Public Health Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

This degree map is based on the 2024-25 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester.

Sample 3-Year Plan – Part Time

First Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
Nursing 501: Theoretical Basis for Role Development in Advance Nursing Practice	3	Nursing 503: Basis of Research for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	Nursing 502: Epidemiologic Concepts in Population Health	3
Nursing 505: An Integrative Approach – Advanced Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, & Pathophysiology	3	Nursing 522: Family Health Nursing Theory	3		
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	6	Semester Total	3

Second Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
Management 581: Principled Leadership, Ethics, and Professional Development	3	Communication 595: Advanced Health Communication Seminar	3		
Informatics 568: Health Care Informatics	3				
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	3	Semester Total	0



Third Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
Nursing 511: Caring for Populations through Nursing Education (School Nurses would be exempt and granted credit as part of 9 credit transfer)	6	Nursing 531: Program Development for the Advanced Practice Nurse	6		
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	6		

Total Credits: 36



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Curriculum Checklist

Required Core Nursing Courses (9 credits)

- ____ NURS 501: Theoretical Basis for Role Development in Advance Nursing Practice (3)
- ____ NURS 502: Epidemiologic Concepts in Population Health (3)
- ____ NURS 503: Basis of Research for Advanced Nursing Practice (3)

Specialty Support Courses for Public Health Nursing (15 credits)

- ____ MGMT 581: Principled Leadership, Ethics, and Professional Development (3)
- ____ INFT: Health Care Informatics (3)
- ____ COMM 595: Advanced Health Communications Seminar (3)
- ____ NURS 522: Family Health Nursing Theory (3)
- ____ NURS 505: An Integrative Approach Advanced Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, & Pathophysiology (3)

Practicum Courses (12 Credits)

- ___NURS 511: Caring for Populations through Nursing Education (6)
- ___NURS 531: Program Development for the Advanced Practice Nurse (6)

Degree Requirements

This course map indicates a Fall semester start. However, the review of applications and acceptance into this program is in a rolling basis. A student can start in any semester and can choose a full-time option as well. An advisor will establish a course map for you if you decide to start in the Spring/Summer semesters or decide to take a full-time option.

Students must complete all 36 credits and all course requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult with Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major and overall are required.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	$oxtimes$ Online; \Box In-person; \Box Blended
Lock Haven	🛛 Online; 🗆 In-person; 🗆 Blended
Mansfield	$oxtimes$ Online; \Box In-person; \Box Blended
Clearfield	🛛 Online; 🗆 In-person; 🗆 Blended