

MSN Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Master of Science in Nursing graduate program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Science in Nursing program prepares professional nurses as advanced generalists to serve as leaders within the health care system. Students have the option of choosing a specialty focus that aligns with their professional goals such as informatics, palliative and hospice care, leadership, or clinical nurse leader. The MSN program is designed for working nurses and the 5-semester program is delivered fully online. You will have access to a dedicated full-time placement coordinator who manages all of your clinical placements. Graduates of the MSN program who choose the clinical nurse leader specialty will be eligible to take the national certification exam.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts demonstrating a 3.0 GPA, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional college admission requirements, program details, and the online application can be found on the Kirkhof College of Nursing website, www.gvsu.edu/kcon, under the Graduate Programs tab.

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Nursing graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Nursing Research, Dr. Katherine Moran, at morakath@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you enjoyed this podcast.