





Shifa College of Nursing Block - H (Shifa International Hospital), Pitras Bukhari Road, Sector H-8/4, Islamabad.

Introduction

Sequel to the paradigm shift of nursing education in Pakistan from the diploma to degree program, there is a dire need for Master's prepared nurse educators and clinicians.

Shifa College of Nursing (SCN) is one of the few nursing institutes in Pakistan which is offering a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program. To cater for the need of the country, the SCN offers education and clinical practice related MSN courses to BSN and PRN-BSN nurses, who have 3 years clinical experience, as a visiting student. These courses will:

- 1. Provide an opportunity of professional development to nurses;
- 2. Facilitate in managing the course load of the prospective MSN students

The SCN is currently offering two tracks in MSN program, 1) Education and 2) Clinical.

Among these tracks, a visiting student may enroll in the following courses:

Year	Semester	Course	Credits	Who can Enroll?
One	II	Teaching for Critical Thinking	3	Primarily for educators. Clinicians can take one course as an elective.
		Clinical Pharmacology	3	Primarily for clinicians. Educators can
		Clinical Pathophysiology	3	take one course as an elective.
Two	IV	Principles and Methods of Assessment	3	Educators only

Number of Courses for Visiting Students

- One to two courses per semester and,
- Maximum three courses can be taken as a visiting student

How to apply?

- 1. Interested candidates should submit their application to Students' Affairs Office one month prior to the start of each semester. Spring Semester begins in January while Fall semester in August every year.
- 2. The applicant should indicate the subject/s of interest in the application form. The list of subject should be according to their priority.
- 3. The SCN's Graduate Academic Committee will evaluate applications as per the availability of seats in each subject and the applicant's interest. The MSN program secretary will communicate the committee's decision to applicants and share the class schedule respectively.

Why a visiting student?

- 1. If you will be selected for MSN program at the SCN within two years after completing a visiting course, that course will be mentioned in your transcript;
- 2. A certificate will be issued to those who are not able to get admission in MSN;
- 3. You can transfer credits of these courses to any other HEC recognized university (as per credit transfer policy of concerned university);
- 4. The knowledge and skills gained through these courses will help in your professional development;
- 5. Opportunity to study in a conducive learning environment and under the supervision of highly qualified and experienced faculty members.
- The visiting student status is not equivalent to the regular students' status.
- To be considered as a regular student of MSN program, one needs to pass the entrance test and interview.
 The selection of candidates is purely on merit basis.
- Last Date for Registration : 15th July 2024

For further information, please call on 051-8464394