Nursing – Graduate Program Overview

We offer master’s and doctoral degrees 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 with a focus on the adult, family, geriatric, 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.
- PhD in Nursing: Prepares the nurse scientist for a career in research.

Specialties

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

- **Non-Nurses with a Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Graduate Entry Program in Nursing pathway to the MS, DNP, PhD
- **RNs with a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing**
  - MS, DNP, PhD
- **RNs with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree**
  - MS, DNP, PhD
- **RNs with a Master’s Degree**
  - DNP, PhD

Graduate Program Offerings

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<td><strong>Master’s Degree Program</strong></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">Bachelor’s to MS*</a></td>
<td>Advanced Population Health Nursing (APHN)</td>
<td>30 – 39</td>
<td>Full-time (1 year) Part-time (2 years)</td>
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<td>• <a href="#">ADN-BS/BA to MS</a></td>
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<td><em>Bachelor’s to DNP</em></td>
<td>Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>Full-time (3 years) Cohort model</td>
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<td>Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)</td>
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<td><em>Master’s to DNP</em></td>
<td>Organizational Leadership</td>
<td>36 – 53</td>
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<td><em>Master’s of Business Administration (MBA) to DNP</em></td>
<td>Organizational Leadership</td>
<td>29 (minimum)</td>
<td>Part-time (3 semester minimum) Cohort model</td>
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**PhD Degree Program**

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<td><em>Bachelor’s to PhD</em></td>
<td>Nursing</td>
<td>60 plus dissertation</td>
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*Post-Baccalaureate and GEPN students must complete the pre-licensure year and obtain the RN license by the end of the first semester of the specialty track coursework.*
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<td>Designed as a professional practice doctorate integrating evidence based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice</td>
<td>Prepares nursing scholars with a focus on culturally appropriate clinical research aimed at improving the health of people in diverse societies.</td>
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<td>Competencies: Knowledge and skill in applying and translating research into practice; Leads dissemination and integration of new knowledge in health care organizations. <a href="#">AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice Nursing.</a></td>
<td>Competencies: Knowledge and skill in utilizing theoretical, methodological, and analytical approaches to conduct research. <a href="#">AACN Taskforce on the Future of the Research Focused Doctorate.</a></td>
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<td>Program Outcome: Leaders in clinical and executive positions translating emerging science and developing policy to improve patient and population-based care</td>
<td>Program Outcome: Scientists prepared for a research career in research-intensive environments and health care. Nurses prepared for a faculty research role in academia.</td>
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<td>A practice-application DNP project.</td>
<td>Completion and defense of an original research study.</td>
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