Exit Options

The Master of Science Degree (MSN) - Pre-licensure
Generalist Entry Masters

The pre-licensure Master of Science in Nursing program, also known as the Generalist Entry Masters (GEM), requires a minimum of 91 quarter hours and must include all graduate coursework, clinical experiences and residency as stated in the program of study. A minimum of 46 quarter hours shall be spent as a GEM student in academic residence at Rush University. Master's students must complete degree requirements within five years (60 months).
All GEM students are required to pass an end of program, comprehensive exam. A minimum passing grade must be attained prior to graduating.

All students are expected to participate in examinations which are used for program evaluation.

After receiving the master's degree in nursing, graduates are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX) and sit for certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader.

The Master of Science Degree (MSN) - Post-licensure
Advanced Generalist, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist

The post-licensure Master of Science in Nursing degree requires a minimum of 55 quarter hours and must include all coursework and residencies required for the selected area of concentration. No less than 28 quarter hours shall be spent in residence at Rush University for the MSN degree. Master's students must complete degree requirements within five years (60 months).

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree requires a minimum of 41 quarter hours of post-master's study and must include all course work and residencies required. No less than 21 quarter hours post-masters shall be spent in residence at Rush University for the DNP degree. Doctor of Nursing Practice students must complete degree requirements within five years (60 months).

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree requires completion of the approved individual program of study. Work for the PhD must be the equivalent of 90 quarter hours of graduate course work, exclusive of the dissertation. No less than 45 quarter hours of study shall be spent in residence at Rush University for the PhD degree. Students must complete degree requirements within 8 years (96 months).

Participation at commencement is expected of all graduates.