

Departmental Policy Statement: Nursing

Loewenberg School of Nursing

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Curriculum

The University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing offers a program of study designed to prepare students for careers in professional nursing. The school provides a curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and to the Master of Science in Nursing, for which a thesis is neither required nor recommended.

Baccalaureate graduates of the School of Nursing use the nursing process, core nursing knowledge, and core nursing competencies to design, provide, and manage culturally competent, cost effective, direct and indirect nursing care to individuals, families, communities, and populations; integrate theoretical, empirical, and intuitive knowledge from other scientific disciplines, and the humanities into the practice of nursing; and collaborate with others to provide health promotion and health care access to diverse populations.

The Master's program has three concentrations - Advanced practice (Family Nurse Practitioner), Education, and Administration. Education has the clinical tracks of Adult Health, Maternal Child Health, Psych/Mental Health, and Critical Care. Graduates of the program will:

- Use theory and research from nursing and other disciplines to improve health care and the systems in which it is provided
- Advance the profession and health care through the use of core nursing competencies in advanced professional practice as nurse practitioners, nurse educators, or nurse executives
- Develop professional practice sites that are ethically grounded, committed to excellence, evidence-based and valued by the consumer
- Influence health policy to ensure the health and well-being of individuals, aggregates and communities
- Collaborate with other disciplines to promote health and provide health care to diverse populations.

Purpose and Scope of the Collection

The University of Memphis Libraries supports the study and teaching required by the School of Nursing's baccalaureate and master's programs. The collection in Nursing meets standards set by the National League for Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and includes monographs, audiovisuals, and journals. Donations are accepted as per the provisions of the Gifts guidelines in the UML Collection Development Policy.

Cooperative Agreements

None specified.

Geographical Coverage

The United States is the primary focus but materials from other areas of the world are collected.

Period Coverage/ Date of Publication Range

Primary emphasis is on keeping the information and material current. Therefore, weeding and evaluation of the collection is an ongoing priority.

Languages

The primary language of the Nursing collection is English. Materials in other languages may be acquired selectively.

Types of Materials

Monographs:

Monographs are an important part of the collection.

Serials/Series:

The University Libraries subscribe, either in print or in electronic format, to virtually all the journals in the former Brandon-Hill list.

Electronic Resources:

The University Libraries subscribe to electronic indexes and full-text databases that offer research value. Links to free web sites are not actively collected together on the UML web site although links to web sites may be included in guides produced by the Reference Department. The primary electronic resources to support Nursing include:

- o *CINAHL*
- o *Nursing and Allied Health Collection: Comprehensive*
- o *Medline*
- o *PsycINFO*
- o *InfoTrac OneFile*
- o *Health and Wellness Center / Academic*
- o *STATRef*

Microforms:

Research collections in microforms are purchased when deemed relevant.

Theses/Dissertations:

Dissertations are acquired as needed or requested.

Audio/Visual:

Video and audio materials are acquired when relevant to the curriculum.

Location of Materials Collection

All nursing-related materials are located in McWherter Library, the main facility on campus at the University of Memphis. The bulk of this collection can be found in the circulating collection, although faculty may place items on reserve.

Special Collections

None specified.

Subject Areas by LC Classification

R131 - R847	Medicine (general), including history of medicine and medical education
RA5 - RA418	Public aspects of medicine
RA412 - RA790	Public health, hygiene, preventive medicine
RC	Internal medicine
RC952 - RC954	Geriatrics
RJ	Pediatrics
RM 300 - RM666	Drugs and their action
RS	Pharmacy and material medica
RT	Nursing

Related Areas of Collection

Business Education Psychology Sociology