

Nursing MNSc Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Nursing?

Consider a graduate degree in Nursing for all it has to offer: well-developed skills in critical thinking, writing, research and, perhaps more importantly, skills to facilitate change in today's health care system.

Graduate students and their work are an important part of an ongoing knowledge creation process that provides the health care system with the necessary tools to understand phenomena using various ways of knowing. Today's job market seeks people with advanced practice skills who can critically analyze information and evidence, synthesize scholarly and public reports, create new knowledge, and lead meaningful transformation. The Master of Nursing program equips graduates with precisely these skills, preparing them to meet the demands of an evolving health care landscape.

Why Queen's?

The School of Nursing at Queen's offers a challenging and innovative program to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills to conduct small research projects and participate in research teams, and the critical appraisal skills needed for developing the scientific basis for nursing practice.

Students are taught primarily in small graduate seminars, where they engage in a lively, critical examination of philosophy and evidence, and develop their own independent research. Nurtured by close mentoring relationships with faculty supervisors, students engage early and continuously in research and successfully complete the program



"I think that everyone should know that the School of Nursing does a fantastic job at making people successful. That skill of being pushed to... some place that is slightly uncomfortable, but knowing that you have the supports around you to be successful." – Morgan Batson, RN, MNSc

in 2 years. Situated in an academic environment that embodies scholarship, graduates are well-prepared for careers as leaders in clinical practice, education, and health care management.

Program Structure

MNSc (full-time, 2 years):

- Thesis-based: 5 term-length courses plus thesis research
- Course-based: 7 term-length courses and a clinical project.

Applicants to the thesis-based stream are required to identify a potential supervisor before submitting their application. Visit the [School of Nursing website](#) to review faculty profiles and explore their areas of research expertise.

When you identify a faculty member whose research aligns with your interests, reach out to introduce yourself, briefly describe your research background or proposed area of inquiry, and express your interest in graduate studies under their supervision.

Research Areas

Practice environments

- Communication strategies and systems
- Leadership
- Models of care
- Workplace culture, structure and health

Populations with complex conditions

- Mental health and/or addictions
- Multimorbidity
- Optimizing function and well-being
- Outcomes monitoring

Health care quality

- Advancing safety
- Educational and technological innovations
- Health system service and delivery and more
- Risk assessment and reduction



