

Master's Entry-Level Professional Nursing Program

(MEPN)

Clinical Nurse Leader Role Option

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Welcome to the MEPN Program

Thank you for your interest in the CSU Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) *pre-licensure* Master's Entry-level Professional Nursing (MEPN) Program. The School of Nursing faculty offers an intensive, accelerated program which is 74 units of **full-time** study with more than 1000 hours of clinical experience at partner hospitals and agencies. The program is six semesters, about 24 months in length, granting a Master of Science degree in Nursing with a concentration in the role of the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL). More information about the CNL role may be found on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website at www.aacn.nche.edu/CNL/about.htm.

The MEPN Program is designed for students who have a BS or BA (in any field) with a GPA of 3.0 or better. The prerequisite courses which must be taken prior to entry into the MEPN Program include courses in Anatomy with Lab, Physiology with Lab, Microbiology with lab; English composition; Speech or Communication; Pathophysiology; Psychology; Research methods; Sociology *or* Anthropology; and Statistics. Applicants who need these courses may take them at community colleges or at CSUDH through Open University.

Applicants with some health care experience

(paid or volunteer), leadership and community activities will be given preference.

As part of the selective admission process, applicants must attend a workshop, have an interview with the faculty, and be guided to develop a portfolio which will document their prior learning and work experiences, as well as their plans for a career in nursing.

We plan to admit a cohort of 30 students in the **Fall semesters only**.

If you wish more information or want to attend a MEPN Workshop, please check the Nursing website for dates www.csudh.edu/cps/son.

Best wishes to you for a successful nursing career. You've made a great choice!

Patricia Hinchberger, Ed.D., RN, Colonel, USAR (Ret) MEPN Director



MEPN Workshop

I would like to invite you to a special workshop which will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the program and help you with the admission process.

The CSU Dominguez Hills School of Nursing MEPN Workshop is designed specifically for potential applicants who are interested in becoming registered nurses. The purpose of the MEPN Workshop is to:

1. Give a detailed description of the Master's Entry-level Professional Nursing Program with

the Clinical Nurse Leader role option.

2. Describe the components of the admission process: the application, transcript evaluation, creation of a professional portfolio, faculty/student interview, and orientation program for admission.

3. Evaluate each potential applicant's academic transcripts to determine initial eligibility for admission to the MEPN Program.

4. Engage in interactive discussion with the faculty and other potential applicants.

5. Discuss next steps for formal admission and matriculation into the MEPN program.

Please see MEPN Workshop on page 2

If you wish to be considered for admission, you **MUST** attend a workshop.

MEPN Workshop (Continued)

The MEPN Workshops will be held on the CSUDH campus in Welch Hall on Thursdays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Please visit the School of Nursing homepage for MEPN Workshop Dates at <http://www.csudh.edu/cps/son/msn/mepn.htm>

If you wish to be considered for admission, **you must attend a workshop**. We will try to accommodate you on the date you select, but please know that space is limited, so you should register for the workshop as soon as you receive this letter. You will need to mail all your transcripts **two weeks** prior for the faculty to review to determine your eligibility.

The registration form for the MEPN Workshop is included with this letter. The fee for the workshop is \$50.00. Please complete the registration form and send it with your check payable to CSUDH to the attention of **MEPN Workshop** at:

CSU Dominguez Hills
School of Nursing
1000 E. Victoria Street
Carson, CA 90747

For directions to campus and parking information, check the CSUDH website at www.csudh.edu. If you have questions about the workshop you may contact Cristina Prado at 800-344-5484 extension 1050 or cprado@csudh.edu.

The faculty and I are very excited about the new MEPN Program! We look forward to sharing our plans with you, and I look forward to meeting *you* personally.

**How do I Apply?**

If you meet the requirements, you can apply online by going to: <http://www.csumentor.edu>

Simply use this website and locate California State University Dominguez Hills to apply for admissions.

CSU Mentor is free to use.

You will only pay the \$55 application fee charged directly by the CSU campus when an application for admission is submitted.

A \$15 extra fee is charged when you apply after the deadline.

Spring Semester deadline is November 1

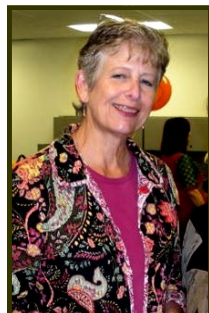
Fall Semester deadline is April 1

Once you complete the application on line have your sealed official transcripts sent to CSUDH Admissions and Records Office.

Personal data entered by the user is not released without the user's express consent and direction.

