

# Start Your Nursing Career Off Right

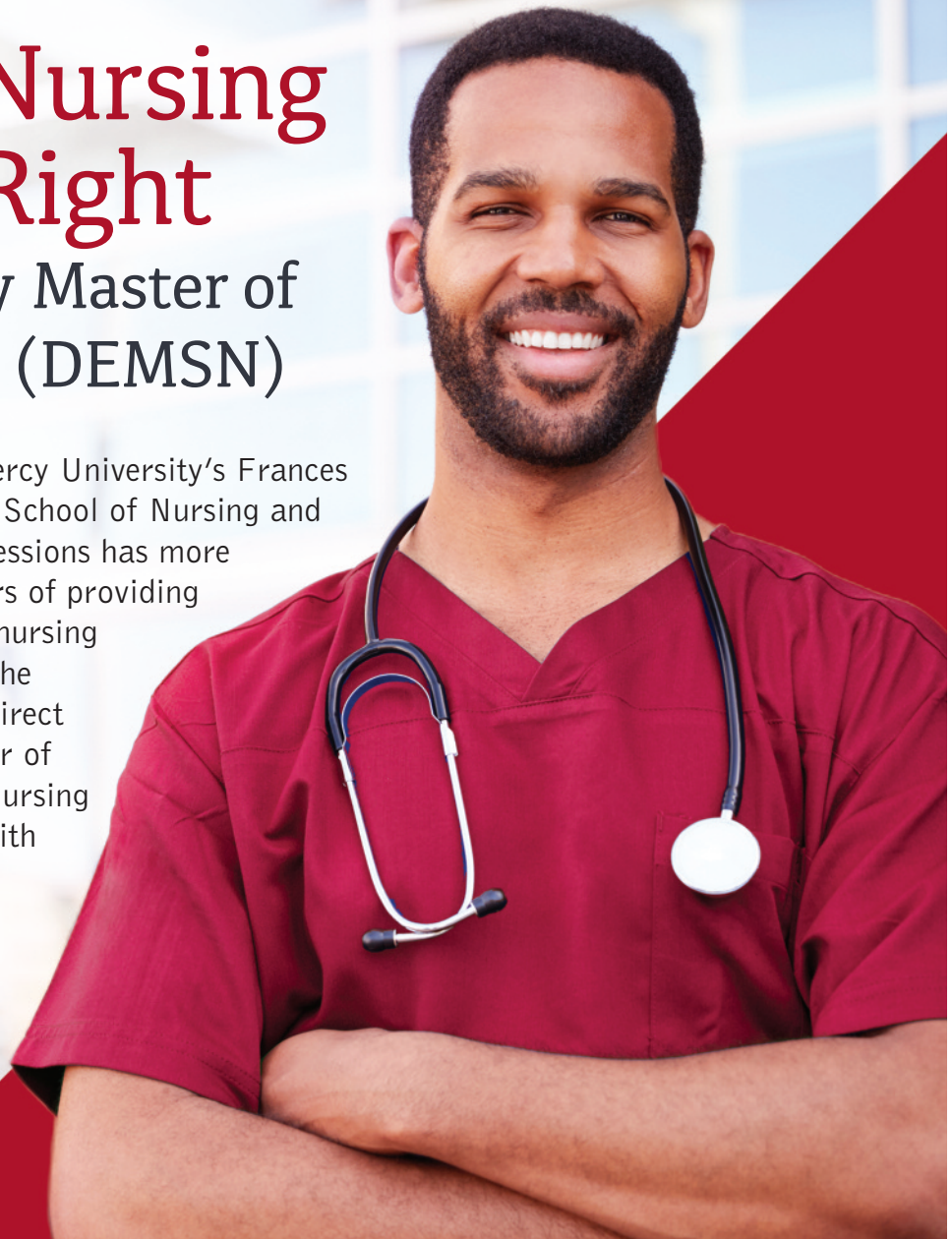
## with a Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing (DEMSN)



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(DEMSN) program allows anyone with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing to start their nursing career. As a DEMSN student, you will learn the practical skills and knowledge that you need to provide the highest-quality patient care.

