GRADUATE STUDIES IN NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION
POST MASTER’S CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION

The purpose of the Master of Science in Nursing and the Post-Master’s Certificate in nursing education, consistent with the Mission and Core Values of Aquinas College and the philosophy of the School of Nursing, is to prepare registered nurses in the specialty role of nurse educator for faculty positions in schools of nursing and as clinical educators in health care facilities, in community settings and in other health care organizations. The programs are founded on beliefs in a moral community of learners committed to protecting and defending the dignity of every person in a contemporary era of encounter, dialogue, collaborative partnerships, transformation, technology advancement and global interactivity required to promote caring, integrity, diversity and excellence in nursing practice through nursing education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to the Master of Science in Nursing Education or the Post Master’s Certificate in Nursing Education Programs, the following criteria must be met:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION:
1. Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program. Applicants from non-ACEN or CCNE accredited programs in nursing will be reviewed on an individual basis.
2. Submit a completed Aquinas College Graduate application.
3. Submit an essay of 500 to 700 words describing applicant’s professional experience, career goals, and reasons for pursuing graduate studies in nursing education.
4. Submit current resume. Applicants must have minimum work experience of one year as a practicing registered nurse.
5. Submit three (3) references using the forms provided in the MSN Graduate Application Packet. One reference must be from a supervisor. The other references must be from previous nursing faculty, professional colleagues or other work supervisors who can evaluate applicant’s potential for success in a graduate program.
6. Provide official transcript(s) from all previously attended colleges or universities.
7. Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale preferred in all undergraduate or graduate nursing courses.
8. Have a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license to practice in Tennessee.
9. Two independent interviews are required: one with the Director of the MSN Program and one with a member of the Program Faculty.
10. Completed criminal background and fingerprint check prior to admission to the Program.
11. Provide a completed Certificate of Immunization.
12. Transcript(s) from international institutions: applicants must provide an official copy of a third party course by course credential evaluation. World Education Services (www.wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators (www.ece.org) offer this service.
13. Applicants whose native language is not English, must submit a TOEFL score of at least 600 (paper-based), or 250 (computer-based), or 100 (Internet-based) test.

POST MASTER’S CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION
1. Submit a completed Aquinas College Graduate application and non-refundable $25 application fee.
2. Have a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license to practice in Tennessee.
3. Submit current resume. Applicants must have minimum work experience of one year as a practicing registered nurse.
4. Two independent interviews are required: one with the Director of the MSN Program and one with a member of the Program Faculty.
5. Completed criminal background and fingerprint check prior to admission to the Program.
6. Provide a completed Certificate of Immunization.
7. Official transcript for the Master of Science Degree in Nursing.
8. Successful completion of graduate courses in Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Health Assessment.

The Master of Science in Nursing Program and the Post-Master’s Certificate Program in Nursing Education are approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. The MSN Program has been deemed eligible to participate in the candidacy process leading to accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).
ENTRANCE TERM  □ Fall (August)     Year 20 ________

PROGRAM OF STUDY  □ Master of Science in Nursing Education
 □ Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Education
 □ Non-Degree

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Salutation  □ Mr.  □ Mrs.  □ Miss  □ Ms.  □ Dr.  □ Rev.  □ Sister  □ Brother

Full legal name (Please include middle name or initial) _______________________________
Address ____________________________________________

Preferred name ________________________________
City ____________________________________________ State Zip

Maiden name ________________________________
County ________________________________

E-mail address ________________________________

Home phone number ________________________________ Cell phone number ________________________________

Permanent address (if different from above) ________________________________
City ________________________________ State Zip County ________________________________

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ______ / ______ / ______
City of birth ________________________________ State of birth ________________________________ Country of birth ________________________________

Gender  □ Male  □ Female

Social Security number ________________________________

Are you a U.S. citizen?  □ Yes  □ No

If you answered No, please complete the following:

Are you a permanent resident?  □ Yes  □ No
Do you have an F-1 VISA?  □ Yes  □ No

Alien Registration Number ________________________________
VISA classification ________________________________________

Country of citizenship ________________________________
Native language ________________________________

Have you taken the TOEFL?  □ Yes  □ No

TOEFL test date ________________________________ TOEFL score ________________________________

Are you a veteran?  □ Yes  □ No

How did you hear about Aquinas College?  □ College Fair  □ College Guidebook  □ High School Guidance Counselor
Internet-College Search Website  □ Internet-Search Engine  □ Internet-Banner Ad
□ Banner/Poster/Sign  □ Ad-Newspaper  □ Ad-Other Publication  □ Ad-TV/Radio  □ Article in newspaper/magazine
Mailing from Aquinas College (postcard, brochure, magazine, etc.)  □ E-mail from Aquinas College
Friend/Relative/Acquaintance  □ Other

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following information is used in compiling federal, state, and institutional data and is NOT a factor in admission decisions. You are not required to respond to these questions.

Marital status  □ Single  □ Married  □ Separated  □ Divorced  □ Widowed

Religion  □ Roman Catholic  □ Methodist  □ Baptist  □ Episcopalian  □ Presbyterian  □ Jewish  □ Church of Christ  □ Lutheran
□ Other (Please Specify) ____________________________________________

Ethnicity  □ Hispanic or Latino  □ Not Hispanic or Latino
If not, please select one of the following:  □ American Indian or Alaska Native  □ Asian  □ Black or African-American
□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  □ White
□ Other (Please Specify) ____________________________________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT

Salutation        Mr.        Mrs.        Miss        Ms.        Dr.        Rev.        Sister        Brother

Name

Home phone number    Work phone number    Cell phone number

Relationship to you    Parent(s)        Legal guardian        Spouse        Other (Please Specify)

List all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended:

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ALL APPLICANTS

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?    Yes        No

Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at a college or university you have attended (or the international equivalent), whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution?    Yes        No

Have you ever been involved in disciplinary action because of use, possession, or sale of a controlled substance?    Yes        No

If you answered yes to any or all of the questions above, please explain the circumstances (including the approximate date of each incident and outcome) on a separate sheet of paper.

Completed criminal background and fingerprint check is required prior to admission to the program.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of Aquinas College, while reserving its lawful rights where applicable to take actions designed to promote the Dominican and Roman Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs. Aquinas College admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or disability in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs.

NOTICE

Federal law requires all institutions of higher education to disclose statistical information such as campus safety, graduation rates, and other data about the institution. Prospective students will find this information posted on the Admissions FAQ page of our Website. For more information, please visit www.aquinascollege.edu/admissions/admissionsfaq.php.

For more information, please call (615) 297-7545 or (800) 649-9956 or visit www.aquinascollege.edu.

☐ I certify that all information in the admission process — including the application, my resume, any supplements, and all supporting materials — is my own work, is factually true, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action, including admission revocation or expulsion, should the information I have certified be false.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

Applicant        Date

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