MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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 standards:²

**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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**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.*²

**EARN YOUR MSN AND MBA TOGETHER ONLINE**

Our MSN and MBA Dual Degree Option lets you complete both a master’s in nursing and a master of business administration simultaneously. Your MSN prepares you for leadership roles in health care; adding an MBA extends your expertise into business management, helping you find advanced business solutions to complex health care problems.

The master's degree in nursing at Purdue University Global is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.CCNEAccreditation.org).
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**
- **EXCELTRACK®**
  - Competency Based
- **STANDARD ONLINE**
  - Students who prefer a predetermined structure and pace

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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
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
  - Executive Leader
  - 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
Career and Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- One of the nation’s fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 45% from 2020 to 2030.6
- Employment of nurse instructors and teachers at the postsecondary level is also projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations from 2020 to 2030.7
- 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.8
- The Institute of Medicine has stated that attainment of advanced nursing education is critical to the profession.9

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles
- Nurse practitioner
- Advanced practice roles
- Nurse instructor or teacher, postsecondary
- Nurse educator
- Management/leadership positions

Settings/Industries
- Hospitals
- Primary care offices
- Community and public health centers
- Long-term care facilities
- Educational settings
- Governmental facilities

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 (HLCcommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

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.10 From registration and financial aid11 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.