Important Numbers

- **California State University, Dominguez Hills**
Phone: 310-243-3300 or 800-344-5484, ext. 3300
University Website: www.csudh.edu
- **College of Professional Studies** 800-344-5484
Website: www.csudh.edu/cps
- **School of Nursing** Phone: 310-243-3596 Fax: 310-516-3542
Website: www.csudh.edu/cps/son
- **Technology Help Desk (for Blackboard assistance)**
Phone: 800-344-5484 ext. 1139 E-mail: bbhelpdesk@csudh.edu
- **Admissions & Records Office** 310 243-3645
- **Billing** 310-243-3802
- **Bookstore** 310-243-3789 or 866-342-5943
- **Cashiers Office** 310-243-3812 fax: 310-516-4432
- **Financial Aid** 310-243-3647 fax: 310-516-4498
Email: finaid@csudh.edu

The Faculty

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MEPN Director

Admission Criteria for the MEPN Clinical Nurse Leader Role Option**Admissions Requirement:**

- BA or BS degree in any field but nursing from an accredited institution
- Overall GPA of 3.0, preferably higher, in the last 60 semester units
- Grades of B or better in all science Pre-requisites required (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, & Pathophysiology)
- Grades of B or better strongly recommended in all other Pre-requisites
- Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (score ≥ 8) (See Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement in the *University Catalog*.)
- Portfolio validating prior learning and work experience
- Three letters of recommendation (at least 1 from faculty and 1 from recent employer)
- Personal Interview
- Students will also be required to complete a certified nursing assistant (CNA) course & received certification prior to beginning the program.

Required Pre-requisite Coursework:

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| English | 3 units |
| Speech | 3 units |
| Human Anatomy/Lab | 4 units |
| Human Physiology/Lab | 4 units |
| Microbiology/Lab | 4 units |
| Pathophysiology | 3 units |
| Psychology | 3 units |
| Research Methods | 3 units |
| Sociology/Anthropology | 3 units |
| Statistics | 3 units |

Recommended Experience:

Prior healthcare work experience
Leadership activities
Community activities

Portfolio

Applicants must attend a workshop to facilitate the development and presentation of their professional portfolio of academic achievement, personal accomplishments, and work experience. The faculty will review this portfolio as part of the ad-

missions process and award points. *At least 85 points are required to be considered for admission.*

The Professional Portfolio includes:

- Copy of University Application
- Official copies of all transcripts
- Resume
- Letter of Intent and Goals
- Awards and Honors
- Healthcare Work Experience
- Community Activities
- Leadership Activities
- Writing Sample
- Reflection on Nursing as a Career
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Practical Plan of Action

Admission decisions are based on the overall evaluation of the applicant.

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| | Units | Didactic Hrs | Clinical Hrs | | Units | Didactic Hrs. | Clinical Hrs. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Fall Semester (1) | | | | Fall Semester (4) | | | |
| MSN 502 Advanced Nsg Roles | 3 units | Online | | MSN 551 OB | 2 units | 32 | |
| BSN 380 Health Assessment | 3 units | 48 | | MSN 552 OB Nursing Science V | 2 units | | 96 |
| MSN 505 Pharmacology | 2 units | 32 | | MSN 553 Peds | 2 units | 32 | |
| MSN 506 Foundations of Nsg | 3 units | 48 | | MSN 554 Peds Nursing Science VI | 2 units | | 96 |
| MSN 507 Nursing Science I | 3 units | | 144 | MSN 513 Health Policy & Economics | 3 units | Online | |
| TOTAL UNITS | 14 | | | MSN 526 Adv Pharmacology | 3 units | 48 | |
| | | | | TOTAL UNITS | 14 | | |
| Spring Semester (2) | | | | Spring Semester (5) | | | |
| MSN 508 Intermediate Adult Care | 3 units | 48 | | MSN 531 Nursing Ethics | 3 units | Online | |
| MSN 509 Nursing Science II | 3 units | | 144 | MSN 518 Advanced Clinical Care | 2 units | 32 | |
| MSN 528 Adv. Pathophysiology | 3 units | 48 | | MSN 519 Nursing Science V | 2 units | | 96 |
| MSN 517 Prof. Role Management | 2 units | 32 | | CNL Theory I | 2 units | 32 | |
| MSN 530 Research Utilization | 3 units | Online | | CNL Capstone I | 3 units | | 144 |
| TOTAL UNITS | 14 | | | MSN Portfolio | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL UNITS | 12 | | |
| Summer Session (3) | | | | Summer Semester (6) | | | |
| MSN 511 Psych-Behavioral Health | 2 units | 32 | | CNL Theory II | 3 units | 48 | |
| MSN 512 Nursing Science III | 2 units | | 96 | CNL Capstone II | 6 units | | 288 |
| MSN 514 Health Promotion | 3 units | Hybrid | | NCLEX Review | | | |
| MSN 500 Public Health | 2 units | | 96 | TOTAL UNITS | 9 | | |
| MSN 527 Adv. Health Assessment | 3 units | 48 | | TOTAL | 75 | 560 | 672 |
| TOTAL UNITS | 12 | | | | | | |

Receive Master of Science degree in Nursing And take Pre-licensure NCLEX (RN exam)