



# Online Nursing Programs

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# Enroll as a nurse. Graduate as a leader.

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Demand for nurses prepared at the bachelor's, graduate and doctoral levels is at an all-time high. Those with the skills to elevate patient care across a variety of health settings can not only thrive on the front lines but also play a role in redefining the future of the field. And that's exactly what our suite of online nursing degrees is designed to help you do.

## **Online Nursing Degree Programs**

Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)  
Online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Forensic Nursing  
Online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Nursing Education and Faculty Role  
Online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Family Nurse Practitioner  
Online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

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## **Online Nursing Certificate Programs**

Online Post-Master's Certificate – Forensic Nursing  
Online Post-Master's Certificate – Nursing Education and Faculty Role  
Online Post-Master's Certificate – Family Nurse Practitioner

# About Duquesne University

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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, in the way we learn and in 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 9 schools of study and serves more than 10,000 students. We boast a 15:1 student-faculty ratio, with 80 undergraduate programs, 85 master's, doctoral and professional programs, and 22 post-graduate certificate programs.







# About the Duquesne School of Nursing

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

- First university in the nation to offer an online Ph.D. in nursing (1997)
- First university in Pennsylvania to grant a BSN degree (1937)

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 you grow as a person, care provider and nursing leader.

# Accreditation and Affiliations

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The BSN, MSN 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 and the National League for Nursing.

Duquesne University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education 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 baccalaureate degree in nursing and master's degree in nursing 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 has earned numerous accolades for our programs and initiatives.



No. 13 among national Catholic universities  
No. 26 in the nation for Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs  
Top 10 among the Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs for Veterans  
Top 100 Popular Schools in the nation  
Ranked among "America's Best Colleges"  
Ranked among "Best Online Bachelor's Programs"



Ranked among the "Best 380 Colleges" — which profiles only 15 percent 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"



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



Recognized as a Gold-Level Military Friendly School by Victory Media.



# Online RN to BSN

## Enrich Your Career. Deepen Your Capacity to Serve.

We know that great service in nursing begins with strong values and a firm educational foundation, and we're dedicated to supporting you as you take the next step toward nursing leadership.

## Why choose your online RN-BSN from Duquesne?

- **Flexibility:** Learn 100% online with no residency requirement, and choose one of three convenient start dates
- **Support:** Duquesne helps set you up for success with academic advisors and faculty mentors who are experts in online nursing education
- **Accreditation:** Duquesne's School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- **Advancement:** Take up to three graduate-level courses for a seamless transition into our graduate program

## Admission Requirements

To qualify for our online BSN programs, you must meet the following prerequisites:

- Hold an associate degree in nursing or a diploma degree in nursing, with a GPA of at least 2.75
- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license

In addition, you must provide the following:

- A completed undergraduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Official transcript(s)
- Nonrefundable \$50 application fee (waivers available)
- **If accepted**, nonrefundable \$500 deposit to reserve your place

*Note: Curriculum is subject to change.*

Ready to get started or have questions?  
Call 888-305-5749 to speak with an enrollment advisor today.

## Curriculum

Our RN to BSN program is intended for registered nurses who have earned their two-year associate degree or diploma in nursing. The curriculum comprises the following:

### Online RN-BSN Curriculum

Required Courses	30 Credit Hours (9 Courses)
Optional Courses	6 Credit Hours (2 Courses)
University Core*	21 Credit Hours (7 Courses)
Electives*	9 Credit Hours (# of Courses Varies)

\*Note: Students have the option to take the university core and elective courses either at Duquesne University or at another accredited college or university. Some students may not be required to take all of these courses. Please speak to an Academic Advisor for more information regarding your situation.

### Required Courses

UPNS 112	Information Technology and Nursing Practice	3
UPNS 222W	Examining Contemporary Nursing and Healthcare Issues	3
UPNS 223	Population Based Health and Community Health Nursing	6
UPNS 326	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	3
UPNS 327	Practice, Advocacy and Policy Issues for the Older Adult	3
UPNS 339W	Genetics in Nursing and Health	3
UPNS 411	Nursing Ethics Across the Life Span <b>Or the Graduate* Course:</b> GPNG 526 Health Care Ethics in Practice and Policy	3
UPNS 423	Evidence Based Approaches to Professional Nursing Practice <b>Or the Graduate* Course:</b> GPNG 524 Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
UPNS 428	Organizational and Clinical Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare <b>Or the Graduate* Course:</b> GPNG 525 Organizational and Clinical Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare	3

### Optional Courses

UPNS 493	Specialties in Professional Nursing Seminar	3
UPNS 494	Specialties in Professional Nursing Practicum	3

### University Core/Elective Courses

MATH 125	Fundamentals of Statistics	3
UCOR 101	Thinking & Writing Across the Curriculum	3
UCOR 102	Imaginative Literature and Critical Writing	3
UCOR 132	Basic Philosophical Questions	3
UCOR ###	<b>Creative Arts:</b>	<b>3</b>
	ARHY 100 Understanding Art, or MUNM 170 Enjoyment of Music	
UCOR ###	<b>Theology Core:</b>	<b>3</b>
	UCOR 141 Biblical Historical Perspectives, or UCOR 142 Theological Views of Human Person, or UCOR 143 Global and Cultural Perspectives	
UCOR ###	<b>Faith and Reason:</b>	<b>3</b>
	HIST 174 Sacred Places, or THEO 280 Faith and Reason	

\*RN-BSN students in good standing may enroll in a maximum of three graduate-level courses (nine credits total). If you're interested in taking this opportunity, please contact your Academic Advisor to see if you qualify.