

MSN IN NURSING LEADERSHIP

DEGREE PLAN



University of San Diego®

Program Start: Fall 2026

This degree plan is for students beginning the MSN in Nursing Leadership (MSN-NL) program in the Fall 2026 term. This plan assumes that students will complete their degree in five consecutive terms and do not take a leave of absence from their program. Taking a leave of absence will change the degree plan and delay the anticipated program completion.

Term	Course	Course Name	Units	Start Date	End Date	
Fall 2026	MSNC 501	Orientation	New Student Orientation	0	Upon Registration	08/28/2026
Fall 2026	MSNC 610	Foundational	Advanced Nursing Practice: Foundation and Specialty Roles	3	09/01/2026	10/19/2026
Fall 2026	MSNC 613	Foundational	Transformational Leadership	3	10/20/2026	12/07/2026
Spring 2027	MSNC 615	Core	Advanced Pathophysiology, Physical Assessment, and Pharmacology in Patients and Populations	4	01/05/2027	02/22/2027
Spring 2027	MSNC 611	Core	Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	3	02/23/2027	04/12/2027
Spring 2027	MSNC 615P	Practicum	Advanced Nurse Clinician Practicum	2	01/05/2027	04/12/2027
Summer 2027	MSNC 612	Core	Population Health	3	05/04/2027	06/21/2027
Summer 2027	MSNC 640	Core	Healthcare Information and Communication Management	3	06/22/2027	08/09/2027
Summer 2027	MSNC 612P	Practicum	Population Health Practicum	2	05/04/2027	08/09/2027
Fall 2027	MSNC 656	Core	Management of Quality and Safety	3	08/31/2027	10/18/2027
Fall 2027	MSNC 656P	Practicum	Management of Quality and Safety Practicum	3	08/31/2027	12/06/2027
Spring 2028	MSNC 655	Final Core	Systems-Based Practice	3	TBA	TBA
Spring 2028	MSNC 655P	Final Practicum	Systems-Based Practice Practicum	4	TBA	TBA

FALL 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Opens	06/29/2026
Registration Deadline	08/14/2026
Financial Aid Requirements Due	08/14/2026
Last Day to Drop Any Course with a Full Refund	08/31/2026
Payment Due Date	09/01/2026
Term Begins	09/01/2026
First Course Start Date	09/01/2026
Last Day to Drop Any Course with 95% Refund/Drop Deadline	09/04/2026
First Course End Date	10/19/2026
Second Course Start Date	10/20/2026
Last Day to Withdraw from Course B	11/16/2026
Second Course End Date	12/07/2026
Term Ends	12/07/2026

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