

Master of Science in Nursing

Advanced Practice Nursing Informatics Concentration

Due to sweeping healthcare reform initiatives, a revolution in the way patient data is managed and integrated is underway. The message is clear: The need has never been greater for highly trained informatics nurse specialists.

Effective, accurate, and efficient use of new information technology initiatives can make a significant impact on the provision of best care nursing practices.

Drawing upon the expertise of GSU's Health Administration, Industrial Computing, and graduate Nursing faculty, the Master of Science in Nursing Informatics Concentration will prepare you for leadership positions in a broad range of healthcare facilities, as well as state and federal-sponsored health information exchange projects.

Program graduates may apply for Informatics Nursing Certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

How to Apply

If you'd like to learn more about the **Master of Science in Nursing /Advanced Practice Nursing Informatics** Concentration, and how to apply, call **Nursing Advisor Linda McCann** at **708.534.4035**, or e-mail **lmccann@govst.edu**

The program accepts applications year-round. However, students admitted into the program must begin their course of study in the Spring semester.

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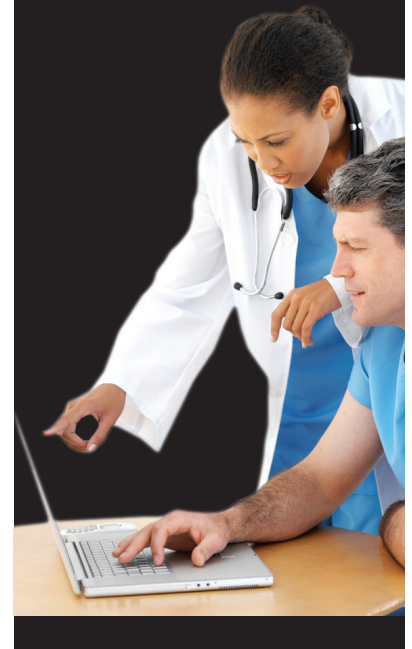
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The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a need for an additional **12,000 informatics nurse specialists** by the year 2016.

Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2011-2012 edition, U.S. Department of Labor



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Accreditation

The graduate Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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, Statistics, and Health Assessment;
- have a current and valid license as a registered professional nurse;
- submit a one-page biographical sketch and a statement of personal goals for pursuing a graduate degree in nursing; and
- 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 non-graded baccalaureate programs will 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 whose credentials are from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the Office of Admission. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admission before applicants 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 within the first trimester of enrollment.

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This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at www.govst.edu/catalog.

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Degree Requirements

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

- pass, during the last trimester of the program, a comprehensive examination over the major area of study. This examination will be administered by faculty and it may be repeated only once; and
- a student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "F" is received.

Required Courses: Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration (42 Hours)

NURS 745 Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
NURS 782 Health Care Policy and Nursing (3)
NURS 803 Research in Adult Health (3)
NURS 835 Nursing Administration I (3)
NURS 840 Nursing Financial Management (3)
NURS 861 Nursing Informatics Applications (3)
NURS 865 Nursing Informatics Project Planning (2)
NURS 866 Nursing Informatics Practicum & Project (4)
HLAD 700 Introduction to Health Care Organization (3)
HLAD 725 Healthcare/Nursing Informatics (3)
HLAD 820 Health Care Program Planning and Evaluation (3)
HLAD 801 Information System Analysis & Design (3)
IDCP 730 Case Studies in Health IT (3)
IDCP 750 Healthcare Database Design/Management (3)

Thesis Option (3 Hours)

NURS 890 Graduate Thesis/Project (1-8)

Students who have focused research interests or who intend to pursue doctoral study may wish to conduct formal thesis/project research. Students may begin in the sixth trimester by registering for NURS 890 (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 hours