

**MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN  
M. S. NURSING**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the M.S. in Nursing is to prepare students for advanced nursing practice.

**Goal 1**

To provide the skills and knowledge needed to function in the field as advanced practice nurses.

A. Expected Outcome

Graduates of the MSN program will be prepared to practice in advanced nursing roles.

Assessment

- a. MSN students will satisfactorily complete the MSN departmental Comprehensive Examination. Group results will be reviewed every three years by the faculty.
- b. MSN students will demonstrate competency in critical thinking as indicated on the Assessment of Outcomes in Critical Thinking tool. Group results will be reviewed every three years by the faculty.
- c. MSN students will demonstrate advanced skill in the area of communication as indicated on the Assessment of Outcomes of Communication tool. Group results will be reviewed every three years by the faculty.

B. Expected Outcome

Graduates of the MSN program will be employed in advanced practice nursing roles.

Assessment

Employment profiles, as indicated on the MSN Alumni Survey, will indicate that at least 80% will be employed in advanced practice nursing roles within one year of graduation.

**Goal 2**

To provide a foundation for advanced professional certification and doctoral education.

**A. Expected Outcome**

Graduates of the MSN Program will obtain national certification.

**Assessment**

At least 50% of MSN alumni will achieve national certification in an advanced specialty area within three years of graduation.

**B. Expected Outcome**

Graduates of the MSN Program will wish to pursue doctoral education.

**Assessment**

At least 20% of MSN alumni will express an interest in the pursuit of doctoral education.

**Goal 3**

To foster and develop the values and attitudes needed to become leaders in the profession.

**Expected Outcome**

MSN alumni will demonstrate professional activity and leadership.

**Assessment**

Professional activity and achievement.