

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## RN to MSN Transition Courses

For those entering the program with an RN (without a BSN), the courses below must be successfully completed before advancement in the MSN GNSG 6000-level courses. The courses must be taken in order and outside transfer is not accepted. These courses are not required for those entering with a BSN.

Code	Title	Units
Choose one (1) of the following sequences:		11
<i>Sequence 1</i>		
GNSG 5001	Writing and Research	
GNSG 5045	RN-MSN Transition I	
GNSG 5046	RN-MSN Transition II	
<i>Sequence 2</i>		
NRS 3050	Communicating and Following Faithfully	
NRS 3060A	Inquiring Faithfully I: Nursing Research	
NRS 3060B	Inquiring Faithfully I: Nursing Research	
NRS 4020	Caring Faithfully in the Community	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>11</b>

## MSN: CNS Tracks

The MSN: Adult-Gerontology CNS and MSN: Pediatric CNS tracks consist of 6 Graduate core courses (13 units), 4 APRN Core courses (9 units), and 9 CNS-specialty courses (21 units, which includes 12 units/500 clinical practicum hours).

The MSN: Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty track consists of 6 Graduate core courses (13 units), 4 APRN Core courses (9 units), and 11 CNS-specialty courses (24 units, which includes 12 units/580 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduate Core Courses</b>		
GNSG 6003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
GNSG 6009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
GNSG 6021	Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2
GNSG 6023	Planning and Management of Evidence-Based Initiatives	2
GNSG 6088	Healthcare Leadership and Innovation	3
GNSG 6096	Comprehensive Exam	1
<b>APRN Core Courses</b>		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
GNSG 6008L	and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	
<b>CNS-Specialty Courses</b>		<b>21-24</b>

Choose one (1) of the following options:

<i>MSN w/ Adult-Gerontology CNS:</i>		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	

GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A, B, D, E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum	
<i>MSN w/ Pediatric CNS:</i>		
GNSG 6015	Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatrics	
GNSG 6035	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6045	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6055	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6065 (A, B, D, E)	Pediatric CNS Role Practicum	
<i>MSN w/ Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty:</i>		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6016	Advanced Health Assessment: Women's Health	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6036	Women's Health CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A, B, D, E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum <sup>1</sup>	
GNSG 6066 (A)	Women's Health CNS Role Practicum	

**Total Units** **43-46**

<sup>1</sup> Adult Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty tracks do not include GNSG 6064A. Instead, GNSG 6066A is completed.

## MSN FNP Track

The MSN FNP track consists of 5 Graduate core courses (12 units), 4 APRN Core courses (9 units), 12 FNP-specialty courses (33 units, which includes 16 units/750 clinical practicum hours).

- All graduate students take 3Ps courses (GNSG 6006-Advanced Pathophysiology, GNSG 6007-Advanced Pharmacology, and GNSG 6008-Advanced Health Assessment) as foundational courses for the advanced nursing practice role. Any applicant may submit prior course syllabi to be reviewed for course equivalency. A prerequisite or transfer 3Ps course must meet the required criteria per California Board of Registered Nursing for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Syllabi may be required to verify equivalency prior to acceptance of any course toward PLNU Graduate Nursing program requirements. Students who have not taken APRN Core Prerequisite Courses may take them concurrently with their program at PLNU.
- FNP students will be required to pass a Blended 3Ps exam in order to progress to FNP specialty coursework. The option to audit and/or retake 3Ps courses is available and encouraged for the purpose of thorough preparation of the blended exam.
- At a minimum, a total of 750 direct patient care clinical hours are to be included in the past APN graduate education program and post-graduate certificate program, specifically to meet the end-of-program hours for the new NP role and/or new population (National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 2022, Criterion III.N).

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<b>Graduate Core Courses</b>		
GNSG 6003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
GNSG 6009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
GNSG 6021	Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2
GNSG 6088	Healthcare Leadership and Innovation	3

GNSG 7029	Diagnostic Testing and Laboratory Interpretation	2
<b>APRN Core Courses</b>		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
<b>FNP Specialty Courses</b>		
GNSG 7030 and GNSG 7030L	Introduction to Advanced Practice Nursing and Diagnostic Reasoning and Diagnostic Reasoning and Procedures Practicum	4
GNSG 7031 and GNSG 7031L	Health Management I: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management I Practicum: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7032 and GNSG 7032L	Health Management II: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management II Practicum: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7033 and GNSG 7033L	Health Management III: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management III Practicum: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7034 and GNSG 7034L	Health Management IV: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care and Health Management IV Practicum: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7035 and GNSG 7035L	Health Management V: Clinical Immersion and Health Management V Practicum: Clinical Immersion	4
GNSG 7036	Entry to the Advanced Practice Role	1
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>54</b>

## Total Units (with RN-MSN transition courses):

- CNS Track: 54-57
- FNP Track: 65

## Total MSN Units (BSN entry):

- CNS Track: 43
- FNP Track: 54

## Minimum Required Clinical Hours for All MSN Tracks: 500