

### **Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals**

Together, highly experienced educators from GSU's Nursing Department will provide students with the expert preparation they need to assume key roles as nurse executives. The degree combines our well-established core curriculum in Nursing with an innovative specialty curriculum that covers all aspects of administration and leadership—from marketing and negotiation strategies to informatics, outcomes management, and innovation.

### **The Future of Nursing is Here**

Healthcare organizations often realize that the best executives are nurses. The GSU Master of Science in Nursing Executive & Innovation Leadership prepares nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national, and global healthcare reform and demonstrate organizational, creative, and solution-focused skills in actualizing the nurse executive role.

### **Built for You—The Working Nurse**

The MSN executive concentration is offered in a format that considers the needs of the working nurse. The hybrid courses combine on-campus and online learning experiences.

### **Learn More!**

Take the next step in your career by visiting [www.govst.edu/dn](http://www.govst.edu/dn) to learn more about our nursing programs.

### **Applications are only accepted for the Spring term. Application deadline is October 1.**

Apply online at [http://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Apply\\_Online/](http://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Apply_Online/).

For more information, phone or email Julie Anderson at 708.534.4086 or [janderson13@govst.edu](mailto:janderson13@govst.edu).

### **FACT**

“Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning healthcare in the United States.”

*Source: The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, Institute of Medicine, 2010*



## Accreditation

The graduate Nursing program is accredited with good cause by:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3390 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 1400  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Phone: 404.975.5000 / Fax: 404.975.5020  
www.acenursing.org / Email: info@acenursing.org

## Department of Nursing Special Admission

### Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

- Have a baccalaureate degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited nursing program in a regionally-accredited college or university;  
Have completed the following undergraduate courses or their equivalent: Nursing Research, Nursing Health Assessment and Statistics;
- Have a current and valid license as a registered professional nurse;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in all undergraduate courses and a GPA of 3.0 or higher with a grade of "C" or better in all upper-division nursing courses.

Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements or who have graduated from nongraded baccalaureate programs may be conditionally admitted. A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for the first nine hours of work completed. If a 3.0 GPA is not maintained, the student must petition the Nursing program for continued enrollment. Applicants with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their international transcripts evaluated by a NACES (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) approved agency.

Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing and evaluating. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

## Other Requirements

Once accepted into the program, information regarding health and other program specific requirements will be sent to the student. These requirements must be met prior to enrollment.

## Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a master's degree. In addition, students must:

- During the last semester of the program, pass a comprehensive examination and/or presentation over the major area of study as determined by faculty. This examination/ presentation will be evaluated by graduate faculty. It may be repeated only once.

- A student must earn a grade of B or better in all clinical courses. Student may repeat ONLY ONE (1) nursing course in which a grade of "C" or below is received. A second "C" or below will result in dismissal from the program.

## Required Courses: Nurse Executive

NURS 8432 Professional Writing for Nurse Executives (3)  
NURS 6145 Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)  
NURS 7182 Health care Policy and Nursing (3)  
HLAD 7101 Introduction to Health Care Organization (3)  
HLAD 7109 Health Care/Nursing Informatics (3)  
NURS 8102 Clinical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing (3)  
NURS 8103 Advanced Nursing Research (3)  
NURS 8350 Nursing Administration I (3)  
NURS 8400 Nursing Financial Management (3)  
NURS 8550 Nursing Administration II Seminar (3)  
NURS 8956 Nursing Administration II Practicum (3)  
HLAD 8102 Health Care Program Planning/Evaluation (3)  
HLAD 8103 Integrated Performance Improvement for Health Care Organization (3)  
HLAD 8105 Health Care Human Resources Mgmt. (3)

## Select one (1) elective workshop from one of the following:

Health Sciences, Communication Studies, Addictions Studies, or Management Information Systems

## Thesis Optional (3 Hours)

NURS 8900 Graduate Thesis/Project (3)

*Students who have focused research interests or who intend to pursue doctoral study may wish to conduct formal thesis/project research. After achieving candidacy, students may begin by registering for NURS 8900 (one hour). A minimum of three hours is required. More information about this option is available from the academic advisor.*

## Total Hours Required: 42 With Thesis: 45

