Master’s Degree in Advanced Population Health Nursing

For Nurses who have a Bachelor’s or Higher Degree

The Advanced Population Health Nursing (APHN) Program is a distance-based master’s degree for registered nurses who wish to practice in Hawaii, the US mainland or in an international setting. The program focuses on population-level health, wellness, and health promotion and disease prevention. The student learns critical population health skills such as community and population assessment; complex project/program management; disaster nursing, health services research; and health policy analysis.

Master’s in Population Health Degree Entry Pathways

Students can enter the master’s degree program through one of these pathways.

- Bachelor’s to MS – RNs with a bachelor’s degree in nursing
- RN to MS – RNs with an associate degree in nursing and a non-nursing bachelor’s degree
- Graduate Entry Program in Nursing – Non-nurses with a non-nursing bachelor’s degree

Fast Facts

- The program educates future leaders for population health nursing with a focus on Hawaii and the Pacific Region.
Coursework is completed via online learning and fieldwork is conducted in the student’s own local community.

The capstone project can be completed in the student’s local community.

The 30-39 credit program is designed to be completed in one year as a full time student or in two years as a part time student.

Program Outcomes

At the conclusion of the program, the graduate is awarded a master’s degree in nursing with a specialty in advanced population health. The graduate is competent in the Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing [1] that reflect current and future nursing practice at the master’s level, which demands expert application of evidence-based practices, quality improvement methods, outcomes measurement, systems knowledge, and leadership skills. Nurses who obtain the competencies outlined in these Master’s Essentials will possess the advanced knowledge in the discipline and leadership skills needed to improve health outcomes in a number of current and emerging roles.


As a Native Hawaiian nurse, I look forward to helping Hawaiian people with health issues that are common to our population. The IKE AO PONO Program has supported my academic journey as a graduate student, and I intend to repay this support by helping to improve the health of future generations. - Kanoe Tani, Master's Degree in Advance Population Health
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