School of Nursing

7th in DNP & 8th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Nursing Grad Schools
7th in NIH funding (2017) 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: RN-BSN (online* or onsite)
  - RN-MSN Clinical Nurse Leader (online* or onsite) / Nursing Informatics (online*) / Neonatal NP (onsite)
- RN-DNP (onsite)

**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* or onsite)
  - (MSN or BSN with master’s degree in related focus to DNP only)

**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*)

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

**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

* PittOnline (online.pitt.edu / 412-648-9499) / View a Virtual Open House

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BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
The undergraduate BSN 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 is designed to enable students with a previous baccalaureate or higher 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: RN-BSN, RN-MSN, RN-DNP
The RN Options provides the opportunity for professional nurses to earn a BSN or BSN with early admission to MSN or DNP. Curricula build upon the nurse’s strengths and experiences to expand professional knowledge and practice skills which may provide potential career changing opportunities. An online option is available in RN-BSN and RN-MSN (Clinical Nurse Leader) and RN-MSN (Nursing Informatics).

MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)
The MSN 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 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 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 life-long 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.