COLLEGE OF NURSING
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
ADRN to MN Degree
(Pending MT Board of Regents and Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities approval)

The College of Nursing has developed a track to a Masters in Nursing (MN) degree designed for Associate Degree Registered Nurses (ADRN). ADRNs who have a minimum of two years of experience as registered nurses and have demonstrated increasing leadership in nursing are encouraged to apply. Graduates will be eligible to sit for certification as Clinical Nurse Leaders (CNL) http://www.montana.edu/nursing/graduate/cnl.html.

Application (coming soon)

Open mid-April - Close June 1, 2015 for a start date of August 24, 2015.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to the MSU Graduate School.

- Successful applicants must have at least two years of experience as a registered nurse and have demonstrated leadership in their practice. Applicants must submit 3 references, 3 essays, official undergraduate transcripts, a resume, and participate in 2 interviews. Areas to be assessed in applicants’ resumes include education, employment, professional certifications, significant professional accomplishments, leadership roles, presentations given, professional memberships, and continuing education.

- Successful ADRN applicants will be recommended for provisional admission to The Graduate School. Full admission as an MN degree-seeking graduate student will be granted upon completion of the undergraduate portion of the ADRN to MN curriculum (see below) with a 3.0 GPA or better and an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0.

ADRN to MN Curriculum

- Undergraduate Portion (1 year, 2 semesters):
  1) Complete Montana State University CORE 2.0 general education (12 credits) http://www.montana.edu/core2/students.html and
  2) Two ADRN to MN courses in nursing (NRSG 479, Population Health and Leadership, 6 credits, fall semester; NRSG 489, Research and Statistics to Support Evidence-based Practice, 6 credits, spring semester).

- Graduate Portion (2 ½ years, 5 semesters):
  Please refer to the following web address for details about the MN degree and the Program of Study for Clinical Nurse Leaders: http://www.montana.edu/nursing/graduate/cnl.html. An overall 3.0 GPA is required for graduation with a Masters of Nursing degree.

All nursing courses will be taught by College of Nursing faculty. The didactic section of all the courses in the program will be offered using distance delivery method. Students will be able to complete their clinical learning experiences in or near their home locale when possible.

Please contact Dr. Gretchen McNeely at: gmcneely@montana.edu with any questions regarding this information.