

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
POLICY # D-12**

TITLE: ASSOCIATE DEGREE REGISTERED NURSE (ADRN) TO MASTER OF NURSING (MN) DEGREE ADMISSIONS

POLICY: The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) functions as the admissions committee for ADRN to MN degree (Clinical Nurse Leader, CNL) applicants. Faculty volunteers may be solicited. A final, prioritized list of applicants is recommended by GAAC to the Associate Dean for Graduate Education. The Associate Dean recommends applicants for provisional admission to the Dean of the Graduate School. Those admitted to the ADRN to MN degree program will then begin a transition year of study. The Associate Dean notifies the Graduate School and, in turn, the Graduate School notifies the student when provisions are met. The number of admissions will be determined annually by the Dean and Associate Dean. Admission is a two-step process for applicants/students:

1) Admission to the ADRN to MN degree program:

Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75

(http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions.html#admissions_full)

1. ADRN earned from a nationally accredited institution of higher education, which included supervised clinical practice in a variety of nursing settings.
2. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse. If clinical education is to be completed in Montana, licensure in Montana is required.
3. Minimum of two years of clinical experience as a registered nurse that demonstrates increasing leadership in nursing.
4. Favorable recommendation from the College of Nursing admissions committee.
5. TOEFL score of 580 or computer equivalent, if applicable.

2) Provisions to become a MN-degree seeking (CNL) student:

1. Completion of CORE 2.0 at the undergraduate level
2. Completion of two ADRN to MN transition courses (NRS 479 and NRS 489) with a 3.0 GPA or better

Materials gathered from the applicant:

Application to the Graduate School (Graduate School form)
Grade Point Average for Final Two Years Undergraduate Work calculation (Graduate School form)
Cumulative Undergraduate Grade Point Average calculation (Graduate School form)
College of Nursing Application ADRN to MN (Clinical Nurse Leader) Program (includes essays in space provided) (College of Nursing form attached)
ADRN to MN Degree Applicant Resume (College of Nursing Resume Template form attached)
Three letters of reference (The Graduate School online form)
Official transcripts

Evaluation materials used by admissions committee to score each applicant:

ADRN to MN Applicant Resume Metric

ADRN to MN Evaluation of Applicant Portfolio (two faculty evaluators)

ADRN to MN Graduate Program Interview Guide (two faculty evaluators)

RATIONALE: Guidelines for evaluating applicants for the graduate program assures consistency in the process.

Reviewed & Approved by:

Level I: GAAC (Jan. 11, 2018)

Level II: Associate Dean Graduate Education (Feb 8, 2018)