

**Goodwin College of Education
Master of Science in Nursing, Entry to Practice Program
Tenure Track Positions (2)**

Starting Date: August 2026

Rank: Assistant Professor (tenure track)

Salary: \$90,000 - \$95,000

Position:

Northeastern Illinois University's Master of Science in Nursing, Entry to Practice program seeks two tenure-track faculty members (Medical-Surgical and Mental Health) to launch its inaugural cohort, planned for Fall 2027. The ideal candidates will share the university's commitment to educating a racially, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse student population and will collaborate with others in the program, department, college and university to deliver high quality instruction and programs. Knowledge of Illinois Board of Nursing regulatory requirements and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation standards, procedures, and guidelines is essential.

University and College Background:

Founded in 1867, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) enrolls about 5,700 students and is regarded as one of the most diverse public comprehensive universities in the Midwest. The Main Campus is located on 67 acres in a residential area on the Northwest Side of Chicago, and two additional locations are in the Avondale and Bronzeville neighborhoods of Chicago. Since 1997, the U.S. Department of Education has designated NEIU a Hispanic-Serving Institution. NEIU offers more than 40 undergraduate degree and certificate programs and more than 50 graduate degree, certificate, licensure and endorsement programs. Read more about Northeastern Illinois University at www.neiu.edu.

The Goodwin College of Education (GCOE) enrolls approximately 1,200 students in nine undergraduate and twenty-one graduate degree programs spanning the areas of counselor education, educational leadership, teacher education, and community and health studies. With roots that trace back to the first teacher education institution in Chicago, the college today is one of the largest producers of diverse educators in Illinois and the Chicago area. Educator licensure programs are accredited by the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) (CAEP) and counseling programs have specialized accreditation through the [Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs](#) (CACREP). Read more about the college at www.neiu.edu/gcoe.

Department Background:

NEIU is excited to launch the inaugural cohort of its Master of Science in Nursing-Entry to Practice program in Fall 2027 at its El Centro (Avondale) location. The MSNEP program seeks to improve Chicago's healthcare ecosystem by training a diverse workforce to meet the ongoing and emerging demands of the region. NEIU's MSNEP program is dedicated to community-based practice and enhancing the economic mobility of students. This unique program is a 2.5-year, 72 credit-hour degree designed for the adult learner with bachelor degrees in any field outside of nursing. NEIU's MSNEP program will produce nurse leaders who are well-equipped to care for all persons in culturally responsive ways.

Responsibilities:

Prior to the launch of the inaugural cohort in Fall 2027, tenure-track faculty will provide critical review of curriculum, programming, student supports, accreditation standards, and related documents. In the first year of the program and thereafter, faculty will transition to teaching 18–21 credit hours per academic year. Faculty will teach didactic and clinical graduate nursing courses in pre-licensure MSN programs, with an emphasis on Medical-Surgical and Mental Health nursing. All faculty will apply CCNE accreditation standards, as well as use evidence-based strategies and technology-enhanced learning platforms to build culturally competent and inclusive learning environments. Effective instruction at NEIU requires modeling critical and reflective thinking; fostering the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective development of learners; providing timely, constructive, and thoughtful feedback; and using course evaluation data to continuously improve instruction. A spirit of inquiry is expected in all teaching, learning, and evaluation methods.

Scholarly research and service to the department, college, university, and greater community are required in addition to teaching. Current research findings and scholarly works should inform educational practice and ongoing contributions to the field. Service should advance both programmatic and professional goals and the university's mission and commitments. Alignment with AACN Essentials and CCNE standards is expected in all programmatic revision work, and clinical certification and licensure in nursing must be maintained. Faculty are expected to demonstrate professional and ethical conduct in all interactions; likewise, they are expected to support student success through academic advising and face-to-face office hours and department meetings. An active, on-campus presence at the El Centro location is required.

Required Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate (PhD, DNP, or EdD) in Nursing or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution (ABD will be considered, with completion expected by 8/1/2026)
- Minimum of at least 3 years college/university teaching experience OR minimum of 5 years clinical teaching experience
- Minimum of 3 years nursing practice experience
- Master's of Science in Nursing
- Current Illinois nursing license or the ability to obtain the same within 90 days of hire

Preferred Qualifications:

Successful candidates will have a strong adult health background and evidence of approved board certifications, certification exams, and/or fellowships. Excellent communication skills along with a high level of initiative and demonstrated teaching excellence are preferred. Demonstrated instructional proficiencies and strong understandings of culturally relevant nursing pedagogy, including experience with remote instruction, also are preferred.

Deadline: Screening will begin immediately and will end when the position is filled.

Application: Please email a letter of application, CV, and the names of three references (including telephone numbers and e-mail) to:

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