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. 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”
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.
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 (Individual Across the Lifespan) 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 or AANC 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 provide trauma-informed care 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 (preferred) and MSN from an accredited college or university
- Hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- Have successfully completed an undergraduate statistics course

Admission process:

- A completed graduate application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (2 pages)
  - Reasons you’re pursuing your Post-Master’s Certificate
  - Your professional plans and career goals
  - Why you chose Duquesne University
  - Any past experiences as it relates to you advancing your 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)
- Describe any special circumstances applicable to your background and professional history.
- Two professional reference letters
  - (one academic, one professional in a supervisory role)
- Official transcript(s)

Curriculum

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

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Courses without precepted hours run for 8 weeks, and those with precepted hours run the entire term.

*Note for Post-Master’s FNP: 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**

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Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Ready to get started? Have questions? Call 868-705-5749 to speak with an enrollment advisor today.