



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 Master of Science in Nursing

Fulfill Your Nursing Career Goals with Your MSN

The role of the advanced practice nurse is expanding and the need for APNs is in great demand. If you have earned your BSN 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.

Which track is right for you?

- **Family Nurse Practitioner:** Learn how to provide outstanding care to people across the lifespan. Study cutting-edge techniques in primary care, and prepare for your AANPCP, ANCC and CRNP certification.
- **Forensic Nursing:** If you want to support patients in the forensics specialty, you can benefit from the specialized training our MSN in Forensic Nursing offers. Learn how to address violence in your community, understand the legal system and develop programs to advance this emerging field.
- **Nursing Education and Faculty Role:** Tomorrow's great nurses need a great education. You can help provide it. 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.

Applicant Requirements

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

- Hold a BSN from an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Have at least 1 year of full-time work experience as an RN (prior to registration in clinical or specialty courses)
- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- **If applicable to your specialization:** Take an undergraduate-level statistics, an undergraduate-level physical assessment course and/or a computer literacy course.

Admission process:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (1-2 pages)
- Two professional reference letters (one academic, one professional)
- Official transcript(s)
- **If applying for FNP or Nursing Education:** Syllabus for statistics course and physical assessment course

Please note that a **faculty interview** also may be required.

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*

To earn your online MSN, you're required to successfully complete between 35 and 42 credit hours, depending on the program you choose.*

Core Credit Requirements (All Specializations)

MSN Core 24 Credit Hours (8 Courses)

Specialization Credit Requirements

Family Nurse Practitioner 21 Credit Hours (5 Courses)

Forensic Nursing 15 Credit Hours (5 Courses)

Nursing Education and Faculty Role 24 Credit Hours (6 Courses)

*Note: If you have previously earned master's-level nursing credits with a grade of "B" or higher, you may be able to transfer up to 9 credit hours to be applied to your MSN.

MSN Core Courses (required for all specializations)

GPNG 523	Historical and Contemporary Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GPNG 524	Evidence Based Nursing Practice and Policy Development	3
GPNG 525	Organizational and Clinical Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare	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 and Differential Diagnosis for APNs (Note: Required campus clinical lab of 40 hours in November)	3
GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Family Nurse Practitioner Courses

GNFN 508	Foundations of Family Care: Women	3
GNFN 509	Foundations of Family Care: Infants, Children & Adolescents	4
GNFN 510	Foundations of Family and Individual Care I (Note: Required campus clinical lab of 40 hours in fall)	6
GNFN 511	Foundations of Family and Individual Care II	5
GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Online MSN-FNP students will complete two, 3-day residencies.

Forensic Nursing Courses

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 (Note: 120 clinical hours required.)	3

Online MSN-Forensics students also complete one, 3-day residency experience.

Nursing Education and Faculty Role Courses

GNED 507	Foundations in Education Theory for Professional Practice Disciplines	3
GNED 522	Innovative Curriculum Design and Evaluation	3
GNED 534	The Legal Environment for the Practice of Nursing Education	3
GNED 531	Advanced Clinical Nursing	3
GNED 532	Emerging Trends and Innovations in the Teaching of Nursing	3
GNED 533	Nursing Faculty Role Practicum (Note: 120 practicum hours required.)	3

Online MSN-Nursing Education students also complete one, 3-day residency experience.