The Weber State University School of Nursing’s (SON) Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program prepares innovative nurse experts who are capable of shaping and advancing the practice and profession of nursing. The dynamic curriculum is designed to promote national guidelines and competencies that enable graduates to make significant contributions to education and healthcare environments. Upon completion of the program, graduates are prepared for doctoral level education.

There are two MSN tracks for students to select from: Nurse Leader: Executive Track or Nurse Leader: Educator Track

**100% Online Didactic (Theory):** No on-campus course time required. Residency in 4th semester required.

**Applicant Information and Important Dates:**

- **Online Application available:** 1st Week of October 2016
- **“Priority” Application Deadline:** March 1, 2017

- **Tracks available**
  - Nurse Leader: Executive Track [up to 20]
  - Nurse Leader: Educator [up to 20]

  *administrative approval, funding, and a minimum number of qualified applicants is required in order for each track to begin.

  - **Start Date:** beginning of fall semester 2017 (August 28, 2017)
  - **Mandatory Orientation:** will be held the Friday before the semester begins; Friday, August 25, 2017
  - **Application fee:** $60 (Includes Nursing and University Graduate Admissions Fees)
  - **Tuition:** 4 semesters x $4010.00 per semester approximately = $16,040 in 2016 tuition dollars. Tuition determined each March for the following academic year) for detailed information regarding tuition and fees visit the WSU Graduate Tuition table: [http://apps.weber.edu/wsuimages/bursar/16-17MstrEngl.pdf](http://apps.weber.edu/wsuimages/bursar/16-17MstrEngl.pdf)

  **PLEASE NOTE:** The OUT OF STATE portion of TUITION can be waived.

**Application Requirements:**

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale): includes all college level course work. Transfer courses must be from a “Regionally Accredited” College or University that transfers to Weber State University. May be a 2.5 CUMULATIVE GPA, if you have 2 or more years of full time work experience as an RN (or 3 years Part Time) and your NURSING GPA (NURSING ONLY COURSES) are at or above a 3.0 GPA. (See advisor if you have questions)

2. Earned B.S Degree with a major in nursing from an accredited baccalaureate program (ACEN or CCNE)
   
   Please note: Students who speak English as a second language must have a minimum TOEFL score of 600 [Internet TOEFL - 100].

3. Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse or eligible to obtain licensure without restrictions to practice as a registered nurse in your state.

4. Preferred one year of current work experience as an RN. The graduate admissions committee will evaluate applicants work experience on an individual basis.

5. Submission of all documents, letters of recommendation, curriculum vitae/resume, goal statement per request in the application packet.

6. Working knowledge of statistics as utilized in research or administrative functions such as budgets, staffing, etc. Completion of an undergraduate statistics course or BSN Research/Statistics course within the past 5 years strongly recommended. (Psych., Soc. or Geron. 3600)

7. Completion of an Advanced College Writing course with a “C” or better grade. Strongly encouraged to be done by the Priority Application deadline or during the summer prior to starting the program. (At WSU English 3210 or English 3100). Must gain approval for the MSN Enrollment Director or MSN Director for approval of courses taken at other schools - other than the ones listed on the “transfer guide” before taking a course. Applicants that have an advanced writing completed by the March 1 “Priority” Application deadline will be awarded extra points in the applicant ranking process. **Please note:** The three credit hour advanced writing class emphasizes professional and technical writing including indexing, professionalization, theoretical approaches and discipline-specific writing in the sciences. This writing pre-requisite is intended to prepare the graduate prepared nurse for the writing skills necessary in an advanced role. The writing course must be taken within the first year of study.

**Applicants will be ranked** according to a selection point system established by the WSU Master Degree Admissions Committee. Applicant ranking will include: GPA, Advanced Writing course completed, work experience as an RN, recommendations, vita/resume, writing ability, veteran status, preceptor for the WSU School of Nursing Associate Degree (RN) program during the last year (March 1 to March 1) and potential for scholarly work/leadership.

**Application Process:** Access to the MSN Online Application is available the first week of October each year

TO APPLY:

1. Go to [www.weber.edu/msn](http://www.weber.edu/msn)

2. Follow the links to Nurse Leader: Executive or Nurse Leader: Educator

3. Right side of the page click on Applications & Checklists

4. Follow the link that says MSN Nursing Application

*Weber State University is not permitted to admit students from the following states: Arkansas, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts and Minnesota*
## Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum Overview

### MSN Curriculum “CORE” COURSES (All students will take regardless of track)

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- 9 hrs (CORE)
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- 10 hrs (1 core & 9 track)
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- 11 hrs (8 Core & 3 track)
- 9 hrs (1 core & 9 track)
- 10 hrs (1 core & 8 track)

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If you have a record of criminal actions, it may affect your eligibility for admissions to the WSU nursing program. All applicants will be required to complete a mandatory drug screen. Admission to the program is contingent upon submission of a satisfactory background check and negative drug screen. If a background check reveals a history of criminal actions or the drug screen reveals the presence of controlled substances (prescription or non-prescription) the applicant understands that he/she may not be allowed to begin or remain in the program and will not be entitled to any refunds of tuition dollars or other fees.

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This information is subject to change without notice. Please review the website (www.weber.edu/msn) for updates. **May 2016**