

## ***Common Nursing Prerequisites for entrance into the RN-MSN program:***

### *NU 304 - Research for Health Professions:*

This course surveys the research process through computer-assisted instruction. The focus is on the research process, methods for critiquing research, and ethical and legal implications. The emphasis is on the importance of research to nursing practice and the development of critical consumers of nursing research.

### *NU 410 - Concepts of Professional Nursing:*

This course is designed as a bridge course for the Registered Nurse student. The focus is on the philosophy of the College of Nursing and on selected theories and concepts that are integrated throughout the curriculum. Emphasis is on professional nursing roles and strategies for health promotion and maintenance with individuals, families, and groups.

### *NU 325 - Health Assessment:*

The course focus is on the nursing assessment of the whole person and includes physical, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual assessment of the adult. The emphasis is on the development of skills in obtaining a health history and performing a health examination on adults.

### *CMN 411 – Nursing in Community Systems*

The purpose of this course is to provide students an in-depth exploration of community health nursing concepts and principles from a population health care perspective. The course focuses on the prevention of disease and promotion of health. Resources that support disease prevention and health promotion are investigated and evaluated. The changing needs of an increasingly culturally diverse population within the social context of community systems are examined along with the environmental, economical, political, and legal constraints to the health of community systems. Course content includes concepts from nursing and public health sciences. The course will emphasize the use of nursing process and public health concepts to assess the complex factors in the community that affect the health of populations.

*The above listed Nursing courses are typically what RN-MSN students are lacking when they have degrees in other fields. Note that the student must have completed 4 courses in Social Science, 4 courses in Biological or Physical Science (including Anatomy & Physiology) and 2 courses in Humanities/Fine Arts. Prospective RN-MSN students are advised to submit copies of undergraduate transcripts so an official evaluation may indicate what prerequisites are required before they may enroll in graduate courses.*