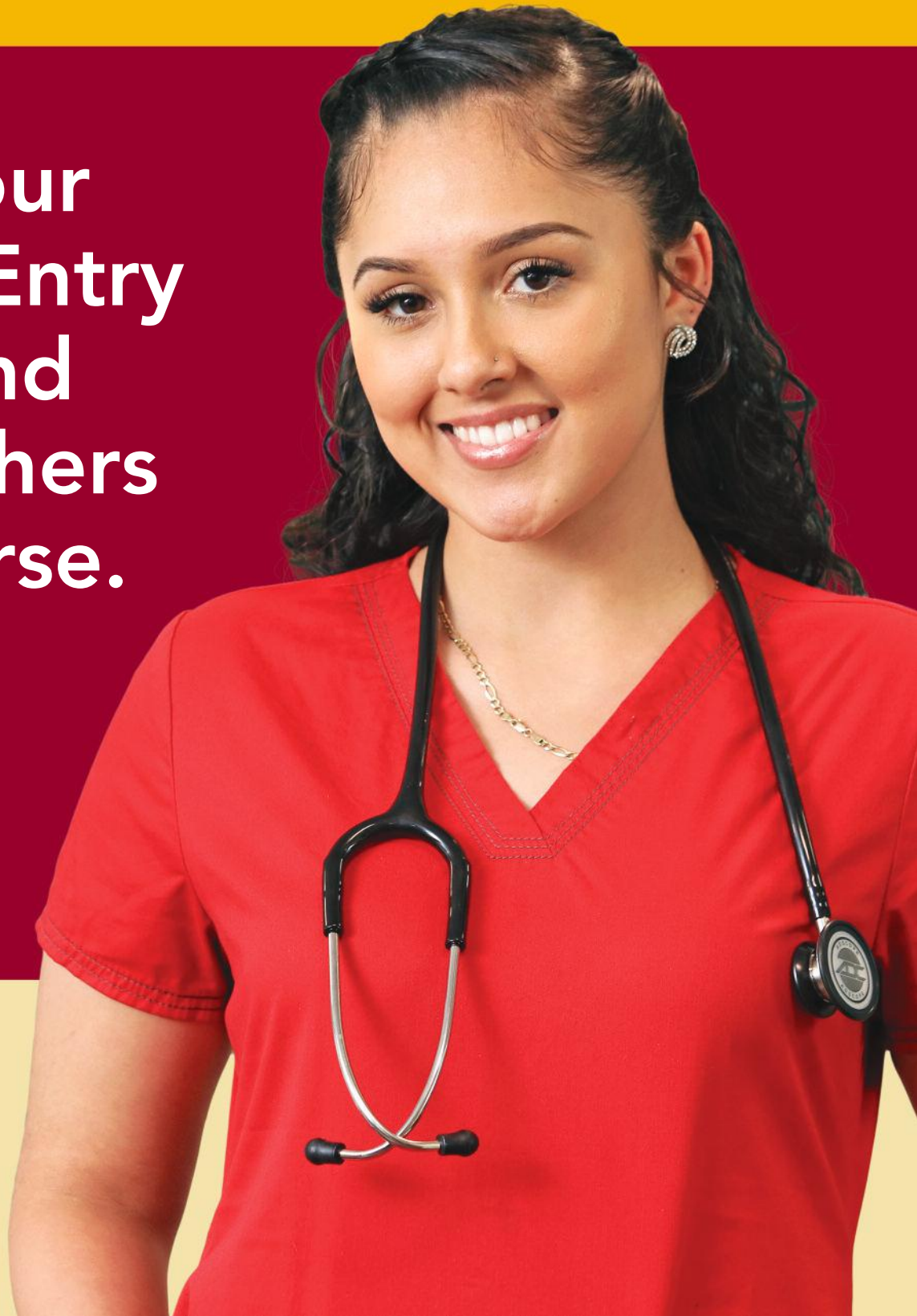


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Earn your Direct Entry MSN degree and start impacting lives as a nurse. In Alverno College's JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing and Health Professions, you'll gain knowledge and exceptional clinical training to enter the profession as a skilled, passionate provider.

