

NURSING

About the College

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Penn State's Nursing program began in 1964 to provide an academically-grounded, clinical training program for future nurses. Since then, the College of Nursing (CON) has steadily evolved to meet the demands of modern healthcare and provide diverse, hands-on clinical experiences, a well-rounded classroom curriculum and cutting-edge technology to today's students. The CON features a complete range of educational programs in nursing.

The baccalaureate degree program has three options for study: the B.S.N. (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/general-bsn-degree-program/>), for those students who are entering the four-year program of study for an initial professional degree, the Second Degree option (<http://www.nursing.psu.edu/undergrad/second-degree-program/>) for those who already have a bachelor's degree in another field, and the RN to B.S.N. (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/rn-to-bsn-degree-program/>) for RNs who wish to complete the B.S.N. degree.

The master's programs include an M.S.N. program (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/nurse-practitioner-program/>) with five options for advanced nursing roles. There are three advanced nursing practice options: Family/Individual Across the Lifespan, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, and Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Two options—Nurse Administrator (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/nurse-administrator-program/>) and Nurse Educator (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/nurse-educator-program/>)—are offered fully online through Penn State World Campus (<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/nursing-masters/overview/>). In addition, there are two post baccalaureate Certificate programs and one post-master's Certificate program offered online via the Penn State World Campus. There is also a B.S.N.–Ph.D. program (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/bsn-to-phd-degree-program/>) that incorporates an M.S. degree as preparation for the Ph.D.

The interdisciplinary Ph.D. program (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/ph-d-degree-program/>) in Nursing, dual-title Ph.D. in Nursing and Bioethics (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/ph-d-in-nursing-and-bioethics-degree-program/>) and dual-title Ph.D. in Nursing and Clinical and Translational Sciences (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/ph-d-in-nursing-and-clinical-translational-science-degree-program/>) are designed to develop clinical scholars, faculty, and researchers who can teach and provide leadership through scientific inquiry and innovative practice.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/dnp-degree-program/>) prepares nurse leaders with a professional, practice-focused doctoral degree designed to prepare highly qualified advanced nurse clinicians to be leaders and deliver expert nursing care and ultimately improve health care outcomes. This degree is designed for nurses who plan to continue in a practice role, and have already received a bachelor's or master's degree with a major in nursing. Offered online through Penn State World Campus (<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/>), the program also requires two in-person intensives.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE (<https://www.nursing.psu.edu/>)

Mission and Goals

The mission of the College of Nursing is to improve healthcare for all people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation and the world through the development of qualified nurse leaders at all levels of practice, the development of nursing science, and the provision of nursing care to individuals, families and communities. This is accomplished through the integrated programs of nursing, education, research, scholarship and outreach.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science (nursing) and Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Programs are accredited by:

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