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Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the UCLA School of Nursing. The Masters Entry Clinical Nurse (MECN) Program leads to a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. This program is designed for individuals who have a baccalaureate degree in another discipline to prepare for a career in nursing. The MECN Program prepares nurse generalists with special leadership skills to function in acute care hospitals. Our students will focus on being providers and managers of care at the point of care; prepared to implement evidence-based practice and quality improvement in clinical settings. This is a two-year program.

In our program you will develop a strong theoretical base upon which to build your clinical, research, and leadership skills. Opportunities exist to collaborate with researchers and clinical experts in many departments. Our students participate in clinical practice at our practice partner sites: The New Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, VA- West Los Angeles, and Saint John's Medical Center. Resources available to students enrolled in the School of Nursing include a computer laboratory with access to a mainframe computer and other up-to-date equipment to support graduate study. In addition, one of the nation's premier biomedical libraries with computer search services is located right next door in the Center for Health Sciences.

We accept applications for the Fall Quarter only and the deadline to apply for Fall 2024 is **November 1, 2023**. The Admissions application will be available in September at www.grad.ucla.edu.

For more information we encourage you to visit our website at <http://nursing.ucla.edu>. If you have questions on the admission process, you may contact Mark Covin at mcovin@sonnet.ucla.edu, Jeimy Gama at jgama@sonnet.ucla.edu or Nataly Ascencio at nascencio@sonnet.ucla.edu. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Covin

Mark Covin, Ed.D.

Director of Recruitment, Outreach & Admissions
UCLA School of Nursing

MSN/MECN Application Procedure

Students are admitted for the fall quarter only. The Admissions application is available online after Labor Day at www.grad.ucla.edu. Please note that the deadline to submit your application is **November 1st**.

Items that you must submit as part of your online application:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please respond to the following. Your statement can be up to 1,000 words in length (approximately 2-pages, single spaced, using 1-inch margins and 12-point font). You do not need to answer every question; focus on the elements that you feel are most relevant to your candidacy.

- What is your purpose in applying for graduate study in your specified degree program? Describe your area(s) of interest, including any subfield(s) or interdisciplinary interests.
- What experiences have prepared you for advanced study or research in this degree program? What relevant skills have you gained from these experiences? Have your experiences led to specific or tangible outcomes that would support your potential to contribute to this field (examples: performances, publications, presentations, awards or recognitions)?
- What additional information about your past experience may aid the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and aptitude for graduate study at UCLA?
- Why is the UCLA graduate program to which you are applying is the best place for you to pursue your academic goals? If you are applying for a research master's or doctoral program, we encourage you to indicate specific research interests and potential faculty mentors.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This statement should not duplicate the Statement of Purpose. Please write the Personal Statement (approximately 2-pages, single spaced, using 1-inch margins and 12-point font) describing how your background, accomplishments, and life experiences led to your decision to pursue the graduate degree for which you are applying. Include any educational, personal, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges or opportunities relevant to your academic journey. Describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that will allow the department to evaluate your contributions. Contributions to diversity, such as efforts to advance equitable access to education, public service that addresses the need of a diverse population.

RESUME/CV

Please upload your Resume or CV to the online application.

RECOMMENDATION FORMS

Three are required. **You do not need to send your recommenders the form.** Once you fill out their contact information in the online application, they will automatically be sent a link to complete the form.

TRANSCRIPTS

You are required to upload unofficial transcripts into the application. If admitted, you will need to send **one official** transcript from the school at which you completed your Bachelor's degree(s). We also require **one official** transcript from other schools at which you completed prerequisite classes.

Please send official transcripts to:

Electronically: admissions@sonnet.ucla.edu

or

Student Affairs Office
Attn: MSN/MECN PROGRAM
2-150 Factor Building
Box 951702
Los Angeles, Ca. 90095-1702

Materials listed on the application that are NOT required for School of Nursing Applicants:

- Test (GRE) scores
- Writing Sample
- Professional Experience
- Awards and Publications

Questions?

Processing of Applications:

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We applaud your interest to begin your journey into one of the most rewarding professions in the world!

All applications are reviewed through the same process. Your application is how the Admissions Committee and faculty see all that you have to offer. Since there are no personal interviews, your application is critical to introducing the Admissions Committee to who you are as a person and the strengths you would bring to the UCLA School of Nursing. Remember, UCLA School of Nursing usually receives over 6,000+ BS applications each year for 40 open slots, and 500+ MECN applications for 70 open slots. Admission is extremely competitive.

