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master of science (MSc) in advanced nursing practice

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

Organised by the University Institute of Training and Research in Patient Care – IUFRS, the aim of the course is to train you to work as an advanced practice nurse (APN), providing direct care to patients and their families, according to your clinical orientation and as part of a nurse-doctor partnership.

The Master of Science in Advanced Nursing Practice (MScAPS) is the only course of its kind in Switzerland and prepares students to work as an advanced practice nurse in one of the four following orientations:

- Mental health
- Adult care
- Paediatric care
- Primary care

A specific legal framework (Article 124b of the Vaud Public Health Act) gives you authority, among other things, to prescribe and interpret medical diagnostic tests, carry out medical procedures and prescribe drugs. You may also provide support to nursing care teams in your area of competence. Finally, you may be involved in developing the health system.

Students must choose an orientation at the time of enrolment:

- Mental health
- Adult care
- Paediatric care
- Primary care

Career prospects

The course allows you to develop fully as an advanced practice nurse:

- either in a hospital
- or in an outpatient setting (nursing homes, home care, etc.)

Advanced nursing practice is currently governed by a legal framework in Vaud Canton.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

University Institute of Training and Research in Patient Care - IUFRS

Degree awarded

Master of Science (MSc) in Advanced Nursing Practice

ECTS credits

120

Duration

4 semesters or 8 semesters

Teaching language

French and English.

Recommended levels: C1 in French, B2 in English.

More information: www.unil.ch/sciences-infirmieres

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EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The MSc in Advanced Nursing Practice allows you to develop specialist and interdisciplinary skills and knowledge so that you are equipped to practise as an advanced practice nurse in a wide variety of settings. The course is structured around seven roles based on the CanMEDS and Hamric et al. (2014) competency frameworks, with the aim of linking the skills acquired with medical training, in order to support nurse-doctor partnerships:

Roles	CanMEDS Roles	Hamric Competencies
1	Medical Expert	Direct Clinical Practice
2	Communicator	Consultation
3	Collaborator	Collaboration
4	Leader	Clinical, professional and systemic leadership
5	Health Advocate	Expert coaching and patient support
6	Scholar	Research
7	Professional	Ethical Decision Making

The programme consists of courses grouped into modules and is taught through classes, placements and practical work.

16 modules are compulsory courses and represent a total of 85 ECTS credits. A further 35 ECTS credits are obtained from placements in clinical settings.

Course sharing

Some courses are shared with students of the MSc in Nursing Sciences and/or of the MSc in Health Sciences.

SYLLABUS

1st year - semester 1

Positioning in Advanced Practice I

- Roles and Responsibilities of the APN I
- Epistemology of Sciences*
4 ECTS

Research Methods in Health Sciences

- Quantitative Research Proposal and Results*
- Qualitative Research Proposal and Results*

6 ECTS

Fundamentals of the Diagnostic Process in APN Practice I

- Anatomy
- Physiology, Physiopathology and Diagnostic Measures I
- Clinical Assessment of Physical State I
14 ECTS

Fundamentals of the Therapeutic Process in APN Practice I

- Clinical Pharmacology I
- Reasoning Process for Clinical Diagnosis
4 ECTS

Master's dissertation: Master's dissertation workshop

- Master's dissertation workshop
2 ECTS

1st year - semester 2

Fundamentals of the Diagnostic Process in APN Practice II

- Clinical Assessment of Physical State II
- Physiology, Physiopathology and Diagnostic Measures II
- Psychopathology and Assessment of Mental State
14 ECTS

Fundamentals of the Therapeutic Process in APN Practice II

- Clinical Pharmacology II
- Reasoning Process for Clinical Diagnosis
8 ECTS

Experience in a Professional Environment I

- Experience in a Professional Environment I
5 ECTS

Master's Dissertation: Scientific Positioning

- EBP and Practice Analysis Strategies*
3 ECTS

2nd year - semester 3

Experience in a Professional Environment II

- Experience in a Professional Environment II
5 ECTS

5 ECTS

Positioning in Advanced Practice II

- Roles and responsibilities of the APN II
- Health Policy and Economics
- Ethics of Care
6 ECTS

Specialist Consultation

- Complex Care Interventions*
- E-Health and Nursing Informatics*
- APN Consultation and Therapeutic Approaches
10 ECTS

10 ECTS

Master's Dissertation: Case study

- Specialist Clinical/Paraclinical Assessment
- Supervision of Directed Reading
4 ECTS

Practice in Clinical Orientation I

- Placement I: Initiation
5 ECTS

5 ECTS

2nd year - semester 4

Practice in Clinical Orientation II

- Clinical Integration
- Placement II: Development
9 ECTS

Master's Dissertation: Consolidation in Field of Study

- Placement III: Consolidation
- Finalisation of Master's Dissertation
21 ECTS

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* Courses shared with the Master of Science (MSc) in Nursing Sciences

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission requirements

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Enrolment and final date

www.unil.ch/sciences-infirmieres

Start of courses

Mid-September
Academic calendar:
www.unil.ch/central/calendar

Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time.
www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel

General information on studies, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Career prospects

unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres

Accommodation and financial assistance

www.unil.ch/sasme

International

www.unil.ch/international