

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ROLE – *NURSE EDUCATOR & CLINICAL FOCUS – ADULT HEALTH*

Competencies of MSN Program Graduates- The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program was developed on the faculty's belief that graduate education advances professional nursing practice and health care delivery by building on the existing foundation of baccalaureate nursing education. By examining the School of Nursing's baccalaureate graduate competencies and objectives as well as the roles of teacher, scholar, and collaborator identified by the Southern Regional Education Board as essential for the nurse educator, the faculty developed the competencies expected for the master's graduate. The faculty developed the curriculum and course objectives based upon these MSN Graduate Competencies.

The MSN graduate will:

- *Utilize scientific foundations and theoretical frameworks to implement essential knowledge and skills in the advanced nurse educator role.*
- *Incorporate sound educational principles into the practice of professional nursing education.*
- *Utilize collaborative skills to effect change within the nursing profession.*
- *Serve as a Christian role model in the advanced nurse educator role.*

Admissions Criteria- Each applicant to graduate programs at William Carey University must provide official transcript(s) of all college work completed to date, two letters of reference, an application, and a non-refundable application fee (\$25).

In addition to the general admission requirements to the graduate school, each applicant to the graduate program of the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing must:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a nationally-accredited school of nursing.
2. Submit a statement of professional goals.
3. Submit a current resume.
4. Hold a current unencumbered Mississippi RN license.
5. Have an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or a GPA of 2.5 on the last 30 undergraduate hours.
6. Submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Schedule/Length of Program- The program is offered in twelve months, fifteen months, and two year options. For the student who wishes to take a longer time period the program of study can be tailored to the individual's needs but must be completed within six years. Nursing courses are scheduled on an every-other-weekend rotation on the Hattiesburg Campus beginning Fall 08, as well as the Coast Campus beginning Spring 09; most courses are offered in a web-enhanced format. Some courses require five class meetings per term, while others only require three class meetings per term.

Anticipated Cost of Program-\$260 per semester hour for 35 semester hours = \$9100 plus books and fees

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