



University of Windsor

Faculty of Nursing

Application Instructions for Master's (MScN) 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 streams
- ⇒ Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) – Nurse Practitioner stream
- ⇒ Nurse Practitioner- Graduate Diploma (Post-Master's)

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

Refer to the [Graduate Calendar](#) for detailed information regarding admission requirements for nursing graduate programs in (p 220-223):

Detailed information for all programs is also available at the [Faculty of Graduate Studies](#).

Application Requirements (all programs):

1. References

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. Applicants who are unable to obtain an academic reference must provide sufficient rationale for not being able to obtain a reference; otherwise, their application will **not** be considered.

It is strongly recommended that you apply a minimum of three weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure your referees complete the form by the application deadline.

2. Transcripts

Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work from all colleges or universities attended must be submitted. Applicants must have maintained an overall 70% average in their undergraduate nursing program.

Current or past University of Windsor students can print their transcripts through their [UWinsite Student account](#). Official transcripts are not required for University of Windsor graduates.

3. English Proficiency

International applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency at a level consistent with the minimum benchmark scores established by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) for nurse registration in Ontario. Applicants must achieve the current CNO minimum benchmark scores for all components in one complete attempt of an approved English language proficiency test. Accepted tests include those recognized by the CNO for registration purposes (e.g., IELTS, OET, PTE Academic). Current CNO benchmark scores for each accepted test are available at <https://www.cno.org/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements/proficiency-in-english-or-french/accepted-language-proficiency-tests>.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT) is also accepted as an alternative, provided the applicant achieves scores that are consistent with the current CNO IELTS benchmarks, based on the official score comparison table published by [IELTS](#). Applicants must arrange to send the appropriate language proficiency test scores directly to the University of Windsor.

4. CNO Registration

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.

5. Applicant Profile

Please refer to the [PDF fillable form](#).

Additional Program Specific Requirements:

For MScN Course-based and Thesis-based Applicants

Study Plan/Research Interest

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

- ⇒ Your reasons for seeking an MScN degree
- ⇒ Why you are choosing graduate nursing education at the University of Windsor.
- ⇒ Your rationale for selecting the program stream (thesis vs. course-based)
- ⇒ Professional qualifications, clinical nursing, and leadership experiences that you will bring to the program.
- ⇒ Your long-term career goals and how the MScN degree will contribute to meeting your career goals.
- ⇒ How selected personal attributes (e.g. communication skills, creativity, organization) that you possess will contribute to your success in a graduate nursing program.
- ⇒ For thesis-based stream applicants only, in one additional page discuss a potential research issue upon which you would like to focus your research activities, including a suggested research methodology with rationale.

For MScN – Nurse Practitioner Stream and Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma Applicants

Verification of Employment Hours Form

Applicants must have 3640 hours practicing as a registered nurse with direct patient care working in a clinical setting by the February 1 application date. Employer-submitted proof of hours is required. Applicants may not submit the Verification of Employment Hours Form on behalf of the employer. All hours are considered; however, clinical experience within the past five years is required.

NP Personal Essay Questions

Please refer to the [NP Personal Essay questions and instructions form](#).

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