

FAQs for (ADN) RN- MSN Pathway:

TUITION:

The 6-credit Bridge Course will be at the Undergraduate Tuition Rate. All MSN Courses will be at the Graduate Tuition Rate. For any questions regarding tuition the applicant should contact the Bursar's Office.

PRE-REQUISITES for BRIDGE COURSE:

Applicants for the (ADN) RN – MSN program have already achieved licensure as a professional nurse. Successful completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), as stipulated in the application guidelines, is the pre-requisite.

WHICH SEMESTER WILL THE 6-CREDIT BRIDGE COURSE BE OFFERED?

Initially the 6-credit Bridge Course is fully asynchronous and will be offered Fall Semester to assess interest. As the RN-MSN cohort increases, adding Spring and Summer Semester will be explored. The Bridge Course is not available part-time and does not have a clinical component.

CONFIRM CREDIT HOURS:

As aforementioned, the 6-credit Bridge Course must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in any of the MSN Courses. Credits and Courses is available for each of the Graduate Nursing Tracks are under the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP), and Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) information on the UCCS Graduate Nursing website.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE (ADN) RN-MSN PROGRAM?

Only the applicant can decide/determine the pace and Nurse Practitioner (NP) Track they wish to complete the program. The chosen path can either be pursued part-time or full-time, which will allow the Graduate Student to complete their chosen path in 3-5 years. The program must be completed in 6 years to prevent repeating some courses.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF TRANSITIONING FROM THE 6-CREDIT BRIDGE COURSE (UNDERGRADUATE) to the MSN (GRADUATE) COURSE WORK?

The applicant will follow the Graduate Nursing application process. Only one application needs to be completed. When the application is forwarded from Admissions to the Graduate Academic Services Senior Professional, and verified as containing complete information, it will be forwarded to and reviewed by the Graduate Program Director and Program Coordinators on the rolling admission

timeline. If the applicant is accepted into the (ADN) RN-MSN program they are free to register for the 6-credit Bridge Course. Upon successful completion of the 6-credit Bridge Course, with an 84% or higher grade, the student will automatically transition to the Graduate NP Track they have chosen and register for classes per their individual degree plan.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STUDENT IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE 6-CREDIT BRIDGE COURSE?

The student may repeat the class one additional time or transition into the RN-BSN Program. The 6 credits from the Bridge Course can be utilized as elective credits.

HOW DOES THE STUDENT OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION OF THE 5000 CLINICAL HOURS?

Human Resources, at the applicants place of employment, can verify the number of hours worked. The information should be on agency letterhead and signed by an HR representative or individual with signature authority.