# The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

# McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing

**MSN Program Overview**

The MSN program provides registered nurses, with a baccalaureate degree in nursing, with an opportunity to build expertise in a specialized area of practice. The degree requires a total of 39 semester hours of graduate-level coursework. Coursework is offered in an online format. Students may enroll as either full-time or part-time students. All students must complete degree requirements within five (5) calendar years of the date of the first registration for graduate study.

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| **Nurse Educator Specialty Concentration**This concentration is designed to prepare practicing nurses to assume roles as educators in baccalaureate and associate degree nursing programs, staff development, continuing education, and community health education programs. Graduates are eligible to take the NLN nurse educator certification examination upon graduation. |
| **Sample Full-Time Plan of Study** |
| **Semester** | **Course #** | **Course** | **Semester Hrs.** |
| Fall | NUR 5000 | Advanced Nursing Concepts in Theory and Practice | 3 |
|  | NUR 5020 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 |
|  | NUR 5030 | Advanced Concepts of Pharmacology in Nursing | 3 |
| Spring | NUR 5040 | Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Decision Making | 3 |
|  | NUR 5010 | Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice | 3 |
|  | NUR 5300 | Educating Diverse Populations | 3 |
| Summer | NUR 5310 | Curriculum Theory and Design in Nursing Education | 3 |
|  | NUR 5320 | Classroom Teaching and Integration of Technology | 3 |
| Fall | NUR 5330 | Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nurse Educators | 3 |
|  | NUR 5340 | Measurement and Evaluation in Nursing Education | 3 |
| Spring | NUR 5350 | Nurse Educator Capstone Practicum | 6 |
|  | NUR 5360 | Master’s Nurse Educator Research or Action Project | 3 |
|  |  | Total Hours | 39 |

# Admission Requirements

## To be considered for the Master's of Science in Nursing with a Nurse Educator specialization, candidates must submit a completed application with official transcripts of all postsecondary education directly from each institution to the School of Graduate Studies and:

* Possess a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from accredited NLN or CCNE School of Nursing.
* Possess a current, valid North Carolina nursing license or a license with multistate practice privileges by authority of the Nurse Licensure Compact.
* Have a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
* Submit three letters of recommendation from instructors, supervisors or professional colleagues, two of which must come from individuals with a minimum of a master’s degree in nursing who can evaluate your potential to undertake a master’s degree program.
* Submit a copy of resume or curriculum vitae of educational and work experience.
* Submit a personal statement which describes: development of interest in graduate education in nursing, reason for applying to chosen specialty area, your professional goals and how this specialization will help you achieve them, your academic strengths and areas needing further development, and any special circumstances that you believe require further clarification.
* Evidence of completion of a course in Descriptive/Inferential Statistics with a minimum grade of “C” or higher.

# Contact Information

## For general information on applying, please contact the UNCP School of Graduate Studies: Phone: (910) 521-6271 or 1-866-521-GRAD (4723) or Email: [grad@uncp.edu.](http://www.uncp.edu/co/tuition_fees/tuition_req_fees.htm#grad) For specific program information, please contact the McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing, Dr. Julie Harrison-Swartz, Director, Post-Licensure Programs Director at 910-775-4509 or email Julie.harrison-swartz@uncp.edu or Dr. Jennifer Wells, Interim Chair, McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing at 910-775-4142 or Jennifer.wells@uncp.edu.