

HEALTH LEADERSHIP, MSN

Health Leadership

Offering unparalleled options to develop nurses for a variety of leadership roles, our program aligns a tailored plan of study with your career goals.

Our Program

Our Health Leadership Master's program prepares professional nurses for leadership roles in areas such as project management, healthcare consulting, nursing education, public health, health policy, and healthcare quality improvement and safety.

In collaboration with you, program faculty design a course of study aimed at preparing you for a healthcare leadership role of your choosing. In addition to various electives, we emphasize leadership development, systems thinking, health policy, research, patient safety and quality improvement coupled with a course in which you have access to a variety of nursing leaders.

Coursework

You will complete nine courses in the School of Nursing (three of which are Leadership electives) and three courses in any School within the University to enrich the interdisciplinary nature of your studies.

As a complement to this program, our students often pursue minors in Global Health (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/global-health-minor/>), Nursing and Health Care Administration (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/nursing-administration-minor/>), Nursing Education, (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/transformative-nursing-education-minor-post-masters/>) [Organizational Dynamics in Healthcare](https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/organizational-dynamics-in-healthcare), and Quality Improvement and Safety Processes In Healthcare (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/quality-improvement-safety-processes-in-healthcare-minor/>) or a certificate in Health Care Innovation. (<https://improvinghealthcare.mehp.upenn.edu/certificates/academic/>)

We also offer a number of dual-degree program (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/health-leadership/dual-program-options/>)s with other renowned Penn Schools where you can combine an MSN with a Master's in Healthcare Quality & Safety (<https://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/programs/healthcare-quality-safety-mhqs/>), [Master's in Public Health](https://www.publichealth.med.upenn.edu/MSN/MPH.html), (<https://www.publichealth.med.upenn.edu/MSN/MPH.html>) [Master's in Bioethics](https://medicaethicshealthpolicy.med.upenn.edu/master-of-bioethics/) (<https://medicaethicshealthpolicy.med.upenn.edu/master-of-bioethics/>), or a [Master's in Law](https://www.law.upenn.edu/admissions/master-in-law/). (<https://www.law.upenn.edu/admissions/master-in-law/>)

Study Options

Our curriculum (<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/health-leadership/plans-of-study/>) may be completed on either a full- or part-time basis. You can complete the program full-time in 12-15 months and part-time in approximately two years.

Curriculum

Total of 12 course units required. Below is the basic course of study for the Health Leadership Master's program. We develop individualized plans of study with you based on your career goals and scheduling needs.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Courses (6 credit units)		6
NURS 6500	Systems Thinking in Patient Safety	
NURS 6990	Advanced Roles in Administrative Nursing Practice	
NURS 7480	Leadership Development in Healthcare	
NURS 6120	Principles and Practice of Healthcare Quality Improvement	
NURS 5400	Current Issues In Health and Social Policy	
NURS 5000	Introduction to Principles and Methods of Epidemiology ¹	
	or NURS 6370 Introduction to Research Methods and Design	
	or NURS 5478 Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice	
Theory courses (3 credit units)		3
Nursing Leadership Electives (3 credit units)		3
Total Course Units		12

¹ The alternate course NURS 5470 is a graduate-level research methods course approved for Penn BSN students only.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.