



Online Nursing Programs

Enroll as a nurse. Graduate as a leader.



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)

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

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

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

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.



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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 Doctor of Nursing Practice

Set yourself apart from 99% of nurses.

The need for doctorally prepared nurses has never been higher. And as it stands, less than 1% of all U.S. nurses hold this in-demand credential. If you're ready to maximize your scope of practice, we're ready to help you do it.

Choose Duquesne for your online DNP, and you can gain the advanced expertise to:

- Drive organizational effectiveness
- Influence health care policy
- Design new models for patient care
- Provide leadership for evidence-based practice in nursing



“My experience at Duquesne has been like no other. The flexibility and support of the faculty is without parallel. The program allows me to continue to practice full time as a family nurse practitioner while working from home on my doctorate.”

— Sarah Thorn, DNP Student

Applicant Requirements

To qualify for admission into our online DNP program, you must:

- Hold an MSN from a CCNE- or ACEN-accredited nursing program with a GPA of 3.0
- Have completed an undergraduate or graduate statistics course with a “B” or better
- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Complete a phone interview with a DNP Admission Committee member

Admission process:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (500 to 1,000 words)
- Three professional reference letters
- Official transcript(s)
- \$250 nonrefundable deposit

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

The online DNP program is a total of 35 credits — nine, three-credit courses and two, four-credit courses. You can complete the entire curriculum in as few as two years.

Course No.	Name	Credits
GPNS 949	Foundation of Evidence-Based Practice: Evaluation of Research	3
GPNS 950	Foundations of Transformation: Translating Evidence to Practice	3
GPNS 905	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
GPNS 951	Program Analysis and Measuring Change	3
GPNS 916	Health Care Information Systems	3
GPNS 917	Transcultural Care and Global Health Perspectives	3
GPNS 928	Social Justice and Vulnerable Populations	3
GPNS 907	Health Care Policy and Finance	3
GPNS 937	Ethical Leadership in Complex Organizations	3
GPNS 952	Leadership Residency I (Thesis and 250 Scholarly Project Hours)	4
GPNS 953	Leadership Residency II (Thesis and 250 Scholarly Project Hours)	4
Total DNP Degree		35

As an online DNP student, you'll have the opportunity to complete three unique residency experiences:

- Writing residency
- Optional study-abroad residency
- Leadership residency (scholarly project)