School of Nursing

8th in DNP & 13th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 Best Nursing Schools
6th in NIH funding (2014) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

UNDERGRADUATE

BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
- Undergraduate BSN
- Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN
- RN Options - Early Admission to MSN or DNP

GRADUATE

DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice)
- BSN to DNP (onsite)
- MSN to DNP (onsite) (online* with master’s degree in same focus)
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - Adult-Gerontology
  - Psychiatric Mental Health (MSN to DNP only)
- Nurse Midwife (BSN to DNP only)
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nurse Practitioner
  - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
  - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care
  - Family (Individual Across the Lifespan)
  - Neonatal
  - Pediatric Primary Care
  - Psychiatric Mental Health
- Nurse Specialty Role
  - Health Systems Executive Leadership (online* also available with BSN and master’s degree in related focus)

MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)
- BSN to MSN
  - Nurse Practitioner
  - Neonatal (onsite)
  - Nurse Specialty Roles
    - Clinical Nurse Leader (online* or onsite)
    - Nursing Informatics (online*)

PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- BSN to PhD (onsite)
- MSN to PhD (onsite)

CERTIFICATES, MINORS, & CONTINUING EDUCATION

CERTIFICATES
- Post-Baccalaureate
  - Health Care Genetics
  - Nursing Research (online*)
- School Nurse
- Post-Master’s or Post-DNP
  - Health Care Genetics
  - Nursing Education
  - Nursing Informatics (online*)
  - Nursing Research (online*)
  - School Nurse
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

* PittOnline (online.pitt.edu / 412-648-9499)
  View a Virtual Open House & list of states in which the School of Nursing is authorized to enroll online students

MINORS
- Post-Baccalaureate
  - Health Care Genetics
  - Nursing Administration
  - Nursing Education
  - Nursing Informatics
  - Nursing Research
- Gerontology Minor for Nurse Practitioners

CONTINUING EDUCATION
nursing.pitt.edu/continuing-education

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BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
The undergraduate baccalaureate curriculum combines the latest in evidence based practice that emphasizes patient centered care. The distinct advantage of a four-year program is that it gives students the opportunity to combine a strong theoretical base of biological and behavioral sciences with a foundation in the liberal arts.

Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN
The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN curriculum is designed to enable students with a previous baccalaureate degree to earn a BSN degree in three consecutive terms. The rigorous, fast-paced curriculum builds upon previous education while providing the science and nursing content necessary to earn a BSN degree.

RN Options - Early Admission to MSN or DNP
The RN Options-Early Admission to MSN or DNP curriculum is designed for registered nurses who graduated from an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program. It provides the opportunity to earn a BSN degree with early admission to a graduate nursing program (MSN or DNP). A part time option is available for working nurses.

MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)
The MSN curriculum helps BSN graduates keep pace with the changing demands of healthcare and the nursing profession. It provides an organized sequential plan of study that leads to preparation in a specialized nursing role. An online option is available in Clinical Nurse Leader and Nursing Informatics.

DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice)
The DNP curriculum prepares BSN and MSN graduates within a specialized advanced clinical focus (Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Anesthesia, Nurse Practitioner) or systems focus (Health Systems Executive Leadership). The DNP focuses on practice that is innovative and evidence-based, reflecting the critical appraisal and application of research. Graduates are prepared as nursing leaders for the highest levels of nursing practice. An online option is available for nurses with a master's degree in the same focus as the area being pursued. The online option in Health Systems Executive Leadership is also available for nurses with a BSN and master's degree in a related focus.

PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
The PhD curriculum prepares BSN and MSN graduates as nurse scholars who will discover and extend scientific knowledge that advances the science and practice of nursing and contributes to other disciplines. Opportunities exist for interdisciplinary study, with an emphasis on the development of expertise within a focused area. Graduates can assume leadership roles within research teams, health care systems, and schools of nursing in academic institutions.

Certificates
Certificates provide an educational opportunity for professional nurses to enhance and expand their role and increase marketability.

- Post-Baccalaureate certificate credits may be applied to a future University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing graduate degree. An online option is available in Nursing Research.
- Post-Master's or Post-DNP certificates are available in clinical practice and in nurse specialty roles. An online option is available in Nursing Informatics and Nursing Research.

Minors
Graduate students may supplement the knowledge and skills gained in their programs by adding a minor and a second skill set. This increases marketability and professional opportunity following program completion.

Continuing Education
Continuing Education provides evidence based live and enduring educational activities to support lifelong learning for professional nurses focusing in the areas of advanced practice, education, leadership, and re-entry into practice. The School of Nursing is an accredited provider of continuing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC), provider number PO229. A schedule of educational activities is available at nursing.pitt.edu/continuing-education.