# Master's Program in Nursing Administration & Master's in Urban Policy and Leadership

The Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing and the Department of Urban Policy and Planning, School of Arts and Sciences are offering a program of study leading to a dual Master’s degree: A Master of Science (MS) degree in Nursing Administration and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Urban Policy and Leadership (UPL). This dual degree program prepares nurses to assume positions of leadership in a variety of health care settings, systems and agencies. The program emphasizes multidisciplinary approaches to management and policy in nursing and health care, particularly within urban settings.

## Course of Study

The program includes core courses in nursing and urban policy and leadership, electives within both programs, and specialization courses that combine advanced knowledge with 500 hours of precepted clinical experience.

## Requirements for Admission

For more information on admission requirements, please go to:

[www.hunter.cuny.edu/nursing/admissions/graduate/admission-requirements](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/nursing/admissions/graduate/admission-requirements)

Minimum requirements include:

- Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing
- Licensure and current registration as an RN in New York State
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 overall and in nursing coursework
- Completion of a basic statistics course and an undergraduate research course
- Completion of an online application, including a personal statement and at least two relevant letters of recommendation from a supervisor or faculty (See reverse side for more details)

Please note that these are the minimum requirements; meeting them does not guarantee admission.

## Course Requirements

### Nursing Core Courses (12 credits)

- NURS 700 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Science 3cr
- NURS 702 Advanced Nursing Research 3cr
- NURS 704 Health Care Systems & Policy 3cr
- NURS 749 Health Promotion/Disease Prevention in Diverse Populations 3cr

### Urban Policy and Leadership General Core (12 credits)

- URBG 701 Introduction to Organization and Management for the Public and Non-Profit Sectors 3cr
- URBG 790 Urban Development Workshop I 6cr
- URBG 792 Urban Affairs Capstone Seminar 3cr

### Research Methods Courses (6 credits)

- UBRG 706 Introduction to Policy Analysis (required) 3cr AND any one of the following:
- URBG 710 Urban Data Analysis 3cr
- URBG 713 Introduction to Qualitative Research 3cr
- GTECH 709 Introduction to GIS 3cr

### Urban Structure Courses (3 credits)

- URBG 702 Structure of the Urban Region 3cr
- OR
- URBG 758 Governing the City 3cr

### Electives (9 credits)

- One Nursing elective 3cr
- Two Urban Policy and Leadership electives 6cr

### Specialization Clinical Courses (10 credits)

- NURS 740 Leadership & Management in Health Care II 5cr
- NURS 745 Leadership & Management in Health Care III 5cr

URBG 790, NURS 740 and NURS 745 require a total of 500 practicum hours.

**Total credits required** 52 cr.

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For further information on this program, contact Dr. Lynda Olender, MS/MSUPL Program Coordinator, at lo208@hunter.cuny.edu.

For Hunter College Graduate Admissions information, visit: [www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions).
Additional Information for Applicants to the MS/MSUPL Program

1. To start your admission application, go to www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions

2. When you apply to the MS/MSUPL program, you are applying for admission to both Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing and the Department of Urban Policy and Planning, Hunter College School of Arts and Sciences. However, you only need to submit one application (i.e., your application to Hunter). Your application will be reviewed by faculty at both schools.

3. **GRE.** The GRE is not required for admission to this program.

4. **Personal statement.** Your personal statement should include two parts:
   - **Professional Background** – A description of your professional background and your reasons for applying to the Hunter MS/MSUPL program (approx. 500 words).
   - **Issue or Challenge** – an additional 500 to 700 words describing an issue or challenge facing your organization, the health care system, or the nursing profession and how your experience and your completion of the MS/MSUPL program will help you to address this issue/challenge.

5. **Recommendation letters.** Please include letters of recommendations from supervisors, instructors or others who can address your potential for graduate study and/or for success in a management or administrative role. Two letters of recommendations are required. You are responsible for following up to make sure that your recommenders have submitted their letters.

6. **GPA.** Applications will be considered from applicants who meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement: 3.0 overall and in the major. Please note that the cumulative GPA is based on grades from all post-secondary institutions attended.

7. **Deadline.** Applications are accepted for both Fall and Spring semesters. The application deadline is listed at the Hunter Graduate Admissions website, www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions. Because your application must be reviewed by faculty at both schools, we are unable to review applications that are not complete (application submitted, and all supporting materials received) by the deadline.

Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing: www.hunter.cuny.edu/nursing
Hunter Urban Policy and Planning: www.hunterurban.org