Nursing — Graduate Program Overview

University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) offers the Master’s of Science (MS) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) to prepare professional nurses with advanced knowledge, practice, and skills to enter the workforce. University of Hawaii at Manoa nurses with advanced graduate preparation provide care throughout the lifespan with diverse populations and communities in a variety of settings (hospital, non-profit organizations, government, universities, primary care settings and health systems). They are prepared to become leaders in research, practice, education, policy & public health, and multi-level health systems in Hawaii, the US, and the international and global community.

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

Graduate Degrees

- **Master of Science (MS)**: Prepares the nurse for advance roles in population health and nursing education & leadership.
- **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**: Prepares the nurse for specialized advanced nursing practice and organizational leadership.

Master of Science Degree Program

Online Advanced Population Health Nursing

- For RNs with either:
  - a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS)
• an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a bachelor’s degree or higher in another field
  • Fall (August) Admission only
  • Full- or part-time program

Nursing Education & Leadership

• For RNs with one of the following:
  • a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS)
  • an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a bachelor’s degree or higher in another field
  • currently enrolled graduate nursing students
  • Fall (August) Admission only
  • Full- or part-time program

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree Program

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

• For RNs with a bachelor’s degree or higher
  • Fall (August) Admission only
  • Full-time cohort program

Family Nurse Practitioner

• For RNs with a bachelor’s degree or higher
  • Fall (August) Admission only
  • Full-time cohort program

Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership

• For RNs with a master’s degree or higher
  • Fall (August) Admission only
Full- or part-time cohort program

**EMBA to DNP**

UH Manoa Shidler College of Business, Distance Learning EMBA – Health Care Management Track to Doctor of Nursing Practice

- For RNs with a master’s degree or higher
- Fall (August) Admission only
- Full- or part-time cohort program

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