The graduate programs emphasize productive scholarship and research in the development of nursing knowledge and the translation of knowledge into practice. Advanced study is in human health and development throughout the life span, and in nursing’s role in providing health services to individuals, families, and communities.

The Ph.D. program, the dual-title Ph.D. program in nursing and bioethics, and the dual-title Ph.D. program in nursing and clinical and translational sciences prepare scientists to provide leadership in nursing education, practice and research. Individualized curricula prepare graduates to assume positions as faculty, researchers and leaders in educational, community, governmental, or institutional settings.

The D.N.P. degree program consists of a base program and five options. The options include:

- Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Leadership
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Nurse Practitioner options are designed to help prepare the professional nurse to function in an expanded nursing role providing direct care to specific groups of clients in a variety of health care settings. Since that practice is inherently interdisciplinary in nature, advanced knowledge and research from nursing is combined with knowledge from science, medicine, and related disciplines. The Nurse Practitioner may also function in supervisory, consultative, education, and research roles.

The Leadership option prepares nurses to assume leadership roles in practice settings in the community, governmental agencies, or healthcare institutions.

The M.S.N. and D.N.P. degree programs in Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The M.S.N. degree in Nursing consists of a base program and two options. The options include:

- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Educator