

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-PUBLIC AND POPULATION HEALTH NURSING

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Master of Science in Nursing

Public and Population Health Nursing Clinical Specialty Track

Program Description

Our Master of Science in Nursing (Public and Population Health Nursing Clinical Specialty Track) degree program is designed for nurses who are interested in improving population health, healthcare, and community systems in the U.S. and around the world. Our multi-disciplinary curriculum teaches you to:

- Become a leader to work effectively with diverse stakeholders and communities
- Use skills in community assessment and engagement, policy and program development and evaluation, budgeting, and management to drive healthy change, policy, and high impact solutions to health problems

Our graduates are expertly prepared in:

- Advanced levels of the national public health competencies http://www.phf.org/resourcestools/pages/core_public_health_competencies.aspx
- Community and population level prevention
- Social justice, and
- Collaborative leadership

They excel in traditional and non-traditional nursing practice roles in different employment sectors.

Examples of practice roles for MS in Nursing (Public and Population Health Nursing Clinical Specialty Track) graduates include:

Education: Nursing Faculty, Manager of School Health Services, RN-BSN Program Director.

Healthcare: Division Director in hospital and public health institution, Hospital-based Population-level Care Manager or Coordinator, Chronic Disease Program Manager, Director of Clinical Services at a community and migrant health center, and

Government: Nurse Manager and Director at urban and rural public health departments, Community Health Director, Public Health Nursing Advisor at public health department, AACN/CDC Public Health, Nurse Fellow, US Public health Service Nurse, Equity & Environment Program Manager.

Tribal Institutions: Community Health Program Supervisor

Nonprofits: Director of a national environmental health nonprofit, Program Director and Assistant Director at local and regional nonprofits, Mental Health Project Manager, Regional Director of Health Equity at a voluntary health agency, Chief Nursing Officer at a nonprofit for global health

Business: Self-employed Public Health Nurse Consultant, Employee Health Nurse and Program Supervisor

The Master of Science in Nursing program at Worcester State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

Admission requirements

Applicants to the program must meet the following criteria in addition to the WSU Graduate School's general admission requirements. This program does not require applicants to submit GRE scores.

A Baccalaureate in Nursing degree

- Introductory or undergraduate courses in statistics and research
- Unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse.

See: <https://www.worcester.edu/graduate-admissions/>

Professional Core Courses

- **NU 952 - Public and Population Health Nursing Theory and Practice (3 credits)**
- **NU 954 - Essentials of Evidence-Based Practice in Public and Population Health (3 credits)**
- **NU 957 - Public and Population Health Nursing Leadership (3 credits)**
- **NU 958 - Global Perspectives on Health and Environment (3 credits)**
- **NU 962 - Program Planning and Evaluation for Public and Population Health**

Interdisciplinary Courses

- **NU 955 - Epidemiology and Population Health**
- **NU 953 - Public and Global Health Policy, Politics, and Progress (3 credits)**
- **NU 956 - Informatics and Data Science for Population and Public Health (3 credits)**
- **NU 959 - Genetics and Genomics in Public and Population Health (3 credits)**

Specialty Courses in Community/Public Health Nursing

NU 963 - Population-Based Public Health Nursing Interventions (4 credits)

60 hours Practicum

NU 964 - Applied Project in Public and Population Health (4 credits) 65 Hours Practicum