OVERVIEW
The RN Options program provides the opportunity for registered nurses to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or BSN with early admission to MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) or DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice). Curricula build upon the nurse's strengths and experiences to expand professional knowledge and practice skills which may provide potential career changing opportunities. Options include: (1) RN-BSN, (2) RN-MSN, and (3) RN-DNP.

The RN-BSN is offered online or onsite.

The RN-MSN and RN-DNP provide the opportunity to earn a BSN with early admission to MSN or DNP. Applicants submit one application for admission to the BSN and simultaneous conditional admission to the MSN or DNP. Applicants must meet admission criteria for the BSN and selected graduate program. Upon successful completion of the BSN and graduate bridge credits (which count towards the BSN and graduate degree), students are awarded the BSN degree and complete the remaining courses in the selected graduate program. Ultimately, students save one year of coursework! Various online and/or onsite options are available. Students enrolled in online programs or courses are not required to travel to campus.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
RN-BSN
- Online* or onsite
  - 52 credits / Part-time (~6 terms) or Full-time (~4 terms)
  - Fall, Spring, & Summer Term Admission

RN-MSN
Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- Online* or onsite
  - Part-time (varies) or Full-time (~7 terms)
  - Fall, Spring, & Summer Term Admission

Nursing Informatics
- Online*
  - Part-time (varies) or Full-time (~8 terms)
  - Fall, Spring, & Summer Term Admission

RN-DNP
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Anesthesia, Nurse Practitioner
- Online* (28 undergraduate & 21 graduate credits) and Onsite (minimum 60 graduate credits)
  - Part-time (varies) or Full-time (~12 terms)  Note: Nurse Anesthesia is Full-time only
  - Fall, Spring, & Summer Term Admission

*PittOnline (online.pitt.edu/ 412-648-9499)
  - View Virtual Open House
  - 24/7 access to library, computing resources, and virtual tech support

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ADMISSION CRITERIA

RN-BSN
- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- \( \geq 3.0 \) GPA in ADN or nursing diploma (from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program)
- Successful completion of all prerequisite courses
- Online application: nursing.pitt.edu (may submit application while completing prerequisites)
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu
- Application Deadlines: August 1 (Fall Term)  December 1 (Spring Term)  April 1 (Summer Term)

RN-MSN & RN-DNP
- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- NOTE: RN-DNP students must obtain PA license prior to beginning clinical courses.
- \( \geq 3.0 \) GPA in ADN or nursing diploma (from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program)
- Successful completion of all prerequisite courses
- Competitive GRE scores
- Clinical experience: varies per selected graduate program (nursing.pitt.edu)
- Online application: nursing.pitt.edu (may submit application while completing prerequisites)
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu
- Application Deadlines: August 1 (Fall Term)  December 1 (Spring Term)  April 1 (Summer Term)

PREREQUISITES

General Ed Courses (courses from U.S. institutions evaluated for equivalency to Univ of Pgh courses for possible transfer)*
- Anthropology (3 cr.)
- English Composition (3 cr.)
- Chemical Principles for Health Professions* includes lab (4 cr.)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2* includes labs (8 cr.)
- Microbiology* includes lab (4 cr.)
- Nutrition for Clinical Practice (3 cr.)
- Psychology (5 cr.)
- Communication / Public Speaking (3 cr.)
- Sociology (3 cr.)
- Statistics* (descriptive, probability & inferential) (3 cr.)
(37 credits)
*Completed within past 10 years with B- or higher grade required
Courses taken at the University of Pittsburgh, prior to admission, may be taken as non-degree seeking

Nursing Courses (may be transferred* or challenged by standardized exam/case study)
- Foundations of Nursing Practice 2
- Nursing Mgmt. of Adult with Acute/Chronic Health Problems
- Nursing Mgmt. of Adult with Acute/Chronic Health Problems Clinical
- Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns, & Families
- Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns, & Families Clinical
- Nursing Care of Children & Their Families
- Nursing Care of Children & Their Families Clinical
- Nursing Care of Clients with Psychiatric Mental Health Problems
- Nursing Care of Clients with Psychiatric Mental Health Problems Clinical
- Advanced Nursing Mgmt. of Adult with Acute/Complex Health Problems
- Advanced Nursing Mgmt. of Adult with Acute/Complex Health Problems Clinical
- Nursing Care of Older Adults
(31 credits)
* Maximum 60 credits (of 68 prerequisite credits) may be transferred from a 2-year institution.
The remaining 8 prerequisite credits may be transferred from a 4-year institution.

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