



School of Nursing

Online Master of Science in Nursing Programs

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
- Forensic Nursing
- Nursing Education and Faculty Role



Enroll as a nurse. Graduate as a leader.

Demand for nurses prepared at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels is at an all-time high. Our suite of online nursing degrees is designed to help you achieve the clinical and leadership skills needed to care for patients across health care settings.

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Online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- Clinical Leadership
- Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management (Post-Bachelor's & Post-Master's)

Online PhD

- PhD In Nursing
- PhD in Nursing Ethics

Online Post-Master's Nursing Certificates

- Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
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About Duquesne University

Who we are today has a lot to do with who we were yesterday. Founded more than 135 years ago by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Duquesne was built on a core set of values that guides us even now.

As one of the nation's top Catholic universities, our Spiritan tradition means a lot to us. You'll see it in the way we treat one another, the way we learn and how we view the world. We strive to provide a well-rounded education that will challenge you academically while nourishing your spiritual and ethical development.

Today, Duquesne is home to nine schools of study and serves 9,500 students. We boast a 15:1 student-faculty ratio with 80 undergraduate programs; 90 master's, doctoral and professional programs; and 22 postgraduate certificate programs.



About the Duquesne School of Nursing

We've spent the past 80 years serving as a pioneer in nursing education:



First university in the nation to offer an online PhD in Nursing



First university in Pennsylvania to grant a BSN degree



First dual undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and nursing (2014)



One of the first forensic nursing programs in the country (2002)



First to offer a PhD in Nursing Ethics program (2017)

Today, our school is recognized by the National League for Nursing as a Center of Excellence, and our degree programs are consistently ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Compassion and service are at the core of our nursing curriculum and remain a critical component in our approach to education. No matter where you are in your career, we have the experience and drive to ensure your growth as a person, care provider and nursing leader.

Accreditation and Affiliations

The MSN, DNP and Post-Master's Certificate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). The university is also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National League for Nursing (NLN).

Duquesne University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The MSCHE is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.



Duquesne University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 1-267-284-5000.

The master's degree in nursing, nursing certificates and DNP program at Duquesne University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, 1-202-887-6791.

Rankings and Recognition

As a testament to our mission-driven commitment to academic excellence, Duquesne University has earned numerous accolades for our programs and initiatives.



U.S. News & World Report 2020 ranks Duquesne:
No. 45 in the nation for “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs”
No. 5 “Best Online Family Nurse Practitioner Master’s Programs”
No. 3 “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Education Programs”
Top 20 among the “Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs for Veterans”



Ranked among the “Best 385 Colleges” — which profiles only 15% of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges.



Named as one of “America’s Top Colleges” and listed among “Best Value Colleges” and “Best Value Private Colleges.”



**National League
for Nursing**

Recognized for Outstanding Achievements in Student Learning and Professional Development by the NLN as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education.



Recognized as a Military Friendly® Top 10 Gold Medal School for 2020-2021.

Fulfill Your Nursing Career Goals with Your MSN

The role of the advanced practice nurse is expanding, and qualified APNs are in great demand. If you have earned your bachelor's degree and are looking to take the next step in your nursing career, Duquesne University's online Master of Science in Nursing program offers three specializations to help give you the focus to accomplish your goals.



Online Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner MSN Program (AGACNP)

Specialize your nursing knowledge to care for adults of all ages. Earning your MSN in adult-gerontology acute care will prepare you for national certification and licensure as an adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner and permit you to provide services ranging from disease prevention to critical care for individuals across the adult continuum.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a BSN from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Have completed an undergraduate-level statistics course with a “C” or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences as they relate to the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP and advancing your career
- Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other achievements or abilities)
- Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

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Adult-Gerontology Acute Care MSN Courses

42 Credit Hours (12 courses)

GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (<i>Note: Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours</i>)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNAG 550	Foundations of Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practice (<i>Note: 75 precepted hours</i>)	3
GNAG 551	Adult Gerontology Acute Care I (<i>Note: Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 200 precepted hours</i>)	5
GNAG 552	Adult Gerontology Acute Care II (<i>Note: Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 200 precepted hours</i>)	5
GNAG 553	Adult Gerontology Acute Care III (<i>Note: 225 precepted hours</i>)	5

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Online Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner MSN Program

If you're a registered nurse with a BSN degree, our family nurse practitioner MSN program may be the next step in your nursing career. Earning a graduate degree can take your care delivery to a deeper level. Family NPs are highly involved with their patients, families and community.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a BSN from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN (prior to registration in clinical or specialty courses)
- Complete an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Family Nurse Practitioner MSN degree
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences that relate to advancing your career
- Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other achievements or abilities)
- Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

Family Nurse Practitioner MSN Courses

42 Credit Hours (12 courses)

GNFN 508	Foundations of Family Care: Women (Note: 75 precepted hours required)	3
GNFN 509	Foundations of Family Care: Infants, Children & Adolescents (Note: 150 precepted hours required)	4
GNFN 510	Foundations of Family and Individual Care I (Note: Campus residency for 25 lab hours and 200 precepted clinical hours required)	6
GNFN 511	Foundations of Family and Individual Care II (Note: 225 precepted hours required)	5
GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-Based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3

