



**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
RN-MSN TRACK**

Dear MSN Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science in Nursing Program. Admission and curriculum information is included in this packet. Classes in the graduate program are offered completely on-line through Blackboard, a course management system. Most online courses are asynchronous, or designed so that students can conveniently complete their work anywhere via internet access. Clinical requirements can be completed in the students' city of residence utilizing a preceptor and a local clinical facility if they meet course objectives.

The RN-MSN track is an accelerated mobility track which allows highly qualified Registered Nurses who are graduates of an accredited associate or diploma program, to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing without completing all baccalaureate degree nursing courses. Students in this track complete all required BSN academic courses (27 credits) and six prescribed BSN nursing courses (17 credits). Students also complete the required courses for the Master of Science in Nursing program, selecting the Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) option or the Nurse Educator option. There is a point at which a student enrolled in the RN-MSN track could decide to pursue the BSN degree only and would not lose any credits toward this degree. Students currently enrolled in an associate degree program who plan on applying for the RN-MSN track are strongly encouraged to contact the graduate advisor during the last year of their associate degree program.

Graduate education in nursing prepares nurses to assume leadership roles in nursing practice, education, and administration. The university program offers three options for study: (1) the advanced practice role of Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Adult (Medical-Surgical) Nursing, (2) Nurse Educator, or (3) Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program with Texas Tech. Emphasis is directed to the health care needs of underserved populations in rural and urban areas. Our MSN program is fully accredited by both state and National accrediting agencies.

The CNS provides clinical expertise, consultation, research, education and leadership. The CNS also provides direct patient care, develops innovative therapeutic nursing interventions, provides education to both nurses and other health care workers, and develops and implements continuous quality assessment and improvement programs.

The Nurse Educator option prepares graduates to teach in a variety of nursing programs including vocational, associate, and baccalaureate.

For additional information concerning the nursing program, call 325/942-2224 or toll free 866/346-3080, or refer to "Admission to the Graduate School" in the university college catalog. You may access the ASU Homepage on the Internet at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Molly Walker, PhD, RN, CNS  
Advisor, MSN Program

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM**  
**RN-MSN Track**  
**Admission Requirements**

**Admission Requirements**

- The student must apply and be accepted into the Graduate School. A separate application for the RN-MSN track must also be completed. This application is available on the departmental website or in the departmental office.
- An associate degree, or diploma, from a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing. Graduates from non-accredited institutions may request special consideration.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Current licensure or eligibility for licensure as a registered professional nurse in the state where the clinical practicum requirements will be completed. Proof of current licensure must be demonstrated by the beginning of the fall term in which nursing courses will be taken.
- A basic statistics course (equivalent to 3.0 semester hours of credit), completed with a grade of “C” or higher within the last 5 years.
- A basic computer literacy course (equivalent to 3.0 semester credit hours), or demonstrated competency.
- Two professional references regarding aptitude for graduate study.
- One faculty reference regarding aptitude for accelerated RN-MSN track.
- Prior to taking first graduate level nursing course, student must have completed a minimum of 90 undergraduate hours.
- The number of openings in the RN-MSN track is limited. Graduate faculty will evaluate each application and admit the most qualified applicants until all positions are filled.
- Preferred Application Deadlines are: **July 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall** enrollment and **October 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring** enrollment.

**Prior to first clinical course the following must be submitted:**

- Evidence of meeting the state-mandated immunization regulations.
- Current CPR (professional level) certification.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM**  
**Procedure for Admission**

**Admission to the Angelo State University Graduate School:**

- Apply to the Graduate School at Angelo State University. The application is located online at: [http://www.angelo.edu/dept/grad\\_school/application.html](http://www.angelo.edu/dept/grad_school/application.html), and may be submitted electronically. The telephone number of the Graduate School Office is (325) 942-2169.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (except Angelo State University) must be provided. To be considered official, the transcript must be mailed from the issuing university's registrar's office directly to the ASU Graduate School.
- An essay of 100-500 words which describes your educational plans, career objectives, commitment to your particular field of study, any research experience, your view of research and possible research interests, and personal goals. The essay may also address any of the following factors which are qualities that will be acknowledged in the admission process:
  - Socioeconomic history
  - Family background (including level of educational attainment)
  - Personal talents, leadership capabilities, community service)

**Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing Program:**

- Complete the Master of Science in Nursing program application form. The application is located online at: [http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/documents/Nursing\\_App\\_programs\\_grad.pdf](http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/documents/Nursing_App_programs_grad.pdf), and may be submitted electronically.

For further information contact Dr. Molly Walker, Advisor, Master of Science in Nursing Program, at (325) 942-2224. Interviews can be arranged and are encouraged.

The MSN Advisor will evaluate applications in conjunction with the graduate faculty. Applicants will receive written notice of the admission decision as soon as possible after it has been made. Applicants who are denied admission may appeal the decision through the Department of Nursing.

## RN-MSN Track Recommendation

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The purpose of this form is to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the RN-MSN Track in the Nursing Degree Program at Angelo State University. I have known this applicant for approximately \_\_\_\_\_. My association with this person was as (circle one) Clinical Instructor or Classroom Instructor for the following course/s:

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Characteristics	Competent	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Evaluate/ Comments
Ability as an RN in regards to assessment, planning, interventions & evaluating nursing care				
Professionalism				
Oral & written communication skills				
Self-directedness & self-motivation				
General characteristics that will facilitate success in higher education (e.g., organization, motivation, etc.)				

Additional Comments (Attach more if needed.):

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Angelo State University  
Department of Nursing  
Master of Science in Nursing Program  
Degree Requirements**

GRADUATE OF NLN-ACCREDITED AASN/AND/DIPLOMA PROGRAM		
REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSES (27 CREDITS)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
ART or DRAMA or MUSIC	Visual or Performing Arts Lower Division Course	3
COMM 2301	Public Speaking	3
ENG (2000 level)	Sophomore Literature	3
ENG 1302	Writing Across the Curriculum	3
GOVT 2301 and 2302	State and Federal Government	6
HIST 1301 and 1302	History of the United States to 1865 and History of the United States 1865 to Present	6
NUR 2337 or MATH 3321 or PSY 2321 or NUR 4337	Basic Statistics for Health Professionals Statistics Research Methods and Statistical Analysis Statistical Techniques for Health Professionals	3

**Additional courses to meet ASU core requirements:**

Math 1302 or 1311 (College Algebra or Business Math)

PE (1 hr.)

English 1301

Computer literacy

Pathophysiology (3 hrs)

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**Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Option**  
**Degree Requirements**

REQUIRED MSN CORE (25 CREDITS)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
NUR 6324	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 6313	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3
NUR 6301	Design & Methodology of Quantitative Research	3
NUR 6302	Design & Methodology of Qualitative Research	3
NUR 6331	Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning (45 clock hours)	3
NUR 6318	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 6317	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NUR 6356	Statistical Analysis in Health Care Research	3
NUR 6103	Professional Scholarship	1
REQUIRED APRN CORE (6 CREDITS)		
NUR 6335	Role Development – Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NUR 6350	Foundations of Health Promotion for Individuals and Communities (45 clock hours)	3
REQUIRED ADULT HEALTH CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) COURSES (15-18 CREDITS)		
NUR 6343	Adult Health I: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Care of the Adult	3
NUR 6344	Adult Health I: Practicum in Advanced Nursing Care of the Adult (115 clock hours)	3
NUR 6345	Adult Health II: Diagnosis & Management	3
NUR 6346	Adult Health II: Practicum in Diagnosis Management (115 clock hours)	3
NUR 6333	Internship in Advanced Nursing Practice (185 clock hours)	3
NUR 6351	Mental Health for APN's (OPTIONAL)	3

