MANE Q & A's

1. How is MANE different from other nursing programs?

   MANE is the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education and is a collaborative between community college and university nursing programs to provide increased student access to a baccalaureate program and attainment of a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree. The MANE curriculum is a 4 year baccalaureate program and is offered at the following participating community colleges and university through a dual admission process: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century Community College, Inver Hills Community College, Metropolitan State University, Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Ridgewater Community College, and Riverland Community College.

2. Who should apply to a MANE nursing program?

   Any individual~~s~~ who wish to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The MANE curriculum is pre-licensure, meaning it prepares graduates for the NCLEX-RN® exam.

3. Will I be able to attain an Associate of Science degree in nursing if I choose?

   Yes, if you are accepted to a community college MANE program, you will attain an Associate of Science degree in nursing after successful completion of 5 semesters of the nursing program plan. You may choose to take the NCLEX-RN exam at this time.

4. What does dual admission mean?

   MANE is a baccalaureate nursing curriculum, when accepted to nursing at one of the community college campuses you are automatically enrolled in a university as well (Metropolitan State University as of this date). You will receive two admission letters, one from the community college and one from the university.

5. If I am attending classes at a participating MANE community college will I need to travel to a university to complete the BSN degree?

   No, it is the intent that the student will continue the last three semesters of the program plan and the BSN degree at the community college campus or on-line. University campus faculty will travel to the community college or classes will be on-line.

6. Do I need to begin the MANE program at a community college?

   No, Metropolitan State University is offering the complete MANE curriculum leading to a bachelor of science in nursing degree and preparation for taking the NCLEX-RN® exam. You may choose to apply at Metropolitan State.

   The MANE curriculum is also offered at each of the following participating community colleges: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Century Community College, Inver Hills Community College,

Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Ridgewater Community College, and Riverland Community College through a dual enrollment process.

7. When do classes for MANE begin?

   General education courses required for the degree may be taken at any time, beginning now. Refer to the Program Plan for guidance in which course to take or make an appointment with an admissions advisor at the college you wish to apply to. If accepted to a MANE nursing program, nursing courses will begin in the third semester of the program curriculum plan.

8. How do I apply?

   Refer to the campus website or admissions office for details on completing the nursing program application at the MANE school of your choice. You must first complete an application to the college or university as well as complete a separate application to the nursing program.

9. Is there an application deadline?

   For MANE colleges or universities accepting twice a year in the fall and spring semesters:
   a. Fall semester admission to nursing: Application deadline is February 1
   b. Spring semester admission to nursing: Application deadline is June 1

   For MANE colleges or universities accepting annually in fall semester:
   a. Fall semester admission to nursing: Application deadline is February 1

10. When will I know if I am accepted?

    Students will be accepted to nursing at each of the MANE member nursing programs as follows:

    a. Fall semester admission to nursing:
       i. March 15 applicant notification of accept, deny or waitlist status
       ii. April 1 notification deadline by applicant to respond to the college or university to accept or deny admission to the program
    b. Spring semester admission to nursing:
       i. July 15 applicant notification of accept, deny or waitlist status
       ii. August 1 notification deadline by applicant to respond to the college or university to accept or deny admission to the program

11. What are the admission criteria?

- General admission to a MANE collaborating college or university.
- Submission of official transcripts from all institutions attended.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 based on the first semester of the MANE curriculum plan.
  - Official transcripts will be used to calculate GPA.
  - The most recent course grade will be used for the GPA calculation, whether it is higher or lower than previous grades.

- Each course of the MANE curriculum plan must have been achieved with a letter grade of C or better.
- Full acceptance to the MANE collaborating college and university is dependent on successful completion of the second semester of the MANE curriculum plan, maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, including criteria in numbers 3 and 4 above.
- All applicants are required to complete the most current Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to application deadlines.
    - Applicants are allowed two (2) attempts at the TEAS exam with a minimum of 4 weeks between attempts.
    - The best score achieved, of two attempts, may be submitted.