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Earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in as few as 18 to 20 months.

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Our small class sizes mean you will receive personal attention from our expert faculty while building meaningful relationships with your peers.

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Our nursing faculty are recognized experts who are dedicated to helping you enter the profession at your best.

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CLINICAL  
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Gain clinical experience through our close health care partnerships and in multiple simulation environments in our Center for Clinical Education.

**AN  
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Rigorous academic study with hands-on experience and practical applications will empower you to deliver the best patient care possible.



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## Program Information

- 77 credits of coursework and clinical practice
- Full-time, hybrid program
- A student-faculty ratio of 10:1
- Earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Preparation for the NCLEX licensure exam to become a registered nurse (RN)

## Structure and Timing of Coursework

- 18 to 20 months for our accelerated 5-semester option or 3 years for our 9-semester option (*please note: the 9-semester option is only available in Milwaukee*)
- Clinical training in our state-of-the-art Center for Clinical Education – Develop your clinical assessment, decision-making and treatment abilities through hands-on practice. The facility includes:
  - **The Clinical Simulation Center:**
    - Four simulation rooms (two medical/surgical rooms, one birthing suite/pediatric unit and one trauma/ICU room)
    - Uses high-fidelity patient simulation units (adults, newborn and pediatric patient)
    - Features portable electronic health record units
  - **The Clinical Learning Center:**
    - Simulated settings – work with patients, conduct physical assessments and practice clinical skills
    - Includes primary care exam rooms, multi-bed spaces and a simulated studio apartment to practice home environment assessment and home-based care
  - **Practicum Experience – Direct Clinical Experience**



# ALVERNO COLLEGE DIRECT ENTRY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (DEMSN)

## GAIN PRACTICAL TRAINING with real-work applications.

### Admissions Requirements

- Hold a bachelor's degree (in any academic major other than nursing) from a regionally accredited college or university (or an international equivalent)
- A completed application on **NursingCAS**
- Personal Statement (required)
- Submit background check completed through CastleBranch and health information uploaded to CastleBranch
- Completion of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Training for Health Care Professionals within three months prior to admission with evidence uploaded to CastleBranch
- Non-U.S. applicants must provide evidence that they received a minimum score of 550 on TOEFL
- Non-U.S. applicants must provide transcripts from all post-secondary institutions. An official evaluation of foreign credentials will be required for international transcripts.

### Prerequisites completed with a grade of C or better within seven years of start date (except where noted):

- Abnormal Psychology (3 credits)
- Chemistry or Biochemistry (3 credits)
- Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with a lab component; 4 credits)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with a lab component; 4 credits)
- Microbiology (with a lab component; 3 credits)
- Statistics Prerequisite: Prior completion of an approved undergraduate or graduate level inferential statistics course within 5 years of entry to the program (3 credits)



## ACCELERATED DEMSN Course Sequence

### SEMESTER 1 – 16 CREDITS

|          |                                                |           |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| BI-338C  | Physiological Mechanisms Disease               | 4 credits |
| MSN-600B | Orientation                                    | 0 credits |
| N-500    | Professional Nursing Practice Essentials       | 3 credits |
| N-518    | Pharmacology I                                 | 1 credits |
| N-522    | Ethics for Nurses                              | 1 credits |
| N-524    | Health Assessment: Nursing Theory and Practice | 5 credits |
| N-546    | Nursing Management of Aging Adults             | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 2 – 13 CREDITS

|       |                                                                  |           |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| N-519 | Pharmacology II                                                  | 2 credits |
| N-526 | Clinical Nursing Skills                                          | 1 credits |
| N-528 | Theories of Holistic Nursing                                     | 4 credits |
| N-529 | Clinical Nursing Practice I                                      | 4 credits |
| N-530 | Nursing Inquiry: Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 3 – 15 CREDITS

|         |                                                                |           |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| N-545   | Nursing Management: Women & Children                           | 3 credits |
| N-556   | Nursing Management: Complex Clients                            | 3 credits |
| N-557   | Nursing in Complex Communities                                 | 3 credits |
| N-565   | Clinical Nursing Practice II                                   | 3 credits |
| MSN-610 | Nursing Leadership: Advocacy, Activism, Innovation, and Policy | 3 credits |