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS REQUIRED 46 - 49****Angelo State University  
Department of Nursing  
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Nurse Educator Option  
Degree Requirements**

REQUIRED MSN CORE (25 CREDITS)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
NUR 6324	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 6313	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3
NUR 6301	Design & Methodology of Quantitative Research	3
NUR 6302	Design & Methodology of Qualitative Research	3
NUR 6331	Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning (45 clock hours)	3
NUR 6318	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 6317	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NUR 6356	Statistical Analysis in Health Care Research	3
NUR 6103	Professional Scholarship	1
REQUIRED NURSE EDUCATOR COURSES (12 CREDITS)		
NUR 6319	Curriculum Design & Instruction in Nursing Education	3
NUR 6306	Teaching Strategies in Nursing Education	3
NUR 6307	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NUR 6308	Practicum in Nursing Education	3

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS REQUIRED****37**

**Angelo State University**  
**Department of Nursing**  
**Master of Science in Nursing Program**  
*Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program with Texas Tech*  
**Degree Requirements**

<b>REQUIRED MSN CORE (21 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS TO BE TAKEN AT ASU)</b>		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
NUR 6301	Design & Methodology of Quantitative Research	3
NUR 6313	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3
NUR 6317	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NUR 6318	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 6324	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 6331	Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning (45 clock hours)	3
NUR 6356	Statistical Analysis in Health Care Research	3
<b>With a choice of one of the four following Nurse Practitioner Options (27 semester credit hours – to be taken at Texas Tech)</b>		
<b>Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track</b>		<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Track</b>
Elective (3 semester credit hours – Graduate level) Computer Science or Elective (3 hrs – Graduate level) N5111 The Adv Practice Nurse Role: Foundations for APN N5222 Diagnostic Methods & Procedures for Adv Practice N5450 ACNP Concepts & Diagnostic Skills I: Adult N5451 ACNP Concepts and Diagnostic Skills II: Adult N6050 Acute Care Practicum N5392 Application of Advanced Research – non-thesis* Elective (3 semester credit hours) – non-thesis* N6000 Thesis (optional - 6 hours minimum)		Elective (3 semester credit hours – Graduate level) Computer Science or Elective (3 hrs – Graduate level) N5302 Community Health Foundation for Adv Practice N5111 The Adv Practice Nurse Role: Foundations for APN N5222 Diagnostic Methods and Procedures for Adv Practice N5340 Primary Health Care I: Adv Assess, Pathology & Mgmt N5341 Primary Health Care II: Advanced Role Application N6060 Primary Care Practicum N5392 Application of Advanced Research - non-thesis* Elective (3 semester credit hours) – non-thesis* N6000 Thesis (optional - 6 hours minimum)
<b>Geriatric Nurse Practitioner</b>		<b>Pediatric Nurse Practitioner</b>
Elective (3 semester credit hours – Graduate level) Computer Science or Elective (3 hrs – Graduate level) N5302 Community Health Foundation for Adv Practice N5111 The Adv Practice Nurse Role: Foundations for APN N5222 Diagnostic Methods & Procedures for Adv Practice N5333 GNP I: Mgmt of Acute & Episodic Conditions N5334 GNP II: Mgmt of Chronic Health Conditions in Older Adults N6090 GNP Practicum N5392 Application of Advanced Research - non-thesis* Elective (3 semester credit hours) – non-thesis* N6000 Thesis (optional - 6 hours minimum)		Elective (3 semester credit hours – Graduate level) Computer Science or Elective (3 hrs – Graduate level) N5302 Community Health Foundation for Advanced Practice N5111 The Adv Practice Nurse Role: Foundations for APN N5222 Diagnostic Methods & Procedures for Adv Practice N5380 Pediatric Primary Health Care I N5381 Pediatric Primary Health Care II N6080 Pediatric Nursing Practicum N5392 Application of Advanced Research - non-thesis* Elective (3 semester credit hours) – non-thesis* N6000 Thesis (optional - 6 hours minimum)