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Online Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner MSN Program (PMHNP)

As a registered nurse with a BSN degree who desires to impact your patients' mental health, our psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner MSN program may be the next step in your nursing career. Earning your MSN in psychiatric-mental health will prepare you for certification and licensure as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner who can evaluate, diagnose, manage and treat patients with mental health disorders, both acute and chronic.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a BSN from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Have completed an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Psychiatric-Mental Health NP
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences as they relate to the Psychiatric-Mental Health NP and advancing your career
- Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
- Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
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Psychiatric-Mental Health MSN Courses

44 Credit Hours (15 courses)

GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (<i>Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours</i>)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNMH 535	Psychopharmacology / Biologic Therapies for Neuropsychiatric Dysregulations	4
GNMH 536	Psychiatric-Mental Health Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
GNMH 537	Individual, Group, and Family Therapies Across the Lifespan	2
GNMH 538	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 125 precepted hours</i>)	3
GNMH 539	Serious Mental Illnesses/Substance Use Disorders Across the Lifespan	2
GNMH 540	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>150 precepted hours</i>)	3
GNMH 541	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for Advance Practice Nursing (<i>225 precepted hours</i>)	4

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Online Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management MSN Program

As health care becomes more complex, the need will grow for nurses with leadership and health care management skills. Pursue your graduate education in executive nursing leadership to understand how business, human resources and finance fit together to improve patient outcomes and how you can make an impact as a nurse leader.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license.
- Hold a bachelor's degree (nursing or non-nursing) from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher. BSN degree preferred.
- Have completed an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher or a graduate-level statistics course with a "B" or higher.

Note: We prefer at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses. Strong leadership experience is preferred.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Reasons why you are pursuing your MSN degree in Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
 - Your professional plans and career goals and specific leadership positions you want to obtain upon completion of the MSN in Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
 - Discuss formal and/or informal leadership roles that you have experienced and how they relate to your desire to obtain a MSN in Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management
 - Past accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
- Two references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)
- An interview may be required

Executive Nurse Leadership and Health Care Management MSN Courses

30 Credit Hours (10 courses)

GPNG 523	Historical & Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice & Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice & Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-Based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 928	Social Justice and Vulnerable Populations	3
GPNS 956	Nursing Informatics and Data Management	3
MGMT 601	The Entrepreneurial Manager	3
MGMT 609	Human Resource Management	3
MGMT 619	Health Care Finance / Budgeting & Business Operations	3
MGMT 620	Business Strategy	3

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Online Forensic Nursing MSN Program

If you're a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree looking for emerging fields in nursing, our Forensic Nursing MSN program may be for you. An MSN in Forensic Nursing allows you to act as an advocate for victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse, or you could work as a death investigator, nurse coroner or legal nurse consultant.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a Bachelor's degree (BSN preferred) from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Complete an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Forensic Nursing MSN degree
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences that relate to advancing your career
- Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
- Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

Forensic Nursing MSN Courses

36 Credit Hours (12 courses)

GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (<i>Note: Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours</i>)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNFO 517	Forensic Science and the Legal System	3
GNFO 518	Criminal Law and the Courts	3
GNFO 519	Advanced Forensic Nursing I - Theory and Practice	3
GNFO 520	Advanced Forensic Nursing II - Program Development, Leadership & Policy	3
GNFO 521	Forensic Clinical and Capstone (<i>Note: 150 precepted hours required</i>)	3

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Online Nursing Education and Faculty Role MSN Program

Nurses who are ready to use their health care experience to shape the next generation of nurses may be interested in pursuing an MSN with a specialization in Nursing Education and Faculty Role. Our program focuses on theory and real-world application of the most effective techniques, trends and innovations in nursing education, preparing you to teach in the classroom, clinical arena and online.

To qualify for our online MSN program, you must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Hold a bachelor's degree (BSN preferred) from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Have completed an undergraduate-level statistics course with a "C" or higher

Note: Must have at least one year of full-time work experience as an RN prior to registration in the clinical or specialty courses.

Admission Requirements

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2-3 pages)
 - Clearly articulate why you are pursuing the Nursing Education and Faculty Role MSN degree
 - Your professional plans and career goals
 - Why you wish to study at Duquesne
 - Past experiences as they relate to the Nursing Education and Faculty Role and advancing your career
- Accomplishments you have had in nursing (professional organization membership or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
- Any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history
- Two professional references (one academic and one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

Nursing Education and Faculty Role MSN Courses

36 Credit Hours (12 courses)

GNED 507	Foundations in Education Theory for Professional Practice Disciplines	3
GNED 522	Innovative Curriculum Design and Evaluation	3
GNED 531	Advanced Clinical Nursing (Note: 75 precepted hours required)	3
GNED 532	Emerging Trends and Innovations in the Teaching of Nursing	3
GNED 533	Nursing Faculty Role Practicum (Note: 75 practicum hours required)	3
GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 526	Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention and Population-Based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing (Required campus clinical lab of 25 hours and 50 precepted hours)	3
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