

Career preparation milestones:

Traditional Master of Science in Nursing students seeking employment upon graduation

(The MS program is 2 years full time or 3 years part time.)

Program early stages

- Begin or continue creating an ongoing list of educational accomplishments, clinical rotations, licenses and certifications, work history, volunteer history and any other accomplishments.
 - Include date spans, addresses, contact names and contact information. This information will be essential for building your professional resume and will help with identifying you might be able to use as a professional reference, once needed. Staying in touch with these contacts will help you too!
- Network, network, network! Begin building your professional network.
 - Share your career goals with preceptors and clinical instructors. Consider participating in student nurse organizations and volunteering in order to build relationships with future colleagues.
- You may consider working part time to gain additional experience while in the program.
- You may connect with College of Nursing Career Services for assistance with your job search or application materials.

** It is not recommended to work full time, as the MS program is demanding.*

Mid-program

- Continue networking and volunteering!
- Continue building your ongoing list of nursing-related experiences and accomplishments.
- Add this information to your resume. Call the College of Nursing Career Services to schedule an appointment for resume help, if needed, 614-292-4041.

** Try not to take on too much during your final clinical year, as Comprehensive Exams and Certification Exams will require significant attention.*

Final months of program

- Continue networking!
- Ensure you are familiar with the advanced practice nurse licensure process for your specialty.
- Finalize your resume using the ongoing list of experiences and accomplishments you've been compiling.
 - Contact the College of Nursing Career Services for resume review, cover letter review, interview preparation assistance, and career counseling services.
- Apply early!



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