So, YOU hold the key to the strength of your application. Here are the components of the UCLA Pre-licensure application and some tips we want to give you. While no one area will assure your admission, we hope that the following tips help you present yourself to the admissions committee in the best possible way.

- **Grade Point Average**
- **Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement**
- **Resume**
- **Letters of Recommendation**

Please note that our process takes a more “holistic” approach – we look at the “big picture” and no one item is the only thing considered.

Disclaimer

The pool of applicants is extremely competitive. While we do our best to provide information, our guidance is simply advice and will not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

You will provide an official transcript as part of your School of Nursing Supplemental Application (BS Transfer Applicants & MECN Applicants ONLY). Some points are assigned to your GPA. But GPA is NOT the whole picture.

- DO NOT duplicate information about your GPA in your “statement of purpose” – reviewers can see your transcript.
- If your grades have been less than stellar, but you improved them in later courses, address what you did to improve in your “statement of purpose”
- GPA is NOT the only thing reviewers weigh – so just because you do not have a 4.0 does not mean you won’t be considered, just as a 4.0 GPA (or higher) does not guarantee admission.

- Note: If applying with AP scores, please refer to instructions on how to submit scores and adhere to UCLA AP Credits for Majors in the College. MECN applicants will need AP Scores of 4 or 5 for acceptance.

Statement of Purpose

The “Statement of Purpose” is your opportunity to shine and should be PERSONAL to YOU. It is your opportunity to share with reviewer’s important information that might not be in your GPA, Resume or Letters of Recommendation. Remember, this is the ONLY opportunity to share why YOU deserve to be one of the few students admitted. You have to set your application apart from all the hundreds of others.

Please read the instructions carefully and address all items: if you are “silent” or do not write about yourself, you give the reviewer no opportunity to consider other factors. Here are a few things that reviewers look for:

- ✓ Why you want to be a nurse – write from your heart
- ✓ Your self-assessment for success (at the University and in Nursing)
- ✓ Your goals for a nursing career (we want to know if you have a goal – and we know this can often change)
- ✓ Multicultural experiences, diversity (should include examples)
- ✓ Bilingual ability (describe your level and how you achieved this)
- ✓ Examples of responding to challenges or adversity (e.g. being the first generation in your family to attend college, overcoming specific hardships, etc.)
- ✓ Accomplishments – make sure they are also in your resume
- ✓ Leadership activities and qualities

Common mistakes to avoid:

- Clichés.
- Giving lists of qualities you possess, trying to convince the reviewer you know what is associated with being an advanced practice nurse.
- Saying how smart you are.
- Making it too general (as if it could be written by anyone. Make it specific ABOUT YOU and why YOU want to be a nurse)
- Going over the page limit or disregarding instructions (e.g., single spaced, small font, etc.)
- Forgetting to review your Statement for errors in spelling, grammar, etc. (Pay attention to spellcheck and grammar check). While it is NOT allowed to have someone else write your Statement (that is considered “academic dishonesty” at the University level), have someone read it – they may see things you do not.
- Being superficial
- Devoting too much space saying how great UCLA is and how much you have always wanted to attend.

Each of the programs (BS and MECN) may have slightly different expectations. BS applicants are usually coming straight out of High School so their applicant pool includes others like them. However, applicants to the MECN program must have an undergraduate degree because they are seeking admission to a GRADUATE program

There are many resources on the internet to help guide you to put yourself in the best light. Here is a link you can review as you fashion YOUR distinctive “statement of purpose”. While written by a liberal arts professor (Vince Gotera, University of Northern Iowa), the advice is still excellent – aimed at graduate school statements, but good advice overall:
<http://www.uni.edu/~gotera/gradapp/stmtpurpose.htm>

Resume

This is vital and reviewers look to your resume for your accomplishments and experiences, so make sure it is complete and reflects your leadership, employment, community service, volunteer and other creative experiences.

Be sure to list all the activities you have participated in and roles you had for events or activities. Be sure to note leadership positions and provide specific details of when, where and how long you had a leadership role. For BS applicants, include music, arts, and athletics. For MECN applicants, college activities can be included as well, but primarily you will include post degree work done prior to writing this application.

