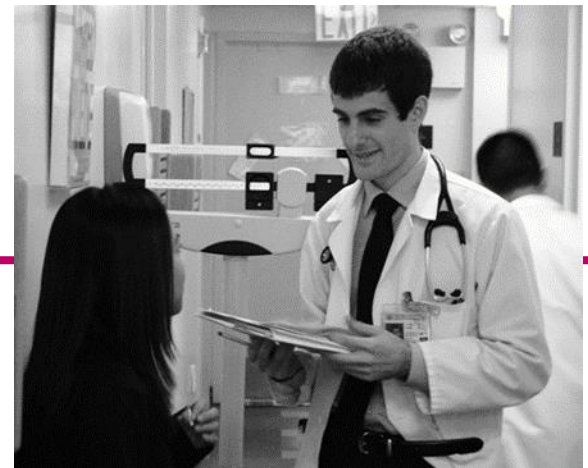
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# The Clinical Site Experience

- 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)



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# Financial Aid

# Understanding Cost Of Attendance

Mandatory University Fees	Cost of Living
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Tuition</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> University Fees</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Student Insurance Fees (can be waived)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Room and Board *Includes rent, utilities, food</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Books</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal Expenses</li></ul>



# Masters Direct Entry (MDE) - Mandatory University Fees+

MDE Tuition (Summer, Fall, Spring)			\$87,694		
Technology Fee			\$50	per term	
CUMC Computer Fee			\$195	per term	
Student Activity Fee			\$35	per term	
Program Fee			\$50	per term	
*Student Health Insurance Fee			\$5,742	annual	
Student Health Service Fee			\$1,537	annual	
Transcript Fee			\$105	one time fee	
* Student Health Insurance can be waived with proof of insurance					
MDE Tuition (Last Summer Term)			\$15,961		
DNP (varies by specialty)			\$1,932	per credit	
60-65 credits					



# Options for Funding your Cost of Attendance

- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- School of Nursing (SON) Institutional Scholarships: MDE & DNP
- 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



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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years of the DNP



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# The Application Process



# A Complete Application Consists of:

- Online application and fee
- Personal statement
- Video Essay
- Timed Writing
- 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**
  - Priority 10/2/17;            Final 10/16/17**



# Online Application

- Access the application here: [nursing.columbia.edu](https://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. 9/2017 for Fall 2017 courses)
- Must upload Personal Statement, Resume, Three References, Transcripts, and GRE scores
- \$75 application fee due at time of submission



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# Essay – Part 1 (statement of purpose)

- Please explain the professional goal you hope to attain in nursing and, if applicable, the reasons for selecting the area of specialization to which you have applied (MDE, MDE/DNP or MDE/PhD)
- Why have you chosen a career in nursing rather than an advanced degree in another health science field?
- Please discuss why you have chosen Columbia University School of Nursing,

## Guidelines

- 2 pages
- Double-spaced
- 1 inch margins



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# 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.**

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# Video Essay-New

**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.**

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



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# Timed Writing-New

- You will have 10 minutes to respond to a random question.
- Answer is evaluated more for content than grammar, but grammar should be considered when writing your response.
- Evaluated for creativity, thinking on your feet and overall content.
- Response does not have to be nursing or health professions related.



# 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
- ❑ Waived for applicants with a GPA of 3.25 and higher from their undergraduate degree (B.A, B.F.A., B.S., etc.) granting school
- ❑ 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, we recommend a month in advance



# 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 enrolling**



# 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**
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- *Minimum grade of B is required for all prerequisite courses.*
  - *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).*



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# DEADLINES

MDE and MDE/DNP/PhD

**Priority Deadline: 10/2/17**

**Final Deadline: 10/16/17**

**\*Application and ALL supplemental materials are due by the deadline listed above.**



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New York, NY 10032

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# Questions?



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