

Graduate Nursing

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Degree

To earn a degree, students must complete the curriculum and meet other requirements for a degree listed in the academic policy section of this catalog.

- [Master of Science in Nursing](#)

Program

- [Post-MSN Certificate Track](#)

Admission to the MSN Program

- See graduate admissions section of university catalog.

Enrollment Requirements

- Student liability insurance is purchased by the Department of Nursing at group rates. A fee is assessed to cover the cost.
- Criminal background checks are required prior to enrollment. Information is available in the Department of Nursing office.
- Students need a current passport for enrollment in NUR 5306/5308 Global and Cultural Health I and II.

Professional Portfolio

Candidates for the MSN will develop a professional portfolio over the course of the program. Criteria for development of the portfolio are presented in the Introduction to Graduate Studies Course taken the first semester of enrollment. The concepts and purposes of the portfolio will be developed further in subsequent classes and are part of the capstone course. The portfolio enables students, in a formal setting, to present a synthesis of their graduate course work to the faculty, especially emphasizing how they have integrated its advanced concepts into their professional behavior as nursing educators and leaders and as family nurse practitioners. The portfolio is presented in the final semester of required coursework. Satisfactory portfolio development and presentation is required for successful completion of the MSN program.

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The program is designed to equip the learner with the knowledge, skills, and values identified in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) *Essentials of Masters Education for Advanced Practice Nursing*. The AACN essentials provide a foundation for the graduate curriculum. The Master of Science in Nursing has two tracks; Education/Leadership Track and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track. Each track has its own admission requirements and curriculum.

Master of Science in Nursing—Education/Leadership Track

The Master of Science in Nursing—Education/Leadership Track requires 35 hours. The ANA professional nursing standards domains of practice for the role of nurse educator (nursing professional development), nurse leader (nursing administrator), and National League for Nursing Core Competencies of Nurse Educators are discussed within the program curriculum. Graduates who meet work experience and continuing education requirements are prepared for optional national certification as a nurse educator (staff development focus), or nurse executive through the American Nursing Credentialing Commission or the National League for Nursing (academic nurse educator certification). The program is designed to accommodate the registered nurse who is working full-time. It employs a combination of innovative methods to deliver the curriculum offered within a traditional semester. The majority of classes will use a short-course format meeting three to four days per semester

supplemented with online instruction. Graduates from the program will be qualified to find employment in a variety of nursing education and leadership positions in hospital and community based health care organizations.

Education/Leadership Track Curriculum (35 hours)

- NUR5200 Introduction to Graduate Studies
- NUR5302 Research and Statistical Methods
- NUR5311 Professional Issues: Law and Ethics
- NUR5301 Education: Theories in Teaching and Learning
- NUR5303 Education and Information Technology Applications
- NUR5304 Management of Health Care Resources
- NUR5305 Nursing Theory
- NUR5306 Global Culture and Health I
- NUR5307 Applying Best Practices in Community Health Care
- NUR5309 Leadership and Management Skills
- NUR5310 Education/Leadership Capstone Practicum
- 3 hours from
 - NUR5308 Global Culture and Health II
 - NUR5313 Pharmacotherapeutics
 - NUR5312 Pathophysiology
 - NUR5361 Interpersonal Counseling Skills in Human and Organizational Behavior
 - NUR5399 Independent Study

Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner Track

The Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track requires 46 hours. The MSN—FNP Track is designed to prepare graduates to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) board certification exams to assume a primary care role in a clinical setting. Admission to the cohort-based program is limited. Applications are accepted beginning August 1 and close January 15 and the program begins each May. The program uses a combination of traditional and hybrid instructional delivery methods with a substantial amount of time in lectures, labs, and clinical experiences.

FNP Track Curriculum (46 hours)

- NUR5200 Introduction to Graduate Studies
- NUR5302 Research and Statistical Methods
- NUR5311 Professional Issues: Law and Ethics
- NUR5101 Advanced Practice Nursing and Forensics: High Risk Populations
- NUR5202 Family Nursing Practitioner Role, Leadership, and Theory
- NUR5204 Advanced Diagnostics and Procedures
- NUR5312 Pathophysiology
- NUR5313 Pharmacotherapeutics
- NUR5334 Advanced Health Assessment
- NUR5338 Advanced Nursing Care: Pediatrics
- NUR5341 Advanced Nursing Care: Adult/Geriatrics
- NUR5344 Clinical Practicum: Women/Prenatal
- NUR5640 Clinical Practicum: Primary Care Pediatrics
- NUR5643 Clinical Practicum: Primary Care Adult/Geriatrics
- NUR6300 Evidence-Based Project

Post-MSN Certificate—Family Nurse Practitioner Track

The Post-MSN Certificate—Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track requires 38 hours. The Post-MSN Certificate—FNP Track is designed to prepare nurses with the MSN to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) board certification exams to assume a primary care role in a clinical setting. Students in the Post-MSN Certificate—FNP Track, are not eligible for federal financial assistance. Admission to the program is limited. Applications are accepted beginning August 1 and close January 15. The program uses a combination of traditional and hybrid instructional delivery methods with a substantial amount of time in lectures, labs, and clinical experiences.

Post-MSN Certificate FNP Track Curriculum (38 hours)

- NUR5101 Advanced Practice Nursing and Forensics: High Risk Populations
- NUR5202 Family Nursing Practitioner Role, Leadership, and Theory
- NUR5204 Advanced Diagnostics and Procedures
- NUR5312 Pathophysiology
- NUR5313 Pharmacotherapeutics
- NUR5334 Advanced Health Assessment
- NUR5338 Advanced Nursing Care: Pediatrics
- NUR5341 Advanced Nursing Care: Adult/Geriatrics
- NUR5344 Clinical Practicum: Women/Prenatal
- NUR5640 Clinical Practicum: Primary Care Pediatrics
- NUR5643 Clinical Practicum: Primary Care Adult/Geriatrics
- NUR6300 Evidence-Based Capstone Project