



RN MSN COHORT PROGRAM INFORMATION

With an emphasis on flexibility, peer support, and respect for the experiences and knowledge that working professionals hold, the two-year 6 semester RN MSN cohort program is tailored for nurses who want to enhance their career mobility and earning potential while continuing to work. Each cohort- a group of career nurses at partner hospitals completes all classes both on campus and at off site locations. Classes meet evenings, and faculty members help students set up individualized programs that are practical and meaningful in their unique work setting. Support comes from two directions: faculty and fellow students. The group structure provides encouragement and peer support. The level of faculty support is unusual as well. Faculty provide intense advising and mentoring to help students with the tough balancing act of work, study and personal life.

Required Core Courses	Units
N700 The Theoretical Basis of Nursing	3
N706 Health Care Policy/Nursing Issues	3
N732 Ethics for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
N733 Nursing Role Development: Theory	2
N734 Nursing Role Development: Seminar	2
N794 Seminar in Research	3
N801 Graduate Nursing Practicum I	4
N802 Graduate Nursing Practicum II	4
NURS 895 Field Study	
<i>Or</i>	3
NURS 898 Master's Thesis	
 Concentration/Emphasis or Electives	
Units on advisement	9-19
Total for Graduation (varies by emphasis)	36-46

Emphases

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

This emphasis offers the graduate student the opportunity for CNS certification by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The CNS is an advanced practice nurse holding a master's degree with a concentration in a specific area of clinical nursing such as adult and critical or chronic care, women's health or pediatrics. The role of the CNS is defined by the needs of a select client population and clinical expertise of the nurse.

Nursing Administration

This emphasis enables students to combine the nursing perspective and principles of business to become effective and successful managers and administrators. Courses may also be taken in the College of Business with the advice and approval of the advisor.

Please visit the website www.nursing.sfsu.edu for additional information