Nursing – Graduate Program Overview

UH Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing offers the master’s and doctor of nursing practice degree to prepare nurses with advanced knowledge and skills for the dynamic nursing profession. UHM nurses with graduate preparation provide direct and indirect patient care at an advanced level focusing on adults, families, geriatrics, and population health; conduct research; teach; lead health systems; create public policy; and implement evidence-based solutions in healthcare. Nurses with a master’s or doctoral degree have opportunities to impact the systems level design and implementation of care.

Graduate nursing courses are offered in online, face-to-face, and hybrid (blended) formats.

Degrees

- Master of Science: Prepares the nurse for an advanced role in population health.
- Doctor of Nursing Practice: Prepares the nurse for specialized advanced nursing practice and organizational leadership.

Specialties

- Advanced Population Health Nursing (Master of Science)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership (DNP)

Degree Entry Routes

- Non-Nurses with a Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree
• Graduate Entry Program in Nursing route to the MS or DNP
  • RNs with a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing
    • MS or DNP
  • RNs with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree
    • MS
  • RNs with a Master’s Degree
    • DNP

Graduate Program Offerings

Master’s Degree Program: Advanced Population Health Nursing (APHN)

30 – 39 credits. Full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 year) study options.

• Bachelor’s to MS
• RN to MS
• Graduate Entry (GEPN) to MS

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree Program: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) or Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

77 credits. Full-time (3 year), cohort model.

• Bachelor’s to DNP
• Graduate Entry (GEPN) to DNP

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree
Program: Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership

36 – 53 credits. Part-time (2 years), cohort model.

- Master’s to DNP

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