

# Master of Science in Nursing Graduate-Master's Level

## *Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose*

### **Institutional Mission Reference**

The Master of Science in Nursing program offers graduate students high quality graduate degree programs for Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (Pediatric, Neonatal & Family), Nurse Anesthesia or Nursing Systems. The faculty support the mission of the university to provide excellent academic programs that create opportunities for life-long learning, promote advancement of knowledge and produce graduates with respect for the dignity of the individual and a capacity for critical reasoning.

### **Institutional Goal(s) Supported**

The Master of Science in Nursing program supports the University goals of (a) excellent graduate programs, (b) high quality research, (c) enhanced distance education programs, (d) enhanced cooperative relationships and (e) nationally prominent programs (see pages 35, 40, 44, 48, and 82 of the ODU Strategic Plan 2000-2005).

*Intended (Student) Outcomes for your program, Methods for Assessment, and Criteria for Success for each Intended Outcome*

### **Intended Outcome 1**

The MSN graduate will demonstrate critical thinking, professional behavior & judgement in an advanced practice role.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will pass the comprehensive examination on first attempt with 100% passing on second attempt.  
In Summer 2001, thirteen(13) graduates completed and passed the comprehensive examination for a 100% passing rate.  
In Fall 2001, forty-four (44) graduates completed the masters comprehensive examination and two failed (both have subsequently passed) for a pass rate of 94.6%.  
In Spring 2002, four (4) graduates completed the masters comprehensive examination 100% passed.

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success:** 90% of MSN graduates will receive a rating of 3 or higher from external reviewers on the critical thinking items on the Graduate Comprehensive Evaluation tool (GCE).  
A sample of 10 comprehensive examinations were reviewed by an external panel during fall 2001 and 90% (9 of 10) received ratings of 3 or higher on critical thinking on the GCE.

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will pass the specialty certification exam on the first attempt, and 100% pass on the second attempt.

Certification examination pass rates for the graduate programs are:

FNP                      December 2001 graduates:    87%

Nurse Anesthesia    December 2001 Graduates    100%

PNP                      December 2001 graduates    Total program report not received by due date

**Intended Outcome 2**

The MSN graduate will formulate advanced nursing services that are responsive to the needs of diverse populations..

**Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will pass the comprehensive examinations on first attempt, 100% will pass on second attempt.  
See above for outcome 1.

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success:** 90% of MSN graduates will receive a rating of 3 or higher from external reviewers on the research component of the Graduate Comprehensive Examination (GCE).  
See above for outcome 1.

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will pass the specialty certification examination on the first attempt, 100% will pass on the second attempt..  
See above for outcome 1.

**Intended Outcome 3**

The MSN graduate will demonstrate effective therapeutic & personal communication and select strategies that reflect an integration of communication principles.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will pass the role component of the comprehensive examination on the first attempt, 100% passing with a second attempt  
See above for outcome 1.

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will achieve a score of 85% or higher on the preceptor evaluation or student communication proficiency in the final clinical course  
See above for outcome 1..

**Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success:** 95% of MSN graduates will achieve a score of 85% or higher on a professional presentation during their final semester.  
See above for outcome 1.