

McAuley School of Nursing

CLINICAL NURSE LEADER

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Graduates of the CNL program are prepared for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader from the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

The BSN to DNP with MSN exit degree, with the CNL major, requires a total of 64 credits; **41 credit hours and 400 practicum/immersion hours** are completed with the MSN exit at which time the Master of Science in Nursing degree is conferred. An additional **31 credits and practicum hours** are required to complete the DNP. This includes a 6-credit hour Organizational Leadership bridge that prepares the student in advanced nursing practice. ***Once the MSN is conferred, students can choose to exit the program, continue to complete the DNP, or return at a later time to complete DNP requirements.***

McAuley School of Nursing graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of working professionals with opportunities for full-time and part-time study.

A part-time program of study can be completed in three years for the MSN exit and four years for the DNP exit.

The program is offered 100 percent online, including asynchronous learning and virtual sessions (offered one to two evenings per month for many classes). The virtual sessions allow students to interact more directly with faculty and other students for an enhanced learning experience. The program is available to students residing in Michigan and in all other states where authorization has been granted to Detroit Mercy for online programs. Clinical sites and qualified preceptors are identified near the student's home to complete the required clinical immersion experience. For further information on MSON graduate programs:

<http://healthprofessions.udmercy.edu/academics/nursing/grad.php>

BSN TO DNP WITH MSN EXIT ADMISSION CRITERIA:

1. A Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program. RNs with a Baccalaureate degree outside of nursing may qualify. Each application will be individually assessed to determine courses needed to bridge into the program. A gap analysis will determine what additional courses will be required at the baccalaureate level to ensure they meet the prerequisites necessary for graduate education.
2. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
3. A minimum of 2,000 hours of experience as a registered nurse.
4. A license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Michigan or in the state of home residence.
5. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (excluding Detroit Mercy).
6. Three professional recommendations with one from someone in a supervisory capacity (form available through the online application).
7. An autobiographical statement of personal goals and objectives.
8. Current resume or CV.
9. An interview with graduate faculty.

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The **BSN to DNP with Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** exit degree with a major in Clinical Nurse Leadership (CNL) prepares nurses for leadership at the point-of-care to serve as a provider and outcomes manager for a unit or specific group of patients known as a clinical microsystem. The CNL is uniquely prepared to perform primary responsibilities at the point-of-care including leadership, collaborative practice, care practice design, lateral integration of care, risk anticipation, advocacy, information management and judicious stewardship of resources.

This program will assist nurses in developing advanced clinical knowledge, leadership skills, and systems knowledge to provide clinical leadership in all healthcare settings at the point of service, implement evidence-based and outcomes-based practice; develop and implement quality improvement strategies; and create and manage microsystems of care that will be responsive to the needs of individuals and families. The program is designed to prepare nurse leaders who can address contemporary issues in the evolving health care environment.



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