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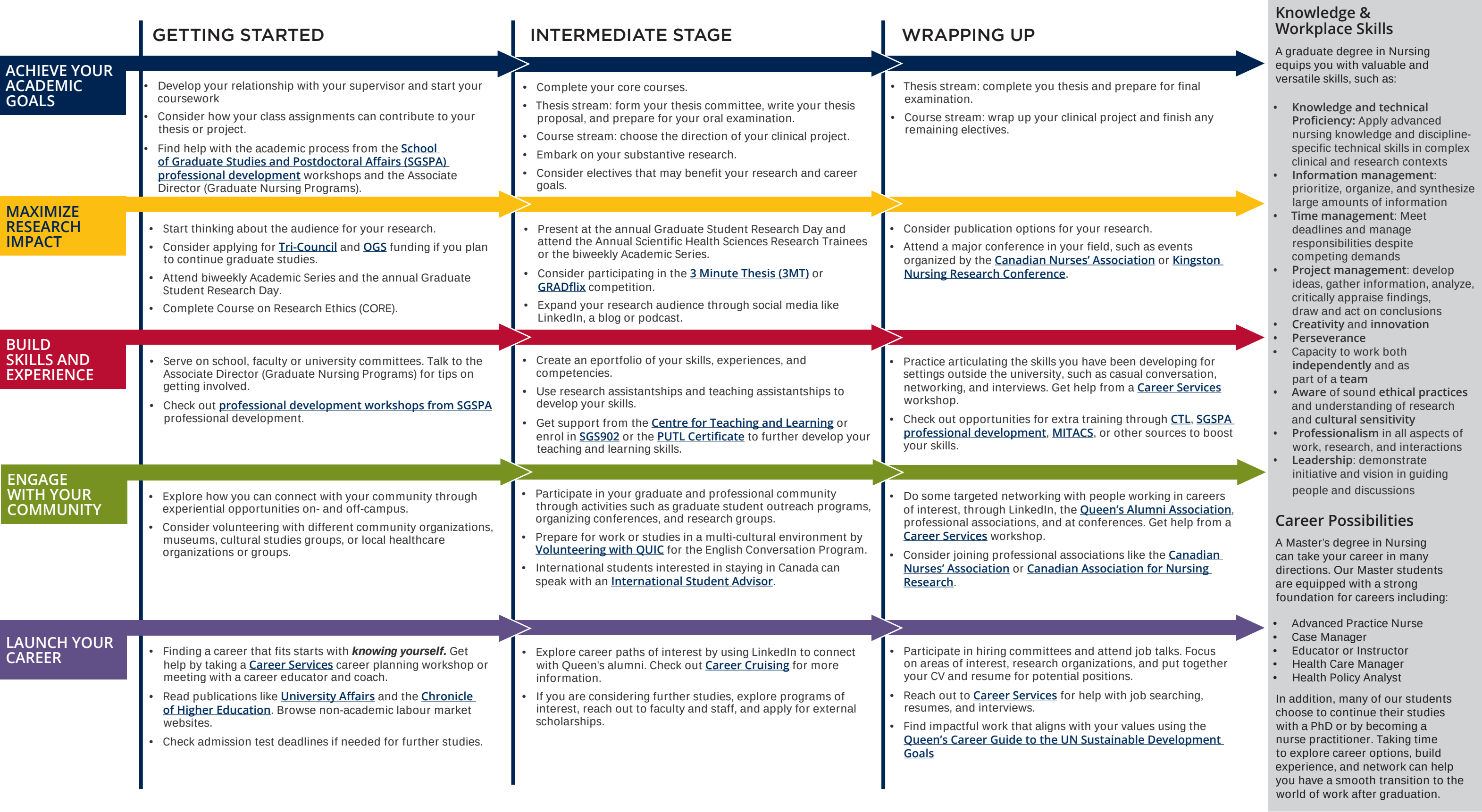
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MNSc Map

MASTER OF NURSING SCIENCE (MNSc)

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. To make your own custom map, use the My Grad Map tool: careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps.



Graduate Studies FAQs

How do I use this map?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone's journey is different - the ideas on the maps are suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Professional Development Plan (PDP) process to set personalized goals.

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the [SGSPA website](#) for available resources.

What is the community like?

Queen's offers graduate students from every discipline a close-knit intellectual community where they can learn, discover, and build lasting connections. With more than 130 graduate programs across 50+ departments and research centres, students benefit from world-class scholars, prize-winning professional development, generous funding packages, and life in the historic waterfront city of Kingston. The campus sits at the heart of Kingston, just a 10-minute walk from downtown's shops, restaurants, and waterfront, and is deeply integrated with the local community. For more on Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to Apply?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an accredited university.
- Minimum overall average equivalent to a B.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Two academic letters of reference.
- Undergraduate courses in research methodology and statistics.
- Registration (or eligibility to register) as a Registered Nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).
- Statement of research interest. Advance contact with supervisors is recommended.
- A copy of your curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.
- If English is not a first language, nor was the language of instruction in undergraduate studies, prospective students must meet English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening as part of the application process, and before final acceptance is granted, as per School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' regulations.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application deadline:** February 1st
- Applications open in September for admission in the following fall term.
- **Notification of acceptance:** mid-March to early April

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about Funding?

In keeping with the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs policy, eligible full-time MNSc students qualify for research assistantships (RA), teaching assistantships (TA), Queen's Graduate Awards (QGA), and internal awards.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, CIHR, SSHRC, and other sources. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' awards and scholarships.