### SEMESTER 4 – 17 CREDITS

|         |                                                    |           |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| N-570   | Clinical Nursing Practice III - Acute Care         | 6 credits |
| MSN-605 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology            | 3 credits |
| MSN-631 | Advanced Health and Physical Assessment            | 3 credits |
| MSN-632 | Advanced Nursing Theory I                          | 3 credits |
| MSN-629 | Advanced Nursing Roles and Interprofessional Teams | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 5 – 16 CREDITS

|         |                                                            |           |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| MSN-614 | Nursing Research and Scholarship                           | 3 credits |
| MSN-618 | Population-Based Health                                    | 3 credits |
| MSN-770 | Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics and Clinical Decision-Making | 3 credits |
| MSN-775 | Advanced Nursing Theory II                                 | 3 credits |
| MSN-776 | Nursing Clinical Practice IV                               | 4 credits |

## 9-SEMESTER DEMSN Course Sequence

*The 9-semester option is only available in Milwaukee*

### SEMESTER 1 – 6 CREDITS

|                 |                                  |           |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MSN-600B</b> | Orientation to MSN Program       | 0 credits |
| <b>BI 338C</b>  | Physiological Mechanisms Disease | 4 credits |
| <b>N-518</b>    | Pharmacology I                   | 1 credits |
| <b>N-522</b>    | Ethics for the Nurses Online     | 1 credits |

### SEMESTER 2 – 10 CREDITS

|              |                                                   |           |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N-500</b> | Professional Nursing Practice Essentials (Hybrid) | 3 credits |
| <b>N-524</b> | Health Assessment: Nursing Theory and Practice    | 5 credits |
| <b>N-546</b> | Nursing Management of Aging Adults                | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 3 – 11 CREDITS

|              |                              |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N-528</b> | Theories of Holistic Nursing | 4 credits |
| <b>N-526</b> | Clinical Nursing Skills      | 1 credits |
| <b>N-529</b> | Clinical Nursing Practice I  | 4 credits |
| <b>N-519</b> | Pharmacology II              | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 4 – 8 CREDITS

|              |                                                                                  |           |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N-530</b> | Nursing Inquiry: Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement (Hybrid/Online) | 2 credits |
| <b>N-545</b> | Nursing Management: Women and Children                                           | 3 credits |
| <b>N-556</b> | Nursing in Complex Clients                                                       | 3 credits |

### SEMESTER 5 – 9 CREDITS

|                |                                                                |           |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N-557</b>   | Nursing in Complex Communities                                 | 3 credits |
| <b>N-565</b>   | Clinical Nursing Practice II                                   | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-610</b> | Nursing Leadership: Advocacy, Activism, Innovation, and Policy | 3 credits |

### SEMESTER 6 – 9 CREDITS

|                |                                            |           |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N-570</b>   | Clinical Nursing Practice III – Acute Care | 6 credits |
| <b>MSN-632</b> | Advanced Nursing Theory I                  | 3 credits |

### SEMESTER 7 – 8 CREDITS

|                |                                                    |           |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MSN-631</b> | Advanced Health and Physical Assessment            | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-605</b> | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology            | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-629</b> | Advanced Nursing Roles and Interprofessional Teams | 2 credits |

### SEMESTER 8 – 9 CREDITS

|                |                                                            |           |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MSN-770</b> | Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics and Clinical Decision Making | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-618</b> | Population-Based Health                                    | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-614</b> | Nursing Research and Scholarship                           | 3 credits |
| <b>N-290</b>   | Non-credit Clinical Practice Refresher                     | 0 credits |

### SEMESTER 9 – 7 CREDITS

|                |                              |           |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MSN-775</b> | Advanced Nursing Theory II   | 3 credits |
| <b>MSN-776</b> | Nursing Clinical Practice IV | 4 credits |

*For complete course descriptions, please visit [msn.alverno.edu/courses](https://msn.alverno.edu/courses).*

**Total – 77 credits**



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