Online Nursing Programs
Demand for nurses prepared at the bachelor’s, master’s 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) – Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner
- Online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Forensic Nursing
- Online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Nursing Education and Faculty Role
- Online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  - PhD in Nursing
  - DNP to PhD in Nursing
  - PhD in Nursing Ethics

**Online Nursing Certificate Programs**
- Online Post-Master’s Certificate – Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner Online
- Post-Master’s Certificate – Forensic Nursing
- Online Post-Master’s Certificate – Nursing Education and Faculty Role
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 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.
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 (1997)
- First university in Pennsylvania to grant a BSN degree (1937)
- First dual undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and nursing
- One of the first forensic nursing programs in the country
- First to offer a one-of-a-kind PhD in Nursing Ethics program

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, 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 baccalaureate degree in nursing, 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 has earned numerous accolades for our programs and initiatives.

No. 45 in the nation for “Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs”
Top 20 among the “Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs for Veterans”
Ranked as one of the 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 Award-winning Military Friendly School by Victory Media.
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 healthcare policy
- Design new models for patient care
- Provide leadership for evidence-based practice in nursing

Everyone involved in the DNP program truly wants the students to be successful and they dedicate their time and effort into make completion a reality.
— Lindsay Searle, 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

Admission process:
- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
  - Reasons you’re pursuing your DNP degree
  - Your professional plans and career goals
  - Your DNP Practice Project topic or idea
  - Any past experiences as it relates to your area of interest or advancing career
  - Past achievements you’ve had in nursing (professional organization memberships or positions, awards, scholarships, nominations, certifications, committee/project work, scholarly publications, other accomplishments or abilities)
- Three professional reference letters
- Official transcript(s)
- A phone interview may be required to complete the admission process

Curriculum
The online DNP program comprises 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.

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As an online DNP student, you’ll have the opportunity to complete three unique residency experiences:
- Writing residency
- Optional study-abroad residency (GPNS 917)
- Leadership residency (scholarly project)

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

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.