

Master of Science in Nursing Program

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Advanced Nursing Practice Role



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MSN Tracks

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Leadership (online)

Post Master's Certificates

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Palliative Care

Subspecialties:

- Palliative Care
- Nursing Education

Other options include:

- BSN-DNP
- RN-MSN

A respected leader in the health and healing professions, Ursuline offers flexible, affordable masters, post master's, and doctoral nursing degrees.

Graduate nursing courses are presented in Ursuline's value-based framework and emphasize the clinical components of advanced practice nursing. All students enrolled in the program take the master's core courses to enhance clinical reasoning and utilize evidence-based practice. Through the advanced practice core, students develop the knowledge and skills to become advanced practice nurses.

Ursuline College MSN graduates:

- Are leaders in nursing and function in both independent and interdependent roles as colleagues of other health care professionals in a variety of settings
- Value healing interaction as central to practice by integrating the human experience of health, illness and recovery
- Make decisions and take action based on the integration of a strong knowledge base; personal and professional values; and diverse cultural, religious, spiritual and ethical perspectives
- Are advocates for a just society including the promotion of high quality, cost-effective health care for all

Curriculum

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

An Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) provides patient care either independently or as part of an adult acute care team. There is an emphasis on health maintenance, disease prevention, counseling and patient education.

Total credits: 39 credits

Family Nurse Practitioner

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track builds in the content from the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner course work and prepares students to provide primary health care to individuals and families across the life cycle.

Total credits: 43 credits

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) practices in any setting in which patient care requirements include complex monitoring and therapies, high-intensity nursing intervention, or continuous nursing vigilance within the range of high-acuity care. Coursework, clinical experience, and research utilization provide students with the knowledge, values and skills necessary for advanced practice nursing roles.

Total credits: 45 credits

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Through the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track, students will develop skills in the assessment and diagnosis of mental illness in the child, adolescent and adult populations. Emphasis is placed on the use of healing interaction in communication with individuals dealing with mental health disorders when initiating and evaluating treatment plans, understanding the major classes of psychotropic drugs and their indications for use in the treatment of various psychiatric disorders across the lifespan, and the professional roles and responsibilities of the advanced practice nurse.

Total credits: 42 credits

Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN). The CNS improves patient outcomes by providing direct patient care, expert consultation, ensuring nursing care is scientifically based and up-to-date and educating nurses and the health care team about new research, practice, innovations, interventions, and procedures.

Total credits: 39 credits

Leadership

Students enrolled in The Breen School of Nursing's online MSN in Leadership track take selected master's core courses to enhance clinical reasoning and utilize evidence-based practice, as well as five additional courses focused on leadership development. Through coursework and clinical experiences, students develop the knowledge and skills to become nursing leaders with advanced skills in systems and management.

Total credits: 39 credits



Ursuline's nursing program is ranked #2 in Ohio.

(College Factual)

The demand for Advanced Practice Nurses is ever increasing in Northeast Ohio.

CNBC ranks the nurse practitioner as the number one fastest-growing career for college graduates based on data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job growth of 35% is expected for NPs and other advanced practice registered nurses from 2014 to 2024.

AANP applauds U.S. News & World Report ranking of Nurse Practitioners as "Best Health Care Job" in 2022. U.S. News & World Report has ranked the nurse practitioner role first on its 2022 Best Health Care Jobs list and second on its 2022 100 Best Jobs list. The annual rankings take into account the most important aspects of a job, including opportunities for growth, work-life balance and salary.

Post Master's Certificate of Completion

To obtain a post master's certificate, a student must take the associated specialty courses. In addition, a student must document completion of advanced practice core courses (Advanced Physiology, Advanced Health Assessment and Advanced Pharmacology) and demonstrate course work completion as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner or Family Nurse Practitioner. A GAP analysis is completed for all post MSN applicants. A student may obtain a post master's certificate as an:

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Subspecialties

Palliative Care

Through this specialty, students will learn to integrate pathophysiology, pharmacology, psychosocial issues and spirituality in the assessment and management of symptoms in the person with a terminal illness. Loss, grief and bereavement are also explored as they relate to the terminally ill person and the family. In addition, communication and counseling techniques are woven throughout the course. Analyze and apply current research in palliative care in the clinical setting.

Nursing Education

The Nursing Education subspecialty is offered for students preparing to be an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner or Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist. A post master's nurse may also take the education courses to receive a nurse educator certificate.

Admission Requirements

Students applying for admission must meet both the general requirements for admission to all graduate programs and the specific requirements of the particular program of study. For the MSN program, admission requirements are as follows:

General Admission Requirements

1. Application for Graduate Studies, including an essay of 500–1,000 words. Application may be submitted at ursuline.edu/apply.
2. Non-refundable \$25 application fee.
3. All official transcript(s) for baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and any additional undergraduate or graduate academic coursework whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript, including one that verifies completion of an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing. Transcript(s) must be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Admission directly by the issuing institution.
4. Evidence of ability to do graduate work as indicated by a recommended 3.0 GPA shown on the applicant's transcript(s).
5. Three recommendations utilizing the required recommendation form. Recommendations should be written by appropriate professionals attesting to the suitability of the applicant for graduate work in the particular field. Preferred references include: one from a previous instructor, one from an advanced practice nurse and one from a work supervisor.

Program-Specific Admission Requirements

1. Current, unencumbered Ohio Registered Nurse license.
2. A current resume reflecting a minimum of one year work experience as a registered nurse. Nursing experience must be within the past two years.

International students, in addition to the above criteria, must also comply with Ursuline College's procedures for admission as an international student. Visit ursuline.edu/international for more information.

Application Deadline

Applicants are urged to initiate formal application as far as possible in advance of the semester or term in which they plan to enroll. Graduate nursing courses begin in the fall and spring semesters. Post master's courses will vary depending on the student's need.

A photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lab coat over a blue shirt, smiling warmly at an elderly woman with short, curly grey hair. They are in a clinical setting, possibly a hospital or clinic, with a blurred background showing shelves and medical equipment.

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Ursuline College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. In addition, the Graduate Nursing Program in the Breen School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).