5th in U.S. News & World Reports “America’s Best Graduate Schools”
6th in National Institutes of Health (NIH) research dollars awarded
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

OVERVIEW
The Nursing Administration MSN prepares nurses to function in leadership and management roles at the department or director level. It is designed for individuals who wish to impact patient outcomes and care delivery at a level that extends beyond direct patient care and educates nursing leaders who are prepared to meet the rapid changes and complex challenges facing the health care industry.

The curriculum builds on students' experiences in direct care roles and provides the knowledge base needed to develop the conceptual, interpersonal, and technical skills required to function in health care management and administration. Core courses provide a foundation in research for evidence-based practice, nursing outcomes, use of technology, leadership development and organizational theory. This knowledge is then enhanced with cognates in economics, health policy, and management of resources. Each student participates in a uniquely designed clinical residency with access to a wide range of clinical sites. Faculty includes individuals with extensive experience in leadership of clinical systems, executive practice, professional communication and development and health policy.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
- Admit annually Fall Term only
- Full-time (4 terms) or Part-time
- 40 credits (includes 300 clinical residency hours that may be completed at a healthcare facility near student's home)
- Onsite or online*
  * View a Virtual Nursing Administration MSN Open House at online.pitt.edu
  * Refer to PittOnline (online.pitt.edu / 412-648-9499) for list of states in which the School of Nursing is authorized to enroll online students.
- Curriculum
  √ Full-time curriculum: available at nursing.pitt.edu
  √ Part-time curriculum: planned individually with program coordinator

OBJECTIVES
Graduates of the Nursing Administration MSN are prepared to:
- Assume responsibility for the leadership of a clinical department or unit
- Design, implement and evaluate quality initiatives within a health care setting
- Provide leadership for a variety of clinical initiatives and outcomes

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- Valid registered nurse license from a state/territory of the United States or geographical area (for international online students) where clinical practicum will be completed
- Minimum of one year nursing experience preferred
- 3.0 or higher GPA in BSN (from CCNE, NLN, ACICS or ACEN accredited program)
- RN Options-Early Admission to MSN or DNP: available for graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs
- Official GRE scores (may be waived if undergraduate GPA ≥ 3.5)

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ADMISSION CRITERIA (cont.)
- Prerequisite statistics course
- Pre-admission interview (applicants residing at a distance may arrange for a telephone interview)
- Complete online application: www.nursing.pitt.edu
- International applicants: see www.nursing.pitt.edu and www.ois.pitt.edu (onsite students only)
- Deadlines: February 15 or May 1 (international applicants are advised to apply by Feb. 15)
  Complete applications received by Feb. 15 - admission decision expected by June 1
  Complete applications received by May 1 - admission decision expected by June 30

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