

Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN)

In June of 1991, the School launched the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN), a three-year program in nursing designed for persons with baccalaureate degrees in other disciplines, who are ready to make a career commitment to health care through nursing. This program provides a nursing generalist foundation in an academically-intense first year, followed by two years of specialization towards the MS degree.

Objectives for Year One of the Master's Entry Program

Faculty provides experiences which enable students to accomplish the following goals by the end of the first year of the Master's Entry Program in Nursing:

Acquire knowledge, clinical judgment, and perspective necessary for nursing practice that spans the health-illness continuum and that focuses on adaptive and developmental needs of human beings. This includes the ability to engage in the following processes:

- Assess the significance of a wide range of factors (physiological, social, personal, cultural, psychological, etc.) and their interrelationships in such a way as to identify and define common nursing problems.
- Assess availability, accessibility, and relevance of resources for individual, family, and community problem resolution.
- Formulate a plan for helping the individual, family, community or professional mobilize and use resources appropriate to the particular problem.
- Implement the formulated plan or modification thereof.
- Evaluate the results of interventions in relation to immediate and long-term consequences and modify future related interventions as necessary.
- Demonstrate skills necessary for the professional practice of nursing.

Advance toward the process of becoming professionals. This entails:

- Progressive mastery of the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking needed by the profession;
- Demonstrated commitment to a nursing perspective; that is, internalization of the values, traditions, and obligations of the professional; and
- Identification with and commitment to the profession's function in the larger society.