NURSING, M.S.N. - NURSING INFORMATICS

The MSN in informatics will be a critical role in the future of healthcare organizations. The MSN informatics track will help the student to interpret, analyze, and use electronic health record technology to promote quality/safe patient care. Every healthcare system is looking to be more efficient and effective in caring for patients and this degree will empower the graduates to take leadership roles toward this movement. The curriculum will include the following: nursing informatics, management of data and information, healthcare project management skills, and systems analysis and design. The career advancements that exist in this field are endless, they include responsibilities centered around automated patient and clinical data entry, operations, data analysis, patient-family access, and most importantly clinical decision-making tools for practitioners, such as nurses and physicians. The ability to provide timely, accurate, patient-centered care that improves outcomes is very much supported by nursing informatics departments. Many of the work hours of nurses are spent on documentation, which is important, but the ability to improve and stream-line workflows enhances job satisfaction for nurses and other healthcare employees. This also falls under the hand of the nursing informatics specialist. The literature clearly outlines the benefits of MSN informatics tracks in reducing medical errors, lowering costs, improving nurse/physician productivity, and care coordination and transitions. Nursing informatics will play a vital role in the future of healthcare. We must be ready!