12. What do I need to do if English is not my first language?

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency via examination if (1) English is not their native language; and (2) the applicants have lived in the US fewer than 8 years at the time of application to the program. Applicants are exempt from taking an English proficiency exam if their native language is English or they have been in the US, as a non-native English speaker, for more than 8 years.
Minimum scores in the following exams are required to demonstrate English language proficiency:

Test	Minimum Satisfactory Score
TOEFL iBT	84 with a minimum speaking score of 26
TOEFL PBT	560
IELTS	Overall score of 6.5 with the minimum of 6.0 on all modules
MELAB	Total passing score of 81 and a speaking section score of 3
Pearson Test of English Academic	Overall score of 55 with the minimum of 50 on all sub-scores

https://www.ncsbn.org/NCLEX_technicalbrief_PTE_2010.pdf
https://www.ncsbn.org/TOEFL_iBT_Proficiency_Standard_Process.pdf
https://www.ncsbn.org/4554.htm

Test Preparation, Cost and Registration Information:

- **http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/ TOEFL is offered many times in MN and is currently $180.00 with options for preparation**

- **http://www.ielts.org/ IELTS is offered still in November and December in St. Paul and is currently $205.00 with options for preparation**

- **http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/melab MELAB is not yet offered in Minnesota so would at this point only be appropriate for students coming from another state.**

- **http://pearsonpte.com/TestMe/Pages/TestMe.aspx PTEA is offered in Eagan (Minneapolis), MN. You will need to access the site to check test dates. Test price: $200 (If you book within 48 hours of your test date, a late booking fee will be applied and the test price will be $250)**

13. What is the TEAS test?

    The TEAS test is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), administered by Assessment Technologies Institute® (ATI) and is used to effectively identify applicants who have the foundational knowledge required for success in a nursing program. It tests on knowledge in reading, writing, science and math at the twelfth grade level. Tutorials are available from ATI (atitesting.com) to help prepare for the test. The test takes 3-4 hours to complete and is administered on-line at an approved college testing site. Sites and times are available from the college/university and at the ATI website.

14. Can I transfer to a different MANE nursing program?

    Students are admitted to a MANE nursing program as a cohort and are strongly encouraged to remain in the cohort and at the college where accepted. However, if life circumstances require a geographic change of campus location, a student may contact that college nursing program to determine space available for a transfer. A formal communication process must occur and the student must be officially accepted in transfer in order to take nursing courses at another MANE college. Students may not randomly register for nursing courses between MANE program colleges.

15. If I am already an RN should I apply to this program?

    No, MANE is not an RN to BSN completion program. If you are already licensed as a registered nurse, you should be applying to an RN to BSN completion program. MANE is a program that prepares the graduate for NCLEX-RN® and initial licensure as a registered nurse.

16. When do I take the NCLEX-RN® exam?

    The NCLEX-RN® exam for licensure may be taken as follows, depending on the institution a student is accepted into for nursing:

    a. If accepted into nursing at a MANE community college with dual enrollment at a MANE University, a student will attain an Associate of Science degree in nursing and be eligible for taking the NCLEX-RN® exam at the completion of five semesters, although it is not mandatory; the student is expected to continue the final three semesters of the program to completion of the BSN degree, even if licensed after attainment of the AS degree.

    b. If accepted into nursing at a MANE university, the student will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® exam at completion of the baccalaureate curriculum (8 semesters) and awarding of the Bachelor of Science in nursing degree.

17. Why attain a BSN degree?

The healthcare environment and needs of patients, families and communities are rapidly changing which requires the need for highly-educated nurses. According to *the Institute of Medicine Report, The Future of Nursing: Focus on Education*:

> As patient needs and care environments have become more complex, nurses need to attain requisite competencies to deliver high-quality care. These competencies include leadership, health policy, system improvement, research and evidence-based practice, and teamwork and collaboration, as well as competency in specific content areas such as community and public health and geriatrics. Nurses also are being called upon to fill expanding roles and to master technological tools and information management systems while collaborating and coordinating care across teams of health professionals (IOM, 2011).

In response, the IOM Recommendation 4 is to: Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020, supports attainment of the BSN degree early in a nurse's career. Beginning practice as a BSN prepared nurse will better prepare you for the healthcare environment and offer a wide expanse of employment opportunities upon licensure. Many healthcare systems in Minnesota prefer, and in some cases mandate, baccalaureate preparation for employment of new graduate nurses.

Reference

Institute of Medicine. (2010). *The future of nursing: Leading change, advancing health*. Retrieved from http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12956&page=R1