If you have listed volunteer activities, quantify how many hours you devoted to them per day or per week or per month, and note over what period of time (e.g., for 1 month, for 2 years, etc).

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation are a crucial part of your application.

Please follow the directions carefully regarding WHO should be writing a letters. That is, employers, supervisors and instructors/teachers/academic counselors are the right persons to provide Letters of Recommendation for you. The strongest Letters of Recommendation are from those who have known you over time, have seen your growth and accomplishments, and/or have been your employer/supervisor (Letters are NOT to be written by family members or friends).

Tips:

- ✓ It may be helpful to share your Statement of Purpose with people who are writing Letters of Recommendation as well as talk with them about your goals.
- ✓ Make sure the person can be honest about their evaluation of you.
- ✓ DO NOT ask family members, “family friends” or co-workers; while they may be positive, the instructions require “employers, supervisors and instructors/teachers/academic counselors”
- ✓ If you claim you have health related experience, reviewers will look for ONE letter from a person who supervised you during this activity.
- ✓ At least ONE letter is required from someone in an instructor/faculty/academic counselor category. This applies to BS and MECN applicants.

One last note...

While we wish we could admit every qualified candidate, as you are probably aware, admissions to nursing programs are HIGHLY COMPETITIVE. Each applicant pool is different and everything starts fresh each year.

For BS Applicants: While your heart may be set to get a BS from UCLA, if you are NOT admitted, you can earn a nursing degree elsewhere and apply to UCLA for a graduate degree. Or, you can earn an undergraduate degree in another field and apply to our MECN program.

For MECN Applicants: If you are not admitted or are placed on the wait list for the MECN program, or you decide to apply again, please update and pay close attention to your resubmission application. Work to enhance your chances of admission by: gaining experiences, refining your statement, and making your application stronger.

ANY CHANGES IN YOUR APPLICATION OR ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 15TH.

Wishing you success!

Master of Science in Nursing Program

**FALL 2021 ADMISSION
CLASS OF 2023
MASTER'S ENTRY CLINICAL NURSE
SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE – SUBJECT TO REVISION**

This course sequence is provided as an example only and is subject to revision. An individual student's program may differ from this sample according to his/her background and educational goals. Each student must meet with his/her faculty advisor every quarter to review progress in the program and plan coursework for future quarters. Students receiving funding from the Graduate Division must enroll in at least 12 units each quarter.

Year 1 (20-21)

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Units</u>
N230A	3	N252A	2	N204	4	N268	4
N250	5	N252B	2	N225B	2	N461	3 _T +2 _C
N150A	3 _T +1 _C	N225A	3	N260	4	N465C	4 _T +4 _C
N174	4	N230B	2	N465B	4 _T +2 _C		
		N150B	3 _T +1 _C				
		N465A	3 _T +1 _C				
Total*	16	Total*	17	Total*	16	Total*	17

Year 2 (21-22)

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Units</u>
N269	4	N467	12 _C	N171	3 _T +3 _C		
N462	3 _T +2 _C			N267	3		
N464	3 _T +2 _C			N597	2		
N463	2 _T +1 _C						
Total*	17	Total*	12	Total*	11		

T: Theory, C: Clinical

N150A, N174 will remain closed for enrollment until after orientation.

Nursing Core Courses

Course No.	Course Name	Theory	Clinical	Total	Quarter
N225A	Advanced Pharmacology I	3 units		3 units	Winter Year 1
N225B	Advanced Pharmacology II	2 units		2 units	Spring Year 1
N230A	Advanced Pathophysiology I	3 units		3 units	Fall Year 1
N230B	Advanced Pathophysiology II	2 units		2 units	Winter Year 1
N250	Ethical Issues, Social Justice, and History of Nursing	5 units		5 units	Fall Year 1
N252A	Health Promotion: Growth & Development in Culturally Diverse Populations	2 units		2 units	Winter Year 1
N252B	Health Promotion: Nutrition	2 units		2 units	Winter Year 1

Research Courses

Course No.	Course Name	Theory	Clinical	Total	Quarter
N204	Research Design and Critique	4 units		4 units	Spring Year 1

Administrative Courses

Course No.	Course Name	Theory	Clinical	Total	Quarter
N267	Healthcare Policy	3 units		3 units	Spring Year 2
N268	Leadership in Health Care Systems	4 units		4 units	Summer Year1
N269	Quality Improvement & Population-Based Quality of Practice	4 units		4 units	Fall Year 2

