BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Nursing Administration
Master of Science in Nursing Education
Bradley University has offered graduate level education for 65 years. The Graduate School now offers 37 Certificate, Master’s, and Doctoral programs in fields as diverse as business, engineering, and the sciences, to art, education, and nursing. Degree programs are available in each of our five academic colleges. All Bradley full-time graduate faculty members hold a terminal degree.

Bradley’s Graduate School specializes in professional programs for emerging leaders. The strength of graduate education lies in the close collaboration of students with faculty and professional partners. Small classes, professional experience, and a graduate student-to-faculty ratio of 4:1 give students the best in hands-on learning. Collaborative partnerships in research and creative production are rooted in the latest applied, real-world knowledge that centers on experiential learning.

In the classroom, the lab, or in a clinical setting, faculty and students make contributions to science, the arts, and education.

The campus hosts graduate students from more than a dozen countries. About one-third of the graduate students bring international study experiences to campus. International study exchanges are common. This diversity provides invaluable domestic and global perspectives on current issues and opportunities.

COST & Financial Assistance

The Graduate School generously supports students with assistantships and scholarships each year. Most graduate assistants in Master’s programs receive a minimum of a 50 percent tuition waiver and a stipend; they can gain additional valuable experience learning from faculty in instructional activities, in clinical settings, and in research and creative production. Last year, over 57 percent of graduate students received financial support. Beyond the assistance provided by Bradley, support is also provided by state and federal funding agencies, as well as by private businesses with a local, national, and international presence.

Nursing at Bradley

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The baccalaureate and master’s degree nursing programs of Bradley University are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The purpose of the graduate program is to educate professional nurses for advanced nursing practice in hospitals, community health settings, nursing homes, and other health-related agencies. The curriculum provides a foundation for doctoral study.

Bradley University offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Students may choose one of three majors: nursing administration, nursing education, or MSN General. Bradley also offers a combined BSN/MSN program and an RN to MSN program. Both of these programs offer an emphasis in nursing administration or nursing education.

Degree requirements can be met on a full-time or part-time basis. Graduation requirements must be fulfilled within five years of enrollment.

The student must maintain an academic average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) achieve a “B” or better in each required nursing course, and earn a “C” or better in each course applied to graduate requirements.

Combined Programs

- RN to BSN/MSN Nursing Combined Programs
- Certificate Program in Nursing Education
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia (pending)

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Graduates with a major in nursing administration are prepared for first-line management as executives in a variety of health care settings. Graduates with a masters in nursing education are prepared to meet minimum Illinois Nurse Practice Act requirements for teaching nursing. The MSN-General major addresses the needs of advanced practice nurses who hold certificates/diplomas of advanced practice, but who do not have a master’s degree.

The curriculum is subject to continuous review and evaluation which may necessitate revision of courses and requirements.

- Nursing Administration
  The 36 semester hour curriculum has three components: core, research, and nursing administration.

- Nursing Education
  The 36-hour curriculum has three components: core, research, and nursing education.

- MSN-General
  The 30-hour program includes selected core and internship courses.
Thesis/Directed Research/Capstone Project
Students may meet program requirements by completing either a thesis (4 semester hours) or directed research (2 semester hours), or capstone project (2 semester hours).

Comprehensive Assessment
A comprehensive assessment, as determined by the department, must be completed by all students in this major.

Core Components: 8 hours
- NUR 501 Nursing Theories: Analysis and Development – 3 hours
- NUR 505 Leadership in the Health Care System – 3 hours
- NUR 510 Legal Issues in Nursing – 2 hours

Research Components: 7 to 9 hours
- NUR 520 Research Methods in Nursing – 3 hours
- NUR 525 Nursing Research Seminar – 2 hours
- NUR 699 Thesis – 4 hours or
- NUR 698 Directed Research in Nursing – 2 hours or
- NUR 697 Capstone Project – 2 hours

MSN Nursing Administration Major: 19 to 21 hours
- NUR 630 Nursing Administration I, Theory – 3 hours
- NUR 631 Nursing Administration I, Practicum – 4 hours
- NUR 632 Nursing Administration II, Theory – 3 hours
- NUR 633 Nursing Administration II, Practicum – 4 hours
- Electives – 5 to 7 hours

