

# 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. 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> 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 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 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. You will serve as the best advocate for your clinical placement as you are most familiar

with your local area and networking contacts. It is your responsibility to identify potential clinical sites and preceptors in your area that are appropriate for your clinical courses. The University will provide support and assistance to you in facilitation of your clinical or practicum placement. The following are requirements for the clinical practice experiences or practicum placement process and course progression:

1. You must submit an application to begin the clinical or practicum placement process and complete an orientation to the process.
2. In order to successfully complete the University's placement process and be registered for courses with clinical practice experiences or a practicum, you must submit all required documentation according to School of Nursing requirements. The required documentation must be approved by the School of Nursing before you are granted permission to register for a clinical or practicum course. Incomplete or incorrect documentation may result in a delay of registration.
3. You will receive the School of Nursing Handbook, which includes policies, guidelines, and requirements relevant to your successful completion of the placement process and registration for clinical or practicum 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.
4. All required health and safety documentation must remain current according to Purdue Global policy. Specific requirements are listed in the School of Nursing Handbook.
5. You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own transportation, housing, and availability to attend the clinical or practicum experiences.
6. Some facilities may require additional documentation, as necessary, to comply with specific federal and/or state requirements for nursing student candidates. Failure to submit appropriate documentation to participate in a clinical or practicum by the required date will result in you being unable register for the course.
7. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner and maintain a safe environment. If a faculty member and/or agency consider 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.
8. You must receive a satisfactory final evaluation on the clinical or practicum components of your courses. Failure to successfully complete this portion of a course will result in failure of the entire course.

## Drug/Chemical Substance Testing Policy

The University may require you to submit to a drug/chemical substance test at any time during the course of the program if there is evidence of impaired behavior that may pose a risk to patients, other students, or the education program. The requirement to submit to a drug/chemical substance test is based on an assessment of behavior that reflects possible drug use and/or impairment. You must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription and evidence of appropriate medical supervision for medications that may affect your academic or clinical performance during the nursing program. If you refuse the test, the University will assume you are using drugs/alcohol, which is considered a conduct violation.

State laws may permit the use of marijuana for medicinal or recreational use; however, federal laws prohibit the use, possession, and/or cultivation of marijuana at educational institutions that are recipients of federal funds. You will be required to undergo drug testing according to the Purdue Global School of Nursing Drug Screening Policy. Any student testing positive for marijuana or derivatives will not be allowed continued enrollment in the nursing program.

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/policy-information/>), you must successfully complete the clinical, practicum, or practice experience requirements for your selected program. 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/>).*

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### Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Doctor of Nursing Practice 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 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 an upper-level 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.

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

### 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, consider the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner 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. Adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners 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-gerontology-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 nurse practitioner, consider the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner 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-gerontology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner-certificate/>)

## **Executive Leader Postgraduate 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 Postgraduate Certificate program could help you pursue your professional goals. This certificate program allows you to build on your master's degree in nursing by completing six courses focused on nursing administration, including clinical and capstone courses.

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, consider the Family Nurse Practitioner, 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 Postgraduate Certificate**

**(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective August 23, 2023)** Students interested in a similar program may consider other postgraduate certificates in the School of Nursing.

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge of nursing education, consider the Nurse Educator Postgraduate Certificate program. This certificate program allows you to build on your master's degree in nursing by completing nine courses focused on nursing education, including clinical and capstone courses.

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 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/>)