Gwynedd Mercy University's Frances M. Maguire School of Nursing and Health Professions has more than 60 years of providing exceptional nursing education. The innovative Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing



## The Benefits of the DEMSN Program

**The DEMSN program is a prelicensure nursing program** designed for individuals wanting to start their nursing career. It allows students to earn a master's degree while learning the core competencies so they can thrive in their new careers.

### UPON COMPLETION OF THE DEMSN PROGRAM, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Contribute to advanced nursing knowledge
- Demonstrate expertise in providing population-based holistic care in graduate nursing roles in accordance with the standards of practice and codes of ethics
- Demonstrate professional and social responsibility for self, individuals, family, and community grounded in the GMercyU tradition and within the context of a multicultural society
- Apply leadership skills in graduate nursing roles and deliver high quality nursing care

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# Prerequisite Courses



The general education courses you took during your previous bachelor's program may transfer to our DEMSN program. If your bachelor's program lacked a strong science component, or if you graduated more than five years ago, you may need to make up gaps in your knowledge with prerequisite courses. Courses must be completed within the last seven years at the time of admission.

## REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES INCLUDE:

- **Nutrition** – taught by a registered dietician – 3 credits
- **Developmental Psychology** with a focus across the lifespan – 3 credits
  - **Statistics or Biostatistics** – 3 credits
  - **Anatomy and Physiology I** (Lecture and Lab) – 4 credits
  - **Anatomy and Physiology II** (Lecture and Lab) – 4 credits
  - **Microbiology with lab** – 4 credits
  - **General Chemistry II course** (Lecture and Lab) or equivalent – 4 credits

90% of our accelerated nursing graduates complete at least one prerequisite course at GMercyU. Our classes cover critical knowledge in science and general education with a focus on the specific needs of nurses.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES TAKE FIVE TO EIGHT WEEKS TO COMPLETE. TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Nutrition** (6-week course)
- **Developmental Psychology** (5-week course)
- **Statistics** (5-week course)
- **Microbiology** plus lab (8-week course)
- **Anatomy & Physiology I** plus lab (8-week course)
- **Anatomy & Physiology II** plus lab (8-week course)
- **Chemistry For Allied Health Professions** plus lab (8-week course)

You can take all courses, or just the courses missing from your previous bachelor's program.



Licensure: This program was designed to meet the licensure requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If you reside in a different state, you should carefully review your home state's licensure requirements prior to enrolling in this program. For more information, please visit our Program Licensure Requirements page.

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# Admission Requirements

**CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE** into the Frances M. Maguire School of Nursing and Health Professions for Gwynedd Mercy University's DEMSN program, includes:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- GPA Requirements: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 based on the last 60 credit hours of college coursework, including graduate coursework, attempted and accepted. Competitive candidates will have an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher. A minimum GPA of 3.3 is required for science courses
- Two satisfactory letters of recommendation that can be from the following: an academic professional; a healthcare provider with whom the student has worked or volunteered with; a current supervisor
- Resume or CV
- Essay (750 words or less) addressing your motivation to pursue the profession of nursing and why you have chosen to pursue your MSN; additional information can also be prior work or volunteer experience in healthcare; an example that demonstrates team leadership
- In-person or virtual interview
- All science prerequisite courses, and Nutrition, Statistics, and Developmental Psychology must be completed within the last seven years.

## **ONCE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM YOU WILL NEED TO:**

- Pass a criminal background and child abuse records check
- Undergo a drug screening and FBI fingerprinting
- Provide a certificate of health from a family physician or nurse practitioner that includes immunization information
- Obtain a yearly flu vaccination, COVID vaccination, and PPD screening
- Provide proof of CPR certification, liability insurance, and personal health insurance

**THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR DEMSN PROGRAM.**



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