Total Program Semester Hours: 36

MSN Nursing Education Majors: 18 hours
- NUR 660 Seminar in Nursing Education – 3 hours
- NUR 661 Education Practicum I – 4 hours
- NUR 662 Nursing Education Practicum II – 4 hours
- ETE 651 Curriculum Theory and Development or
- ETE 655 Instructional Theory – 3 hours
- Electives – 5 to 7 hours

Total Program Semester Hours: 36

MSN – General: 13 to 15 hours
- NUR 683 Advance Practice Nurse Internship – 6 hours
- Electives – 7 to 9 hours
  9 hours required if NUR 697 or NUR 698 is taken; 7 hours
  Required if NUR 699 is taken

Total Program Semester Hours: 30

Certificate Program in Nursing Education
The nursing education certificate is designed to help address the shortage of nurse educators. Nurses who have already earned an MSN can gain valuable academic skills in instructional theory and nursing education pedagogy. To enroll in the certificate program, nurses must have an MSN, a current RN license in Illinois, and meet the stated admission requirements for the Graduate School.

Required Courses
- NUR 660 Seminar in Nursing Education – 3 hours
- NUR 661 Nursing Education Practicum I – 4 hours
- NUR 662 Nursing Education Practicum II – 4 hours
- ETE 651 Curriculum Theory and Development or
- ETE 655 Instructional Theory – 3 hours

Total: 14 hours

What students say about the program

“Bradley’s Masters Program in Nursing Administration has broadened my horizons in multiple aspects regarding management and leadership. A master’s degree will allow me the opportunity to work in multiple healthcare settings.”

Abbey Unes ‘12

“After working as a bedside nurse for 10 years, the Masters in Nursing Education program will allow me to have a career change, yet stay in the field of nursing that I love!”

Melissa Jarvill ‘13
Far, Bradley is a private, independent university in Peoria, Ill., offering 6,000 students the choice of more than 100 academic programs. Bradley links academic excellence, experiential learning and leadership development with an entrepreneurial spirit for a world-class education. Its size provides students extensive resources not available at most private colleges and the personal attention not commonly found at large universities.

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Admission
Admission to the MSN program with a major in Nursing Administration, or Nursing Education is based on a thorough review of each applicant’s documents.

Requirements include:
1. BSN from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program.
2. Licensed or license – eligible as a registered nurse in Illinois.
3. Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to comment on the applicant’s ability to successfully complete graduate study (employers, supervisors, and former instructional faculty members are suitable references).
4. An undergraduate’s last 60-hour grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale and 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average in nursing courses based on a 4.0 scale.
5. Completion of statistics course with a grade of “C” or better.
6. Completion of course in health assessment or its equivalent.
7. Completion of an undergraduate nursing research course.
8. Completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 550 (foreign applicants only).
9. Evidence of a satisfactory interview with a graduate faculty member in the relevant major; applicants for the nurse administered anesthesia major will also have an additional interview with anesthesia faculty members.

Applicants lacking the necessary requirements will be evaluated on an individual basis. A flexible entry option is available for graduates of non-BSN programs.

RN to BSN/MSN Nursing Combined Programs
The RN to BSN/MSN nursing programs provides the opportunity for licensed registered nurses who currently hold an associate degree or diploma in nursing to complete the BSN and MSN degrees. The overall goal of the program is to prepare nurse administrators or nurse educators at the master’s level to meet the minimum Illinois Nurse Practice Act requirements and to prepare for future doctoral study. Students may choose either the RN to BSN/MSN Nursing Administration Program or the RN to BSN/MSN Nursing Education Program.

Licensed registered nurses must meet the admission requirements of the University and of the Department of Nursing. Applicants must submit a transcript from an approved school of nursing and verification of current Illinois licensure.

RN students will complete all university and nursing department undergraduate requirements. Upon satisfactory completion of NUR 300, 303, and 310, the RN student may receive 31 hours of proficiency credit without examination for previous nursing education.

NUR 404, 417, 510, 520, and 525 will be taken during the last year of the undergraduate course work, after which the BSN will be conferred. NUR 510, 520 and 525 will be counted as dual credit for the BSN and MSN degrees.