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Degrees Offered

Master of Science in Nursing

RN to MSN without previously earned Bachelor's degree

- Nursing Administration (online)
- Nursing Education (online)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

RN to MSN with previously earned Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing

- Nursing Administration (online)
- Nursing Education (online)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

MSN with previously earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

- Nursing Administration (online)
- Nursing Education (online)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

Post-graduate Certificate

Nursing Administration(online)

Nursing Education(online)

Nurse Practitioner(Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

Doctor of Nursing Practice

RN to DNP without previously earned Bachelor's degree

- Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

RN to DNP with previously earned Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing

- Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- Nurse Anesthesia

BSN to DNP with previously earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

- Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- Nurse Anesthesia

CRNA to DNP for licensed, certified CRNAs who do not hold the Master's degree

Post-graduate DNP(Intended for Nurse Leaders and post-certification NPs and CRNAs; offered online with scheduled on-campus intensives)

- Executive Leadership
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- Nurse Anesthesia

Dual Degree Options

Dual degree options are available for MSN or DNP students in the Administrative and Executive Leadership and post-graduate DNP tracks. These options include

- Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration (MSN/MBA)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice/Master of Business Administration (DNP/MBA)

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