Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education Bachelor of Science in Nursing (MANE BSN) Program

Background
Metropolitan State University offers the complete Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education Bachelor of Science in Nursing (MANE BSN) program in preparation for registered nurse (RN) licensure. MANE, a collaboration between community colleges and Metropolitan State University, seeks to increase student access to and attainment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The MANE BSN program plan is a four-year, eight-semester (not including summers), 120 credit concept-based baccalaureate curriculum, based on a set of core competencies. The curriculum prepares graduates to provide care to individuals, families and communities in health promotion, acute or chronic illness, and at the end of life. Graduates of the MANE program will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Metropolitan State.

Careers
Graduates of the MANE BSN Program will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The program prepares students to work in entry-level registered nursing positions in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, and surgery centers. In addition, graduates are eligible for Public Health Nurse (PHN) registration, allowing them to work in community health roles such as public health nurse or school nurse.

The Program
Metropolitan State University’s MANE BSN program provides four years of full-time study, with the first year being prerequisite/preparatory courses. There are two points of entry for students interested in the MANE BSN Program: (1) Students who apply for program admission directly through Metropolitan State may complete the entire program on our Saint Paul campus; and (2) Students accepted for admission at a partner community college are dually admitted to Metropolitan State.

The final three semesters of the MANE BSN program will be provided on a community college campus in hybrid and online formats by Metropolitan State. Regardless of where studies happen, all MANE program students graduate with a BSN from Metropolitan State. (Current partners include: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century College, Inver Hills Community College, Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Ridgewater College, and Riverland Community College. More partners may join this collaborative program in the future.)

Program Admission Requirements
General admission requirements:
To be eligible for acceptance to the BSN major, students must complete/submit an application for general admission to a MANE collaborating college or Metropolitan State University. (Submission of official transcripts from all institutions attended required for university admission).

Program application eligibility requirements:
1. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 based on the first semester of the MANE curriculum plan (see #2, below). Official transcripts are used to calculate GPA. The most recent grade is used for specific course requirements, whether it is higher or lower than previous grades.

2. To apply to the nursing program the following courses must be completed:
   - Writing 1, 3 credits minimum (Writing 131 or equivalent)
   - General Psychology, 3 credits minimum (Psychology 100 or equivalent)
   - General Education (MNTC) Goal area 3 course, 3 credits minimum
   - General Education goal area, minimum 3 credits, excluding prerequisite courses from semester 2 of the MANE BSN Curriculum Plan as listed under “additional requirements for full admission”

3. Students are required to obtain letter grades in all courses required for the degree and must have earned a letter grade of “C” or greater. Equivalent transfer courses from a regionally accredited institution may be accepted to meet these requirements.

4. Applicants are required to complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines.

5. Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency via examination if (1) English is not their native language; and (2) the applicants have lived in
the US fewer than eight years at the time of application to the program.

6. Advanced standing applicants (Licensed Practical Nurses) must maintain unencumbered licensure from any state in the United States.

**Additional requirements for full admission:**
Full acceptance to the MANE program is dependent on successful completion of the second semester of the MANE curriculum plan, maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, including criteria in numbers 1 and 2 above.

The semester 2 courses include:
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab, 3 credits minimum.
- Microbiology with lab, 3 credits minimum.
- Life Span Developmental Psychology, 3 credits minimum (Psyc 311 or equivalent).
- General Education Goal I Part II, Oral and Visual Communication course, 3 credits minimum.
- General Education Goal I Part 2, Interpersonal Communication preferred, 3 credits minimum.

All MANE BSN students must meet the Metropolitan State minimum of 120 completed semester credits for a bachelor's degree (this includes applicable transfer credits). At least 40 or more of these credits must be upper-division credits. The total degree credits includes the following 65 credits of nursing coursework:
- NURS 270 Foundations of Nursing: Health Promotion (OR NURS 272 Transition to the Role of the Professional Nurse for students who already hold LPN license at the time of program application)
- NURS 275 Nutrition and the Role of the Professional Nurse
- NURS 280 Chronic & Palliative Care
- NURS 282 Pharmacology and the Role of the Professional Nurse
- NURS 285 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing I
- NURS 361 Acute & Complex Care
- NURS 362 Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing II
- NURS 364 Nursing Leadership I
- NURS 406 Family Health Nursing
- NURS 416 Epidemiology for Nursing
- NURS 459 Population-Based Care
- NURS 464 Nursing Leadership II
- NURS 446 Introduction to Nursing Informatics
- NURS 485 Global Health Perspectives for Nursing
- NURS 490 Integrative Seminar and Practicum

**Faculty**
Metropolitan State University prides itself on its outstanding faculty, which includes full-time resident faculty and a core of community faculty who are practicing professionals in their areas of expertise. The SON has faculty who are distinguished themselves in their nursing practice, as well as their academic careers.

**Academic Advising**
All SON programs are supported by the expertise of professional and faculty advisors, who help prospective students explore program options. Upon acceptance to the university, students will be assigned a professional advisor, faculty advisor or both, per program guidelines. Students are strongly encouraged to work with advisors to understand degree requirements and develop plans to achieve their educational and vocational goals. For more information, contact the SON Advising Center at 651-793-1375.

**Accreditation and Approval**
Metropolitan State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. The MANE program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing. For more information, go to: http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation.

**For More Information**
For program information, visit the Web at: http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/chcps/departments/nursing/undergrad/mane-bsn/index.html.

To find out about MANE information sessions: http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/chcps/departments/nursing/undergrad/mane-bsn/info_sessions.html. You may also contact an Academic Advisor (see section above).