The Department of Health Sciences and Nursing in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP) emphasizes quality teaching complemented by scholarly and creative expression, clinical expertise, community service, and service to the nursing profession. Faculty are dedicated to the development of professionals who enrich the nursing profession by responding flexibly and creatively to societal and workplace issues. Graduates of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program increase their professional expertise by a focus in a specialty area. The program has three areas of focus: public health nursing, nursing education, and nursing management. The majority of the University of Hartford’s graduate nursing students are working full-time and pursuing their degree on a part-time basis.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

» Application for admission www.hartford.edu/grad-apply
» Non-refundable application fee of $50
» Evidence of current licensure or eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) in the State of Connecticut (RNs who hold licensure in states other than Connecticut do not need to apply for CT licensure to be admitted).
» Bachelor’s degree from a nursing program accredited by NLNAC or CCNE. Nurses who hold a BA or BS degree outside the field of nursing may apply.
» Undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or completion of 6 credits at the graduate level with a minimum grade point average of 3.3.
» Minimum of one year of full-time clinical practice
» Official transcripts for all college-level course work forwarded to the University of Hartford
» Two letters of recommendation, preferably one from an academic source and one from a professional source
» Letter of intent
» Current resume

*If you have graduated from the University of Hartford’s RN to BSN Program in the past three years and have a minimum 3.0 GPA, you may qualify for automatic admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program. Please contact Graduate Admissions, Center for Adult and Academic Services at gradstudy@hartford.edu.

In addition to the above, international applicants must document the following:

» TOEFL – Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at www.ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 80 internet-based. The IELTS is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.
» Successful completion of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) exam
» CT licensure or eligibility for CT licensure as a registered nurse
» Local sponsor
» Guarantor’s Statement – As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at www.hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx

The admissions review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the Graduate Office at the following address: Graduate Admissions, Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC231, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

TRANSFER CREDIT
The Department of Health Sciences and Nursing will consider graduate level courses that are timely and relevant to the MSN curriculum. Generally, six credits (two courses) is the maximum award of transfer credit at the graduate level. Additional credits may be considered if earned through a member institution in the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education. Credit will only be considered if it has not been applied toward the requirements of a completed degree at the bachelor’s or master’s level.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
Courses usually meet in the late afternoon or early evening. Most courses meet one evening per week. The 34-credit MSN is a year-round program that may be completed in two, three, or four years depending upon whether you enroll in one or two classes each semester and summer. You may also begin study at the start of any session (fall, spring, or the first or second summer session). Almost all the nurses currently enrolled in the program are working full time and completing their MSN degree on a part-time basis.

INFORMATION SESSIONS
To help in the decision-making process, the Department of Health Sciences and Nursing holds information sessions on a regular basis. Sessions are posted on the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions website at www.hartford.edu/enhp/events. We believe you should have all the information you need before you apply so that you are both comfortable and excited about your decision. Please call our office at 860.768.4213 for further information or if you have questions.

DEADLINES AND DATES
The priority filing date is April 15 for entry in the summer or fall and November 15 for entry in the spring. Applications received after the priority filing dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending upon both the quality of the application and the number of remaining openings in the class.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE
Visit hartford.edu/tuition for current tuition and fees.

FINANCIAL AID
Domestic financial aid:
Student financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is available through the Federal Family Education loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes summer, fall, and spring.
Students must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:

- Matriculate into a graduate degree-granting program
- Register for at least six credits a semester, except summer term, which contains two six-week sessions. You may satisfy the six credit requirement during summer term by taking six credits during one session or by taking three credits each session
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, call 800.947.4303 or email finaid@hartford.edu

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING [34 CREDITS]**

- Public health care reform places a demand for nurse leaders in the area of population health in community and global settings. The program of study includes the science of public health, foundations of public health theory, and health care policy and politics. Nurses are prepared to synthesize nursing practice and public health theory to promote and preserve the health of families, aggregates, communities, and populations. Graduates assume roles in public health and community settings, including public health departments, community and global health agencies, home care, schools, and occupational health settings.

**NURSING EDUCATION [34 CREDITS]**

- As the demand for nursing instructors and clinical educators continues, many nurses consider educator roles. They may be interested in teaching in a school of nursing, working in professional development, or focusing on the education of a specific patient/community population. This specialty curriculum prepares nurses to assume advanced roles as instructors in academic and service settings. The program focuses on curriculum development and foundational knowledge in theories of teaching and learning, and provides flexible and practical experience in academic and health care settings. Graduates assume leadership roles in clinical nursing education, academic faculty appointments, and staff development.

**NURSING MANAGEMENT [34 CREDITS]**

- In a rapidly changing health care environment, there is a compelling need for nurse leaders in all aspects of health care. The nursing management curriculum focuses on principles of leadership and administration with specific emphasis on application to nursing. The program provides a theoretical and practical approach to prepare nurses for advanced positions of nurse leaders/managers in acute care, long-term care, and community settings.

**POST MASTERS TEACHING CERTIFICATE FOR NURSES [12 CREDITS]**

- As the demand for nursing faculty continues, many nurses are considering educator roles. They may be interested in teaching in a school of nursing, working in staff development, or focusing on the education of a specific patient population. The certificate is designed to provide masters-prepared nurses with the skills and knowledge they need to be competent and confident in nurse educator roles. The 12-credit graduate certificate utilizes four existing courses within the nursing education graduate curriculum and may be started in the fall or spring semesters.
The master’s program in nursing is part of the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions’ focus on bridging traditional academics with community needs. Through experiential learning and impactful scholarship, students and faculty work collaboratively to reach a common goal, achieving **excellence through relevance**.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Graduate Admissions at The Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office by email at gradstudy@hartford.edu or by phone 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

Graduate program events are held throughout the year.

Open Houses are held in August and January.

**Learn more at**

www.hartford.edu/gradevents

Program website: **www.hartford.edu/msn**