Clinical Theory and Practice Courses

Course No.	Course Name	Theory	Clinical	Total	Quarter
N150A	Theoretical Foundations of Master's Entry Clinical Nurse Role	3 units	1 unit	4 units	Fall Year 1
N150B	Theoretical Foundations of Master's Entry Clinical Nurse Role	3 units	1 unit	4 units	Winter Year 1
N171	Public Health Nursing	3 units	3 units	6 units	Spring Year 2
N174	Physical Assessment	4 units		4 units	Fall Year 1
N252	Health Promotion/Risk Reduction Systems: Population Level	4 units		4 units	Winter Year 1
N260	Secondary Prevention	4 units		4 units	Spring Year 1
N461	Clinical Internship: Mental Health	3 units	2 units	5 units	Summer Year1
N462	Clinical Internship: Maternity	3 units	2 units	5 units	Fall Year 2
N463	Nursing Care of Geriatric Patients and Families	2 units	1 units	3 units	Fall Year 2
N464	Clinical Internship: Pediatrics	3 units	2 units	5 units	Fall Year 2
N465A	Clinical Internship: Med-Surg A	3 units	1 unit	4 units	Winter Year 1
N465B	Clinical Internship: Med-Surg B	4 units	2 units	6 units	Spring Year 1
N465C	Clinical Internship: Med-Surg C	4 units	4 units	8 units	Summer Year1
N467	Clinical Internship: Integration		12 units	12 units	Winter Year 2

FEE NAME	RESIDENT	NONRESID...
Tuition	12,264.00	12,264.00
Student Services Fee	1,206.00	1,206.00
UCGPC Fee	7.00	7.00
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST)		12,245.00
Ackerman Student Union Fee	69.00	69.00
Student Seismic Fee	113.00	113.00
Graduate Students Association Fee	38.25	38.25
Graduate Writing Center Fee	21.03	21.03
Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)	13,437.00	13,437.00
UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP)	5,571.33	5,571.33
Student Programs, Activities, and Resources Complex (SPARC) Fee	135.00	135.00
Wooden Center Fee	37.00	37.00
BruinGO Universal Access Transit Pass Fee	85.17	85.17
Continuing student total mandatory fees	\$32,983.78	\$45,228.78
Document Fee	80.00	80.00
New student total mandatory fees	\$33,063.78	\$45,308.78

UCLA Registrar's Office

Annual Academic Calendar 2023-24

Updated June 1, 2023

FALL QUARTER 2023	
Quarter begins	Monday, September 25
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 28
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, October 13
Veterans Day holiday	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 23-24
Instruction ends	Friday, December 8
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 11-15
Quarter ends	Friday, December 15
Christmas holiday	Monday-Tuesday, December 25-26
New Year's holiday	Monday-Tuesday, January 1-2, 2024
Winter campus closure	TBD
WINTER QUARTER 2024	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, January 3
Instruction begins	Monday, January 8
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday, January 15
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, January 19
Presidents' Day holiday	Monday, February 19
Instruction ends	Friday, March 15
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, March 18-22
Quarter ends	Friday, March 22
SPRING QUARTER 2024	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, March 27
César Chávez holiday	Friday, March 29
Instruction begins	Monday, April 1
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, April 12
Memorial Day holiday	Monday, May 27
Instruction ends	Friday, June 7
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, June 10-14
Quarter ends	Friday, June 14
Commencement Ceremonies 2024	Commencement website
SUMMER 2024	
Juneteenth holiday	Wednesday, June 19
Summer session begins	Monday, June 24
Independence Day holiday	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day holiday	Monday, September 2
Summer session ends	Friday, September 13

UCLA School of Nursing Financial Aid- MECN Important Dates

November 1, 2023

Submit 2022-2023 Graduate Fellowship Application

Application is part of the Graduate Admissions online application.

For additional information check www.grad.ucla.edu , click prospective students, support for entering students.

March 2, 2024

Submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Apply online: www.fafsa.gov (school code: 001315)

May 30, 2024

School of Nursing scholarship applications will be emailed to admitted students who have indicated intent to register.

Always keep your contact information (address, phone, email) up to date to ensure receipt of communication from the Student Affairs Office.



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