

**KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
KING SAUD UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF APPLIED UNIVERSITY
NURSING DEPARTMENT**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM:

The department of nursing is one of several departments of the College of Applied Medical Sciences, King Saud University, which drives the broad outlines of its purpose and functions from the philosophy and policies of the University. The Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program builds on the generalist base of the first degree, and prepares clinical nurse specialist and administrator capable of assuming leadership in developing and implementing innovative roles that encompass education and managerial functions, and that will effectively bring about needed change in the health care system. Through study and application of concepts and theories, the student engages in opportunities that foster responsibility, creativity and self-direction which characterize professional commitment and enhances a continuing desire to learn and grow.

Courses both within nursing and from other relevant disciplines provide the education necessary to develop leaders for such roles as clinical specialist, teacher and administrator.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM [MSN]

- Synthesize, evaluate and utilize nursing theoretical framework as a basis for professional nursing practice.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills in a selected area of specialization.
- Apply leadership knowledge and skills in implementing the role of clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator or nurse administrator.
- Appraise and extend the body of nursing knowledge through scientific inquiry.
- Plan, initiate and evaluate change in the health care system.
- Collaborate with health care providers and consumers to achieve shared health goals.
- Serve as role model in the delivery of exemplary nursing care.
- Demonstrate continued personal and professional development.

PROGRAM SPECIALIZATION AND SUBSPECIALIZATION:

Specialization of Master of Science in Nursing Program is offered in five major areas which are the following:

- 1- Community health nursing.
 - Primary Care Nursing.
 - Community Health Nursing.
- 2- Psychiatric mental health nursing.
- 3- Maternal child health nursing.
 - Maternal Nursing.
 - Pediatric Nursing.
- 4- Adult medical- surgical nursing.

5- Nursing Administration.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MSN:

Applicants seeking admission to MSN degree program at King Saud University must fulfill all the requirements for admission to both the university and the department of nursing as follow:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from King Saud University or another accredited university with the grade “VERY GOOD” at least.
2. Completion of the one-Year nursing internship.
3. At least one year of recent work experience, which is contingent upon the area of specialization selected for graduate study.
4. The language of instruction in the graduate program of nursing is English, so applicants must fulfill the English language proficiency requirements of the department.
5. Full-time status.
6. Evidence of personal qualification and capacity for graduate study as reflected in the application, references and work record.

STUDY PLAN:

Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program is four semesters in length, and requires the completion of a minimum of 42 semester hours of credit. The minimum course load is 9 credit hours per semester and the maximum is 12 credit hours. Credit hour equivalence in graduate study is based on the ratio of one credit theory equal one clock hour and one credit clinical equal six clock hours. The required period for the completion of the Master’s degree shall not be less than 2 years or more than 4years.The general curriculum plan requires that each student selects one program of specialization and a related area of subspecialty. In addition, each student chooses one functional role area in terms of her interest and career goals. Specialization at MSN level is offered in five major specialty programs and the functional role preparation is offered in three functional areas.

CURRUCULUM DESIGN:

Core Course Requirements -----	9 semester credits
Specialty Courses -----	12 semester credits
Functional Role Courses -----	9 semester credits
Relevant Science Courses -----	6 semester credits
Thesis/Electives- Courses -----	6 semester credits
Total:	42 semester credits

Thesis or research project
Final comprehensive examination

Core Course Requirements: nine semester hours of courses required of all graduate Students regardless of the area of specialty. These courses include; Nursing Research 3 cr; theoretical Foundation of Nursing 2 cr; Statistics 2 cr; Health Care Delivery System 2 cr.

Specialty Courses: twelve semester hours of advanced nursing courses in One of the five specialties offered. All students are Required to take a designated number of these courses Regardless of their chosen courses of specialization.

Functional Role Courses: nine semester hours of theoretical and practical courses in one of the three functional areas. All students are required to take a designated number of these courses regardless of their functional area.

Relevant science Course: Six semester hours of biological, behavioral, Physiological and social science courses. Courses vary According to the student's area of specialization.

Thesis/Electives: due to the professional nature of the degree, the student May select either a thesis or a non-thesis option Depending on the nature of the problem she wishes to Investigate and her goals; six credits are required for Either option.

Thesis: Under the guidance of a committee, the student Designs, implements and orally defends a research Project.

Non-Thesis: Under the guidance of the advisor, the Student takes six credits of electives and submits one Scholarly seminar project.

Comprehensive Examination: Student selecting non-thesis must successfully pass a Written comprehensive examination after successful Completion of all the required credit hours.

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Curriculum Plan***

Semester I

Nursing Research (core)	3cr.
Statistics (core)	2cr.
Theoretical Foundation of Nursing (core)	2cr.
Health care Delivery System (core).....	<u>2cr.</u>
	9cr.

Semester II

Specialty (theory)	3cr.
Specialty Practice	3cr.
Science Course	3cr.
Functional Role (theory course)	<u>3cr.</u>
	12cr.

Semester III

Specialty (theory)	3cr.
Science Course	3cr.
Functional Role (Practice)	3cr.
Thesis/Elective	<u>3cr.</u>
	12cr.

Semester IV

Specialty Practice	3cr.
Functional Role	3cr.
Thesis/Elective	<u>3cr.</u>
	9cr.

* This example is intended for clarification purposes.
Programs are planned on this model and on the
basis of student interests and career goals.

Courses- Description:

