



University of Windsor

Faculty of Nursing

Application Instructions for Master's Programs in Nursing

The following are the required application materials that must be submitted as part of your online application for the following programs.

- Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) – thesis-based and course-based
- Master of Science in Nursing, Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (MScN-PhCNP)
- Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma

Note: All documents including references must be submitted by **February 1st**. Please complete the application by **early January** to ensure all documents are received by the deadline.

1. **One completed on-line** application. Details can be found at www.uwindsor.ca/graduate.
2. **Three confidential reports** to be completed by academic/professional referees, with at least one from an academic who has taught the applicant and one from a recent employment supervisor. **Important:** Apply a **minimum** of three weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure your referees complete the form by the application deadline.
3. **Official transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate work from all colleges or universities attended.
Current or past University of Windsor students can print their transcripts through their UWinsite student account (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/registrar/uwinsite-student>). Official transcripts are not required for University of Windsor graduates.
4. **Certification of English Proficiency** (official IELTS or CELBAN) if you are an applicant from abroad and your native language is not English.
IELTS—minimum score: 7.0 or Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN): Minimum scores: Writing - 7; Speaking - 8; Listening - 10; Reading – 8.
5. **CNO Registration (For Registered Nurses ONLY)**. Applicants must have current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario with no practice restrictions. Please submit a copy of your registration status via **Find a Nurse** from the CNO website - www.cno.org. The date that you printed a copy should be on the document.
Current Fourth year BScN students – Provide a document stating the program completion date and when you will be writing the NCLEX. Proof of CNO registration is required prior to the start of the program.

6. **Applicant Profile**

7. **Study Plan/Research Interest (MScN course-based and thesis-based applicants only)**

MScN – Course-based Stream Applicants

Explain your motivation and readiness for entrance into the MN program. In three pages or less (with double-spaced 12-point font), please comment on:

1. Your reasons for seeking a Masters of Nursing (MN) degree
2. Professional qualifications, clinical nursing and leadership experiences that you will bring to the program.
3. Why you are choosing graduate nursing education at the University of Windsor.
4. Your long-term career goals and how the MN degree will contribute to meeting your career goals.
5. How selected personal attributes (e.g. communication skills, creativity, organization) that you possess will contribute to your success in a graduate nursing program.

MScN – Thesis Stream Applicants

Explain your motivation and readiness for entrance into the MScN program. In four pages or less (with double-spaced 12-point font), please comment on:

1. Your reasons for seeking a Masters of Science in Nursing (MScN) degree
 2. Professional qualifications, clinical nursing and leadership experiences that you will bring to the program.
 3. Why you are choosing graduate nursing education at the University of Windsor.
 4. Your long-term career goals and how the MScN degree will contribute to meeting your career goals.
 5. A potential research issue upon which you would like to focus your research activities during your course of study.
 6. How selected personal attributes (e.g. communication skills, creativity, organization) that you possess will contribute to your success in a graduate nursing program
8. Individuals applying to the **MScN-PHCNP stream or NP GRAD DIPLOMA** must also complete the **Verification of Employment Hours Form** and the **NP Personal Essay Questions**.

Applicants must have completed the equivalent of two years of direct nursing (RN) experience in the last five years (>3,640 hours) **by the February 1st application deadline**.

For further information, please contact the Graduate Secretary, Faculty of Nursing, Suneeta Singh at ssingh@uwindsor.ca