



# 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

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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 Post-Master's Certificates in Nursing

## There's Room to Grow in Your Nursing Career. We'll Help.

Did you know there are more than 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States? In such a diverse and competitive industry, you might want a boost beyond your MSN to help differentiate you in the field. Duquesne University offers three great online Post-Master's Certificate (PMC) options to give your career renewed focus and help you stand out as a top nursing professional.

### Which certificate 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 PMC programs, you must meet the following prerequisites:

- Hold a BSN and MSN from an accredited college or university
- 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 reference letters (one academic, one professional)
- Official transcript(s)
- **If applying for FNP:** Syllabus for 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

### Certificate Credit Requirements (No Prior NP Certification)\*

Family Nurse Practitioner	33 Credit Hours (9 Courses)
Forensic Nursing	24 Credit Hours (8 Courses)
Nursing Education and Faculty Role	27 Credit Hours (9 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 PMC.

### Family Nurse Practitioner Courses

GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for APNs	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for APNs	3
GPNG 527	Clinical Prevention & Population Based Health Promotion	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
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	6
(Note: Required campus clinical lab of 40 hours in fall)		
GNFN 511	Foundations of Family and Individual Care II	5
GNFN 512	Transitioning to Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Online FNP Post-Master's Certificate students also have the opportunity to complete two, 3-day residencies.

### Forensic Nursing Courses

GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for APNs	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
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for APNs	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
GNFO 521	Forensic Clinical and Capstone	3
(Note: 150 clinical hours required.)		

### Nursing Education and Faculty Role Courses

GPNG 529	Pathophysiology for APNs	3
GPNG 530	Pharmacology for APNs	3
GPNG 528	Physical Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice: Implications for Nursing Faculty	3
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 510	Advanced Clinical Nursing	3
GNED 532	Emerging Trends and Innovations in the Teaching of Nursing	3
GNED 533	Nursing Faculty Role Practicum	3
(Note: 120 practicum hours required.)		

Online Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education students also complete one, 3-day residency experience.

Prospective students with prior NP certification or applicable transfer credit may be exempt from certain courses. This will be assessed during the admissions process.