Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education: Information Session

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Dedicated to Increasing Baccalaureate Prepared Nurses in Minnesota

An alliance of community college and university nursing programs offering a dual admission bachelor of science in nursing program
The need for change was apparent on many fronts. The solutions were complex. “Significant gains in productivity will likely not occur without bold, novel thinking and strategies” (Swail, Jaeschke, & Rasmussen, 2009, p. 29).

“Investigates a contemporary phenomenon in its real-world context, when boundaries between phenomenon and context may not be clearly evident.” (Yin, 2014, p. 2)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- One Application

- **Dual admission** to a community college and Metropolitan State University or MN State University-Moorhead upon acceptance to a community college MANE nursing program

- Completion of the baccalaureate of science in nursing degree in four years
Concept Based Curriculum

- Topics are revisited
- There are increasing levels of difficulty
- New learning is related to previous learning
- The competence of students increases
Education - Practice Connection
## MANE Curriculum Plan

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Upper Division! (Metro State/MSU-Moorhead)

- Semesters 6, 7, 8 may be taken part-time.
- Nursing Courses in Semester 6, 7, 8 are primarily delivered through on-line delivery for lecture portion
Application and Admission Criteria

1. General admission to Ridgewater College

2. Submission of official transcripts

3. Minimum grade point average of 2.75 based on the first semester of the MANE curriculum plan

4. Each course of the MANE curriculum plan must have been achieved with a letter grade of C or +
Application and Admission Criteria

5. Full acceptance to MANE collaborating college is dependent on successful completion of the second semester of the MANE curriculum plan.

6. A grade point average of 2.75 or above must be maintained.

7. All applicants are required to complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) standardized test of essential academic skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines. The best score may be submitted. A minimum composite score of 58.7 for maximum points.
HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS:

Holistic admissions means that more than academic factors will be used to determine admission of students into the MANE
Application and Admission Criteria

**Metrics**
GPA and ATI TEAS

**Attributes**
- Intellectual Curiosity/Informal Education/Certificates
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Accountability and Beliefs and Values

**Experiences**
- Lived Experience
- Service and Formal Education
# Application and Admission Criteria

## Metrics (M) - 20%

### GPA
- 2.75 GPA minimum (Semester 1 Courses) to apply
- Conditional Acceptance pending completion of 2nd semester coursework with cumulative 2.75 GPA across required semester 1 and 2 courses
- All MANE required courses taken must have a letter grade of C or higher for application

### ATI (TEAS)
- Basic or Developmental TEAS Score <58%
- Proficient TEAS Score 58.7-79.3%
- Advanced TEAS Score 80 - 91.3%
- Exemplary TEAS Score of 92-100%

*All applicants can apply to the program with any TEAS score*
Experiences (E) - 40%

Lived Experience
Tell us about your personal lived experience, not including work and educational experiences. How has your lived experience influenced your desire to enter the nursing profession? (350 words)
- Personal story/lived experience and/or
- Path travelled/personal journey and/or
- Obstacles overcome and/or
- Personal growth

Service
- Community Engagement/Experience (can include volunteer work to support community, school/Parent-teacher association, TRIO engagement, Jeremiah/parent co-operative engagement, Foster care engagement, board service within community, volunteer with non-profit organizations, etc.)
- Healthcare Experience (can include nursing assistant, MA, LPN, phlebotomist, EMT, HUC, etc.)
- Service Experience (can include wait staff, bartender, barista, hair stylist, customer service, taxi/ride share driver, etc.)

Formal Education
- Any previous degree and completed MANE required general education credits, as outlined in curriculum plan
Attributes (A) - 40%

Intellectual Curiosity/Informal Education
- Intellectual curiosity seeks to learn, think, and understand ideas
- Seeks training and other learning experiences (related to volunteering, caregiving, military service, ROTC, massively open online courses (MOOC), online courses, community education, etc.)

Certifications
- Basic life support/ACLS/PALS, conflict resolution, computer software (Microsoft/Excel/PowerPoint), project management professional, equity and inclusion, interpreter training (second language/American sign language), specific job-related training, etc.

Teamwork, Collaboration and Accountability: Situation Task Action and Result (STAR) Please describe a situation in your life that demonstrates your experience with Teamwork/Collaboration & Accountability. What was your role and what was the outcome of this experience? (350 words)
- Teamwork, Collaboration: The willingness to work with others to complete specific tasks that work toward the completion of a common goal
- Accountability: The willingness to understand, accept, and take responsibility for one’s actions/decisions to complete a particular task/goal
- Beliefs and Values: Ethic of care is the belief and valuing that all individuals deserve the right to be treated with human dignity and have a responsibility to respond to the needs of others
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Tests Reading, Mathematics, Science and English Language Usage based on knowledge level needed for a beginning nursing student.

Register to take the Exam at ATI website. Take the exam at participating MANE schools.

https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/PreNursingSchool/TEAS.aspx

$115.00 fee (on ATI Website)
Acceptance Criteria

Selection Criteria for Acceptance/Admission to MANE

Ranking of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

1. TEAS composite score divided by a factor of 10 (Ex: Composite score of 72% = 7.2.)

2. First semester GPA of MANE Program Plan (Ex: 2.75)

3. Written Statement on Experiences and Attributes.

4. All applicants, regardless of LPN status, will be placed into a common applicant pool based on numeric score based on the MEA criteria.
Evidence of having completed the following criteria must be submitted to the MANE collaborating college and university prior to the start of MANE nursing courses and must remain current throughout the program. Requirements include, but may not be limited to:

1. Documentation of current CPR for the Healthcare Provider.

2. Completion of current Minnesota Human Services Background Check
   
   - If an applicant has been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense, he or she should investigate the impact that the charge or conviction may have on his or her chances of employment or licensure as a registered nurse and the student's chances to obtain federal, state and other higher education financial aid (by Minnesota Statute 135A. 157).

   - If the applicant refuses, or is disqualified as a result of the background study, the applicant will be unable to successfully complete the requirements of the MANE program.

3. Completed health and immunization record, including proof of current immunizations and tuberculosis testing, and/or other requirements as defined by the clinical agency.
Next Steps Dual Admission to MANE

• Apply after completion of first semester program plan
• GPA 2.75 or >
• Complete the TEAS exam.
• Submission of official transcripts from all institutions attended.
• Unencumbered LPN License as applicable.
Recap: Admission GPA based on first semester GPA

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• December 1st – February 1st

Spring Start:
• April 1st – June 1st

Must have all application materials submitted, completed TEAS exam, and attended Information Session by close of the application cycle.
More Help?
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