

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSINGACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

TITLE OF POLICY: SECOND MASTER'S IN NURSING DEGREE

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POLICY: An applicant who has a master's degree in nursing may elect to earn a second master's degree in nursing.

Applicants must follow the application processes and meet the admission criteria outlined in policies [280](#) and [371](#).

A student's progression is governed by the academic requirements outlined in policy [206](#), and the health and liability requirements in policies [364](#) and [370](#).

The second master's degree student may be required by their area of concentration to take all, or part of the master's comprehensive examination administered by the MSN or DNP Council.

The second master's degree student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in the master's program at the University of Pittsburgh and satisfy the core and specialty area of concentration course requirements for the second master's degree.

PROCEDURE

1. The academic advisor/area of concentration coordinator designates credits from the first master's degree that will be accepted for advance standing credits towards the second master's degree. (A ten-year restriction may not apply to core courses). This process should be done prior to the student registering as an admitted student for the first time. (Refer to policy [224](#))
2. Students whose first master's is from another institution follow the procedure of policy [224](#). A complete Course Credits Accept Form is submitted to Student Affairs and Alumni Relations (SAAR). SAAR posts the approved transfer credits to the student's academic record.
3. Students whose first master's is from the University of Pittsburgh follow the procedure of policy [225](#). The faculty advisor highlights the courses being accepted on the student's previous academic record and states the equivalent course name, numbers, and credit hours in the current program. This document is submitted to SAAR. SAAR notes the advanced standing credits for the registrar at the end of the student's program.

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