



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

PROGRAM SPECIFICATION - SESSION-2025-26

<p>Introduction of Institute & Program</p>	<p>Established in 2006 with the support of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan, the Dow Institute of Nursing & Midwifery (DION&M) operates as a key constituent of Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS). The institute is committed to advancing nursing education and producing highly skilled and competent nursing professionals to meet the evolving healthcare needs of society.</p> <p>DION&M offers a diverse range of accredited programs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) – Generic • Post RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post RN BSN) • Post RN Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post RN BSM) • Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) <p>All academic programs are recognized by the Pakistan Nursing and Midwifery Council (PNMC), Islamabad.</p> <p>Located at the Ojha Campus of DUHS, the institute boasts a purpose-built facility with a modern, student-centered learning environment. DION&M features well-equipped classrooms, advanced skills laboratories, a supportive academic infrastructure, and a highly qualified faculty dedicated to excellence in education, clinical practice, and research.</p> <p>The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is a two-year, full-time postgraduate program, launched in 2010, with the 15th batch being inducted in the current academic year. This advanced degree is designed to empower registered nurses with the knowledge and competencies required for leadership roles in healthcare delivery, research, and education.</p> <p>The MSN curriculum emphasizes integration of advanced</p>
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	<p>concepts in pathophysiology, pharmacology, and health assessment, enabling students to deliver holistic, evidence-based care across diverse healthcare settings. A significant component of the program is dedicated to research and scholarly inquiry, fostering analytical thinking and scientific rigor.</p> <p>Academic and research activities at DION&M are overseen by key DUHS regulatory bodies, including the Scientific Committee, the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR), and the Institutional Review Board (IRB), ensuring adherence to the highest standards of academic and ethical integrity.</p> <p>To date, 98 graduates of the MSN program have successfully completed their studies and are serving in leadership, clinical, and academic positions at prestigious national and international institutions, contributing meaningfully to the nursing profession and the broader healthcare landscape.</p>
Course Title (As approved by DUHS)	Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
Course Duration	2-4 years
Type of Study	Full time/regular direct study. Methods comprising class room teaching, tutorials, clinical/lab practice, presentations, seminars, project works, research projects, field visits, and thesis work.
Study System	Semesters system
Total Credit Hours	42.0 Credit Hours
Credit Hours Distribution –Semester Wise	Semester I = 12 Semester II = 12 Semester III = 09 Semester IV = 09 Total= 42
Study Hours Distribution	Study per Semester = 16 weeks Examination = 2 weeks Semester Break = 2 weeks Working Days = 8:30am - 3:00pm (Monday to Thursday and Saturday)



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	8:30am - 12:00pm (Friday)
Teaching Hours Distribution	Lecture hours/ Tutorials / Skills lab/ Clinical placement /Facilitation / Self-directed learning activities
Modules Detail with Credit Hours	
Assessment of Student	<p>Continuous Internal Assessment = 30 % Final Examination = 70% Total = 100%</p> <p>For research thesis, predetermined protocols of scientific committee, Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Board of Advance Studies and Research (BASR) are followed.</p>
Teaching Institution	Dow Institute of Nursing and Midwifery, Dow University of Health Sciences
Degree Awarding Institution	Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi
Eligibility /Admission Criteria	<p><u>Category-I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post RN BSN/BSM with at least Cumulative GPA 2.5 • One Year Diploma in Post Basic Specialization from recognized nursing institute. • One (01) year experience after completion of Post RN BSN Program. • Sixteen years of schooling equivalence from HEC • Valid PNC License. • Sindh Domicile <p><u>Category-II</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Years BSN with at least Cumulative GPA 2.5 • Two (02) Years work experience including one year internship • Valid PNC License • Sindh Domicile <p>*For both categories, passing GAT-General (NTS), HAT (HEC), or GAT(DUHS) is mandatory for Admission.</p>
Fee Structure	See the relevant section of the DUHS website