



Master of Science in Nursing *Patient Care Services Administration*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Patient Care Services Administration (PCSA)** Program at Sacred Heart University consists of 36 graduate credit hours and the completion of a practicum in a nursing administration role selected from a variety of health care agency options. This **online program** is designed to prepare Registered Nurses with a bachelor's degree for positions of **administrative responsibility** in health care organizations. Graduates of this program are prepared to be professional leaders and creatively advance the practice of nursing and facilitate the delivery of cost-effective care through the application and testing of administrative knowledge and skills. Emphasis is placed on the **integration of finance, business management, information management and program evaluation**. This program provides a strong foundation for doctoral study and application of evidence based research.

UNIQUE PROGRAM ATTRIBUTES

Faculty: Nursing faculty have received state and national recognition for expertise in their specific fields and are engaged in their clinical practice outside of the university. Faculty specializations and interests include: **Transformational Leadership, Public Health and Epidemiology, Emergency Preparedness, Geriatrics, Disenfranchised Populations, Rural and Urban Health, Pediatric Developmental Disorders.**

All of the graduate faculty have achieved their doctoral degrees. Most of our Graduate faculty have received **Statewide Organization Awards for Excellence** and our Chair earned a **University Teaching Excellence award**. Our faculty will treat you not just as a student, but rather a colleague.



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Clinical Practice and Fieldwork: We have established relationships with **leading healthcare organizations** in the region. The curriculum integrates role practicums, clinical immersion experiences and direct patient care opportunities throughout the program. These programs are designed to advance nursing careers to best meet the healthcare needs of our communities.

Online Learning: Sacred Heart University's Online Learning is an Internet-based teaching/learning experience. The University uses Blackboard as its electronic delivery and learning platform for all distance learning programs. Blackboard is a web-based system which provides a user-friendly interface with simple point and click access to course content, collaborative workspaces and online resource centers. **It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and allows for easy information interchange between student and instructor.**

When you register for an online course, you can expect **equivalent content and opportunity** for learning comparable to students who take the same course on campus. With a positive attitude, an appropriate place in which to study and a structured schedule to keep you on track, your success with online learning is assured. Please contact the Office of Instructional Technology (203-365-7613) if you have any questions regarding the logistics of taking an online course.

MSN CORE REQUIREMENTS

SHU Course	Credits
*NU 501 Health Care Policy & Ethics for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 530 Theory & Professional Roles for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 601 Principles of Health Care Research for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 602 Evidence Based Practice for Quality Care	3



PCS REQUIREMENTS

SHU Course	Credits
*NU 510 Strategic Leadership for Patient Care Services	3
*NU 520 Management of Human Resources	3
*NU 575 Health Care Information Systems	3
*NU 576 Management of Financial Resources	3
*NU 610 Patient Care Services Administration Practicum	6
*BU 601 Management of Organization & Business Communication	3
*Elective	3

***Indicates these courses are available online.**

ADMISSION

This Program is designed for the academically talented student who has experience in Nursing. The criteria for admission include:

- Completed online application
- Bachelors degree with GPA of a 3.0 or better (Provisional Admission possible with a GPA less than 3.0 at the discretion of the department)
- RN License
- Interview with a graduate nursing faculty
- Official copies of all college transcripts
- Resume
- (2) Strong letters of recommendation
- Completion of Statistics course
- Statement of professional goals

MORE QUESTIONS?

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