SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mission Statement

The Purdue Global School of Nursing provides personalized nursing education to launch and enhance nursing careers that meet changing health care needs in local and national settings.

General Policies

Policy information specific to the School of Nursing's graduate programs is noted below.

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/). Refer to the program-specific policy pages for additional admissions requirements.

If applying for admission, you must:

1. Submit a transcript indicating receipt of the required prior degree (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/) in nursing.
2. Have an approved criminal background check (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/). The state of Iowa requires that criminal background checks include information from the Iowa Department of Human Services relating to child abuse and dependent adult abuse. If you reside in Iowa, you must authorize the University to obtain this information.
3. Submit documentation of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one U.S. state or provide evidence of a license comparable to a U.S. registered nurse license from the nation, province, or region where you are employed as a nurse. Proof of foreign licensure must be submitted at the time of enrollment. The University will verify the authenticity of all submitted foreign nursing licenses.

If you are an international applicant, you are not eligible to enroll in graduate nursing programs due to clinical requirements.

Requirements for Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs

If you graduated from a foreign nursing program, you must submit an official course-by-course evaluation of your nursing program to a foreign credential evaluation service. The foreign credential evaluation must be received by the Office of the Registrar prior to enrollment. The evaluation must be completed by an approved agency listed by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services at https://www.naces.org/members (https://www.naces.org/members/) or by another service approved by Purdue Global.

Progression Requirements

The grade of “C” is the minimum acceptable grade for graduate courses and the grade of “B” is the minimum acceptable grade for graduate nurse practitioner (NP) clinical courses and doctoral-level nursing courses.

Clinical Practice Experiences and Practicums

If you are enrolled in Purdue Global’s Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a postgraduate certificate program, you will complete clinical practice experiences or a practicum.

You must complete these experiences in a setting that has been approved by the School of Nursing. Clinical experiences must be completed in a state or territory where your program is available (see Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf)). You will serve as the best advocate for your clinical placement and for identifying potential clinical sites and preceptors, as you are most familiar with your local area and networking contacts. The University will provide support and assistance to you in facilitation of your clinical placement. The following are requirements for the clinical placement process and course progression:

1. The School of Nursing Handbook (https://sites.google.com/purdueglobal.edu/nursingresources/clinical-student-handbooks/) for your program includes policies, guidelines, and requirements relevant to your successful completion of the placement process and registration for clinical courses. You are responsible for satisfying the requirements outlined in the handbook. Examples of requirements found in the handbook include, but are not limited to, health and safety documentation, liability insurance, background checks, and immunizations. Requirements vary by program, concentration, and population focus area.
2. You must complete and pass a drug/chemical substance test as part of your required health and safety documentation prior to beginning clinical experiences.
    a. Note, state laws may permit the use of marijuana for medicinal or recreational purposes; however, federal laws do not, so marijuana is a prohibited substance in the drug/chemical substance test for clinical experiences, without exception.
    b. If your drug/substance test is positive, you will be withdrawn from your nursing program at the end of the current term. You will be given two weeks to petition to retest, providing an explanation for the positive result by supplying medical or other relevant documentation to the Dean of the School of Nursing. If your petition is approved, you will be placed on an administrative leave of absence for one academic term. During this leave, you must complete and pass a second drug/chemical substance test. If your petition is denied or you are unwilling or unable to pass a second test, you will not be permitted to return to the program.
3. All required documentation must be approved by the School of Nursing before you are granted permission to register for a clinical course. Incomplete or incorrect documentation may result in a delay of registration.
    a. Some facilities may require additional documentation, as necessary, to comply with specific federal and/or state requirements for nursing student candidates. This additional documentation must also be approved before registration.
4. You may not start a clinical course if you have a grade of "F" for any major course, unless your academic record reflects that the course has been satisfactorily repeated.
5. You may not start a clinical course if you have an incomplete grade ("I") for any major course, unless you are granted approval by the School of Nursing.
6. All required health and safety documentation must remain current according to Purdue Global policy. Specific requirements are listed in the School of Nursing Handbook.
7. You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own transportation, housing, and availability to attend the clinical experiences.
8. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner and maintain a safe environment. If a faculty member and/or agency

considers you to be in violation of either one of these requirements, you may be removed from the facility or setting and may receive a failing grade for the course if the course outcomes are not met. Unprofessional and/or unsafe practices will be reviewed by the administrative staff as needed.

