

MSN Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kelsey 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 graduates to provide the clinical leadership essential for implementing and evaluating evidence-based practice changes and coordination of care delivery processes at the patient-provider interface. Graduates of this program will be eligible to sit for the Clinical Nurse Leader certification, providing them the opportunity to advance their credentials to Advanced Generalist/Clinical Nurse Leader. This is a 6 semester program that is completed in a hybrid-online format.

The Clinical Nurse Leader is an emerging leadership role in nursing that is highly sought after due to the ability of the graduates to lead change and improve care in health systems at the patient-provider interface.

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, 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 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.

The Kirkhof College of Nursing's Master of Science in Nursing program is offered in a web-enhanced format. Generally, the nursing courses will meet five times per semester in a classroom setting, with classes clustered on Thursdays and Fridays. Courses will entail extensive use of the internet and other electronic software such as Powerpoint, Skype, or Blackboard. Access to a computer with a high-speed connection will be needed. Some required courses, such as statistics, may not lend themselves to an online format and will require attendance one evening per week.

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 Linda Buck, Senior Academic Advisor, at 616-331-7160 or buckli@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.