PREPARE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE AND NURSING LEADERSHIP ROLES
Nursing is undergoing a radical transformation, with advanced practice nurses taking on greater responsibilities across the health care industry. Purdue University Global’s Master of Science in Nursing builds on your previous nursing education and practical experience, offering you a pathway to leadership and independent practice opportunities. As a graduate, you'll be prepared to sit for industry certification exams, and be well positioned to pursue a doctoral degree in nursing (DNP).

Why Study Online at Purdue Global’s School of Nursing?

FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING NURSES
Complete your coursework 100% online, on your schedule. The required clinical and practice experiences can be completed in your local community. Enrollment occurs throughout the year.

RIGOROUS, RELEVANT CURRICULUM
We continually revise our curriculum and learning tools to exceed the high standards of both our students and the profession.

FACULTY ARE ACTIVE IN THE FIELD
Learn from practicing professionals with extensive expertise in nursing and education. All graduate faculty possess advanced nursing degrees and share real-world experiences in their areas of specialty.

FOCUSED PATHWAYS
Pursue a career path in areas such as family nurse practitioner, adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, nurse educator, and executive leader.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards, faculty office hours, and live seminars. Tutoring is available for students through the center for teaching and learning at no additional cost. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to help you navigate the school, work, and life balance.
Earn a Valuable Nursing Credential to Advance Your Career and Education

**BUILD PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND EXPAND EXPERTISE**

- Organizational and systems leadership
- Quality improvement and safety
- Translating and integrating scholarship into practice
- Informatics and health care technologies

**PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION**

Be ready to pursue industry-recognized certifications in your selected concentration area.¹

**GET A HEAD START ON YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE**

Our Master of Science in Nursing–DNP Path provides a seamless way to earn both degrees. Clinical hours completed in the master’s program apply toward your doctorate.

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**Master of Science in Nursing Pathways**

We offer several pathways aligned to current industry standards²:

**ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER**
Provide direct care for acutely and critically ill patients, which includes accessing, diagnosing, monitoring, treating, and coordinating care.

**ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER**
Promote holistic health care to members of the adult and older adult population through the assessment, diagnosis, and comprehensive treatment of chronic health problems.

**FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE**
Work with adults or children in family systems to assess, diagnose, and manage their health needs, concerns, and conditions.

**PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER**
Expand your knowledge of comprehensive psychiatric mental health care through the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and management of psychiatric mental health disorders, medical organic brain disorders, substance abuse problems, and complex co-occurring disease processes and disorders across the lifespan.

**EXECUTIVE LEADER**

Oversee complex systems and take on systems-focused roles ranging from health facility administration to public health and policy roles.

**NURSE EDUCATOR**
Teach patients and their families, provide interprofessional staff development programs, evaluate the effectiveness of educational programs, and instruct undergraduate nursing students.

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**DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS**

**MSN AND MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)**
Complete your MSN and MBA simultaneously. Develop health care leadership skills, and extend your expertise into business management to find advanced business solutions to complex health care problems.

**MSN AND MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (MHCA)**
Earn both your MSN and MHCA to prepare for leadership positions in health care administration, focusing on delivery of services and systems management.

**MSN AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)**
Combine your MSN with an MPH to develop the leadership skills and public health knowledge to improve community-based care on local, state, national, and global levels.

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The master’s degree in nursing at Purdue University Global is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www(CCNEAccreditation.org).
Curriculum

Our curriculum prepares you to fill advanced practice and nursing leadership roles. The courses are updated regularly by industry experts, to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in health care.

**CORE COURSES**

- Advanced Nursing Roles
- Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Nursing
- Scientific and Analytic Approaches to Advanced Evidence-Based Practice
- Epidemiology and Health Promotion
- Health Policy, Ethical, and Legal Perspectives of the Health Care System
- Promoting Optimal Models and Systems for Health Care Delivery

**EXCELTRACK® OPTION**

ExcelTrack® lets you use your professional experience to earn your degree faster and more affordably. Each course is broken down into a single credit, so you can quickly work through what you already know, and focus on gaining new, relevant skills that you can apply immediately in your career.

Note: for the nurse practitioner pathways, only core courses are available in ExcelTrack®.

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**LEARNING METHOD**

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**Credit Hours:**

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: 81
- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: 90
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care: 90
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: 78
- Executive Leader and Nurse Educator: 60

**Program Length:** 1.9 years (standard program)

Average time to degree completion. Individual experiences will vary based on full- vs. part-time enrollment and other factors.

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Admission Requirements:** You must possess a bachelor’s in nursing from an accredited institution, and an active U.S. RN license. Nurse practitioner pathways have clinical practice hour prerequisites. Visit Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for complete requirements.

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**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Postgraduate Certificates**

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Executive Leader
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care
- Nurse Educator

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

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**“Enrolling was surprisingly easy... With the online program, it was possible to live my life and go to school.”**

Michelle Seitzinger
Master of Science in Nursing Graduate

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**NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED**

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.
Career and Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK
- One of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 46% from 2021 to 2031.6
- Due to an acute physician shortage, there is an increased demand for advanced practice nurses who can perform many of the same services as doctors.7
- The Institute of Medicine has stated that attainment of advanced nursing education is critical to the profession.8

THE CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT
Our Nursing Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL (STTI)
Purdue Global is a proud member of the prestigious STTI Honor Society of Nursing.

Purdue Global is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Gain a Dedicated-to-You Advisor
From the moment you request information all the way to graduation, you'll work with the same advisor for 1-on-1, personalized support. The idea? Build a partnership with a deep understanding of your needs and career aspirations.9 From registration and financial aid10 to assistance throughout your degree journey, our advisors are invested in supporting your success.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ
For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams. Graduates who pass the relevant nurse practitioner certification exam may be academically eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in any state in which the program is available for enrollment. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for state-specific licensure information. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams.

2 Not all pathways are available in all states or locations. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.

3 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

4 ExcelTrack® is designed to advance your progress based on existing knowledge; however, degree pace and time and cost savings will vary by individual. Students must enroll in a minimum number of credits per term to remain eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Financial Information section of the University Catalog for additional information. Program includes clinical and final project courses that are completed in the standard online format; tuition for these courses is charged at the standard per-credit rate.

5 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.


7 Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2021 to 2031.6


9 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified and to have completed an accredited graduate nursing program in order to obtain licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse. Each national certification provider and state Board of Nursing will have eligibility requirements in addition to these educational requirements, such as passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they are eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in their state. Students can obtain additional information from their state’s Board of Nursing, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

10 Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.