

# 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 practicum experiences can be done at a location of your choice. Enrollment occurs throughout the year and there are no wait lists.

### RIGOROUS, RELEVANT CURRICULUM

We continually refine 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 degrees, and all full-time graduate nursing professors have earned doctorates.

### 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, nurse educator, and executive leader.

### ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

# EARN A VALUABLE NURSING CREDENTIAL TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER AND EDUCATION

Build Professional Leadership Skills and Expand Expertise	Prepare for Certification	Get a Head Start on Your Doctoral Degree
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organizational and systems leadership</li><li>• Quality improvement and safety</li><li>• Translating and integrating scholarship into practice</li><li>• Informatics and health care technologies</li></ul>	Be ready to pursue industry-recognized certifications in your selected concentration area. <sup>1</sup>	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.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PATHWAYS

We offer several pathways aligned to current industry standards<sup>3</sup>:

### 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.

### 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.

### 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*.<sup>2</sup>



The master’s degree in nursing at Purdue University Global is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** ([www.CCNEAccreditation.org](http://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 FOR CORE COURSES

ExcelTrack™ lets you use your professional experience to earn your degree faster and more affordably.<sup>4</sup> Each course is broken down into a single credit, so you can bypass what you already know, and focus on gaining new, relevant skills that you can apply immediately in your career. After completing your core courses, you complete your pathway courses in the traditional format.

Learning Method	ExcelTrack™ Competency Based	Traditional Online
<b>Ideal Candidates</b>	Independent learners who want to control their pace, deadlines, and workload	Students who prefer a predetermined structure and pace
<b>Courses</b>	1-credit courses	5-credit courses
<b>Courses per Term</b>	All you can learn	2
<b>Tuition Structure</b>	Fixed tuition no matter how many courses you take	Standard per credit

### Credit Hours:

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: 81

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Pathways: 90

Executive Leader and Nurse Educator: 60

**Program Length:** Traditional program takes 18–24 months of full-time study, depending on pathway

**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 [Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu) for complete requirements.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Post-Master's Certificates

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

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)



"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<sup>5</sup>

# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- One of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 36% from 2016 to 2026.<sup>6</sup>
- Employment of nurse instructors and teachers at the postsecondary level is also projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations from 2016 to 2026.<sup>7</sup>
- 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.<sup>8</sup>
- The Institute of Medicine has stated that attainment of advanced nursing education is critical to the profession.<sup>9</sup>

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>10</sup>

### 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

## CAREER SERVICES

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

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCcommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

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

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.



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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://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. Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements for any other states or occupations. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information and program availability.

2 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

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

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.

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.

6 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Fastest-Growing Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

7 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Thirty fastest-growing occupations projected to account for 19 percent of new jobs from 2016 to 2026", *The Economics Daily*, October 30, 2017.

8 Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, *The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2016 to 2030, 2018 update*.

9 Source: Institute of Medicine, *The Future of Nursing: Focus on Education*, 2011, and *Assessing Progress on the IOM Report The Future of Nursing*, 2015.

10 Purdue Global cannot 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), and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).