

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH  
COLLEGE OF NURSING  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM  
NURSE EDUCATOR EMPHASIS

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Applicants Name:

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**Instructions:** Read the following key message from the IOM Future of Nursing Report. Using a scholarly format, in 400 words or less, respond to this recommendation detailing how you believe the Master of Nursing Science degree with the Nurse Educator emphasis will promote nursing's ability to attain this goal. **Attach this cover sheet with your written response and submit per instructions on our website at <http://www.uwosh.edu/con/college-of-nursing-programs/graduate/master-of-science-in-nursing/admission-requirements-and-process>**

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**Key Message #6: Ensure nurses engage in lifelong learning**

*Accrediting bodies, schools of nursing, health care organizations, and continuing competency educators from multiple health professions should collaborate to ensure that nurses and nursing students and faculty continue their education and engage in lifelong learning to gain the competencies needed to provide care for diverse populations across the lifespan.*

- Faculty should partner with health care organizations to develop and prioritize competencies so curricula can be updated regularly to ensure that graduates at all levels are prepared to meet the current and future health needs of the population.
- The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission should require that all nursing students demonstrate a comprehensive set of clinical performance competencies that encompass the knowledge and skills needed to provide care across settings and the lifespan.
- Academic administrators should require all faculty to participate in continuing professional development and to perform with cutting-edge competence in practice, teaching, and research.
- All health care organizations and schools of nursing should foster a culture of lifelong learning and provide resources for interprofessional continuing competency programs.
- Health care organizations and other organizations that offer continuing competency programs should regularly evaluate their programs for adaptability, flexibility, accessibility, and impact on clinical outcomes and update the programs accordingly.

Institute of Medicine. (2011). *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.