

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, RN-MSN, RN-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

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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

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 - Early Admission to MSN or 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.

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.