

## RN-MSN Sample Curriculum

### For RNs with Diplomas or Associate Degrees

Students are admitted directly into the graduate nursing program and work closely with the RN-MS Program Coordinator. Students do not receive an undergraduate degree as they are considered graduate students and therefore, are not required to meet all the undergraduate requirements for a bachelor of science degree. Applicants must be licensed to practice nursing in Massachusetts. Simmons College maintains articulation agreements with Laboure and Roxbury Community Colleges for the RN-MSN program and with Emmanuel College for the RN-MSN program and the Direct Entry program. Graduates of these schools should direct specific questions to the Nursing Program Office at 617-521-2141.

#### Phase I-Senior Sequence

The nursing sequence begins in May. It is expected that students maintain a minimum cumulative average of 2.67 (B-) in the undergraduate courses and 3.0 (B) average in the graduate-level courses.

#### Phase II-Graduate Sequence

Upon successful completion of the first year of the RN-MS program (see below), students enter the core primary care courses and specialty courses for their nurse practitioner program of study. See the two-year, full-time or three-year, part-time BSN-MSN sample curricula for more information.

Portfolio documentation of senior year equivalent clinical experience in Community Health (NUR 240A) and Leadership and Management (NUR 370) affords the applicant the opportunity for an individualized and alternative senior year clinical practicum. Course work in these two courses is still required of all students. Students are guided in the portfolio development and review process by their faculty advisor. Upon successful completion of the first year of the RN-MS program, students select the core primary care courses and specialty courses for their nurse practitioner program of study. Prior to starting the graduate research sequence (SHS 410) students are required to take a basic statistics course.

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#### Sample Sequence of Courses for First Year

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##### SUMMER

MATH 118	Statistics (unless this course has been completed in the past 10 consecutive years) . . . . .	4
	Elective . . . . .	4
total credits		8

##### FALL

NUR 337	Nursing Care of Individuals, Families, and Communities . . . . .	4
NUR 404	Normal and Abnormal Human Physiology . . . . .	4
NUR 435	Integration of Pharmacology and Pathology . . . . .	4
SHS 410	Research Methods . . . . .	3
total credits		15

##### SPRING

NUR 292	Health Assessment . . . . .	4
NUR 350	Independent Study . . . . .	4
NUR 454	Leadership and Management in the Clinical Setting . . . . .	4
SHS 450	The Health Care System . . . . .	3
total credits		15

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total credits for first year of program 38\*  
(after all undergraduate prerequisites are met)

\*Including 4 elective credits

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#### YEAR 2 (SEE BSN-MSN SAMPLE CURRICULUM)

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