9. You must receive a satisfactory final evaluation on the clinical components of your course(s). Failure to successfully complete this portion of a course will result in failure of the entire course.

Graduation Requirements

If you are enrolled in a graduate or postgraduate nursing program, excluding graduate certificates, you must successfully complete the clinical, practicum, or practice experience requirements for your selected program in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/academic-standards/graduation-requirements/). You will be graded for both the didactic and the experiential components of this course. Failure of either the didactic or the experiential components will result in failure of the course.

Programs

In addition to the programs below, see Additional Offerings *(*https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/additional-offerings/*) for information about other enrollment opportunities. For a list of additional offerings by subject, see the* Area of Study index *(*https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/#areaofstudyindextext*) of the* Micro-credential Bulletin *(*https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/*).*

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed to prepare nursing leaders to practice at the highest level of professional nursing practice.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/doctor-nursing-practice/)

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is designed to build on previous nursing education and clinical experience, prepare you to pursue advanced practice in a variety of health care settings, and lay a foundation to pursue doctoral education. The overall purpose of the master's degree program is to provide graduate education for advanced nursing roles that respond to the needs of individuals, families, and communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/nursing-ms/)

Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path

Enrollment in this degree plan is limited to those who apply to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program and possess a bachelor's degree with a major in nursing as their highest nursing degree. Successful completion of the Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path is required to move on to the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/nursing-dnp-path-ms/)

Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration Dual Degree Option

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge of nursing administration and business practices to better meet the challenges within the health care environment, the Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration Dual Degree Option could help you pursue your professional goals. This dual degree program is designed to prepare you to pursue managerial positions and leadership roles in hospitals, community health, long-term care facilities, and other competitive health care business systems.

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Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Health Care Administration Dual Degree Option

The Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Health Care Administration Dual Degree Option is designed to build on previous nursing education and clinical experiences to prepare you to pursue advanced practice in a variety of settings. This degree combines the traditional Master of Science in Nursing with a Master of Health Care Administration, preparing nurses for hospital administration and health care industry executive leadership roles. The overall purpose of the Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Health Care Administration Dual Degree Option is to provide graduate education for advanced nursing roles that respond to the needs of health care organizations.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/msn-mhca-dual-degree/)

Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Public Health Dual Degree Option

The Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Public Health Dual Degree Option is designed to build on previous nursing education and clinical experiences to prepare you to pursue advanced practice opportunities in a variety of settings. This degree combines the traditional Master of Science in Nursing with a Master of Public Health, preparing nurses for leadership positions in hospital administration, particularly as a liaison with government entities (i.e., health departments at the local, state, and national level). The overall purpose of the Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Public Health Dual Degree Option is to provide graduate education for advanced nursing roles that respond to the needs of individuals, families, and communities in both local and global settings.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/msn-mph-dual-degree/)

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner (AGACNP), consider the AGACNP Postgraduate Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you in the professional practice of medical, surgical, and critical care management of acutely ill adult patient populations. AGACNPs function within the interprofessional acute care team providing direct care management including diagnosis and treatment planning.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/adult-geronotology-acute-care-nurse-practitioner-certificate/)

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner (AGPCNP), consider the AGPCNP Postgraduate Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to promote and provide primary care as a member of an interdisciplinary team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/adult-geronotology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner-certificate/)

Executive Leader Graduate Certificate

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge of nursing administration to better meet the challenges within the health care environment, the Executive Leader Graduate Certificate program could help you pursue your professional goals.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/executive-leader-graduate-certificate/)

Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the family nurse practitioner (FNP), consider the FNP, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to best deliver care as a member of an interdisciplinary team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-primary-care-certificate/)

Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate

The Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate prepares nurses to address health care problems in a variety of settings. You will learn to effectively teach patients and their families, provide staff development programs, and evaluate the effectiveness of educational programs through application of advanced nursing knowledge, learning theories, and evidence-based curricular development and instructional design strategies.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/nurse-educator-graduate-certificate/)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Postgraduate Certificate is designed for master's prepared nurses who want to obtain further knowledge to provide 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.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner-certificate/)