

# AURORA UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF NURSING M.S.N. BRIDGE OPTION

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### Aurora University

*Is located in a tree-lined residential neighborhood on Aurora's west side. AU has a student body of 4,300 and offers the personalized education more frequently associated with a small college. The university also offers 13 master's degrees and doctoral degrees in education and social work. We welcome you to visit our campus and explore the opportunities.*

### College of Professional Studies

*The College of Professional Studies promotes excellence in the fields of business, criminal justice, nursing and social work. The faculty and staff pursue this goal through a strong commitment to teaching, advising, scholarship and service.*

### Accreditation

*The Aurora University baccalaureate nursing program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).*



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## M.S.N. BRIDGE OPTION

The M.S.N. Bridge Option is designed for registered nurses (R.N.s) with baccalaureate degrees outside of nursing. This is an entry option to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program and emphasizes achievement of baccalaureate competencies in nursing.

The Master of Science in Nursing at Aurora University is a 38-semester hour program; 28 semester hours of core classes and 10 semester hours in a specialization. Two distinct specializations are offered: Administration and Nursing Education.



### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Application for Graduate Admission.
- A prior earned bachelor's degree.
- An associate's degree in nursing with at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Current R.N. license to practice in the State of Illinois.
- Clinical practice in the last two years (one year full-time equivalent).
- Three letters of recommendation from persons who can speak to your professional and clinical nursing performance; one must be from a current clinical supervisor.
- Official and sealed transcripts for all prior college and university credit. Aurora University accepts official electronic transcripts at: [AU-ETranscripts@aurora.edu](mailto:AU-ETranscripts@aurora.edu).
- A current curriculum vita or detailed resume.
- A 750 to 1000 word essay describing why you wish to pursue a graduate nursing degree. Essay questions and guidelines are available online at [www.aurora.edu/msn](http://www.aurora.edu/msn).
- An interview with the School of Nursing Review Committee is required when all admission materials are received.

Select courses have been identified as the bridge to baccalaureate competencies and preparation to proceed to graduate-level education in nursing.

## M.S.N. BRIDGE OPTION REQUIREMENTS

### PREREQUISITES

Proof of college-level courses in the following areas or courses can be taken simultaneously with required bridge courses:

- Statistics
- Research (upper level course required)

### REQUIRED BRIDGE COURSES

14 semester hours

NUR 3030WI	Dimensions of Professional Practice
NUR 3280	Health Assessment, Education and Promotion or achievement of course requirements through Credit for Departmental Challenge Examination
NUR 4850	Nursing: A Community Outlook

Successful completion of the bridge courses with a grade of B (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) or better is required to progress to the M.S.N. program courses.

