Graduate Programs

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (M.S.N.)
This program is designed to build upon the student’s baccalaureate nursing education and professional experience. Students can specialize as Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, Family Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Educators, or in Nursing Leadership and Management.

Nurse Educator
This track prepares baccalaureate-prepared nurses to teach in nursing and health care professions programs, health care agencies, or in the community. In addition to core and clinical courses, students must complete an internship in their home community under a master’s prepared educator and a faculty mentor.

Nursing Leadership and Management
This track prepares nurses for a variety of leadership or administrative roles within health care agencies and organizations. Electives and practica can be tailored to meet individual learning objectives.

Nurse Practitioner
(Tracks: Adult/Gerontology Primary Care or Family)
These tracks prepare baccalaureate-prepared nurses for primary care practice in the current health care environment. Graduates will sit for certification examinations, which are required by state boards of nursing to function in the advanced role.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.)
Preparing nurse leaders and advanced practice nurses for leadership roles in specialized areas, the D.N.P. is a clinical doctorate that prepares nurses at the highest level of practice for the current health care environment. The D.N.P. degree follows a national trend toward clinical doctorates in other fields.

POST-BACCALAUREATE D.N.P.*
Nurse Practitioner
(Tracks: Adult/Gerontology Primary Care or Family) *
This program is designed for nurses with a B.S.N. degree or higher who want to specialize as adult/gerontology primary care nurse practitioners or family nurse practitioners. Students will earn an M.S.N. degree or postgraduate certificate along the way. This will allow them to take the required certification exams, become licensed as nurse practitioners, and begin working in the role before completing the remaining courses and clinical hours for the D.N.P. degree. Alternate plans of study are available for nurses with a non-nursing bachelor’s degree, and for nurses with an M.S.N. degree in a non-NP specialty.

POST-MASTER’S D.N.P. **
Advanced Practice Nurse **
Designed for nurses with an M.S.N. degree or graduate certificate in an advanced practice nurse specialty role (NP, CNS, CNM, CRNA). Graduates will be able to improve practice outcomes and redesign health care systems based on critical analysis of complex practice situations.

Nurse Executive **
Designed for nurses with an M.S.N. degree who want to specialize in nurse executive leadership. The Executive D.N.P. track extends and enhances the knowledge, skill and performance of health care system leaders in a wide variety of clinical and administrative environments. Program emphasizes evidence-based decision making, evolution as a leader, organizational analysis, and provides analytic skills to examine practice innovations and outcomes, culminating in the D.N.P. project completed during the residency courses. Alternate plans of study are available for nurses with a master’s in another field.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING (Ph.D.) **
The nursing Ph.D. program prepares nurse scholars for positions as faculty members, leaders in the application of innovative technologies for nursing education and clinical care, executive leaders in health care systems, and scientists who contribute to the body of nursing knowledge through their research. Candidates can enter the nursing Ph.D. program with an M.S.N. degree in any specialty. The program is delivered online with synchronous and asynchronous mediated courses and two annual intensives in Orlando.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES
Nursing Education **
(see description under M.S.N.)
Nurse Practitioner **
(see description under M.S.N.)

*   Program delivered primarily online
**  Post-M.S.N. only

PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)

- Traditional B.S.N.
- Concurrent A.S.N. to B.S.N. in conjunction with regional partners
- Second Degree B.S.N. for students who already have a non-nursing bachelor’s degree or higher
  - R.N. to B.S.N.
  - R.N. to M.S.N.
    - Leadership and Management
    - Nurse Educator

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

- M.S.N.
  - Leadership and Management
  - Nurse Educator
  - Nurse Practitioner
    (Adult/Gerontology Primary Care or Family)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

- Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P.*
  - Nurse Practitioner
    (Adult/Gerontology Primary Care or Family)
- Post-Master’s D.N.P.
  - Advanced Practice Nurse
  - Nurse Executive

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)

Postgraduate Certificates

- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Practitioner
  (Adult/Gerontology Primary Care or Family)

*Post-B.S.N. or Post-M.S.N. in non-NP specialty

Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master’s degree in nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs at the College of Nursing at University of Central Florida are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C., 20036, (t: 202-887-6791).

The college’s baccalaureate program is also approved by the Florida Board of Nursing.

Locations

UCF Cocoa (Traditional B.S.N., R.N. to B.S.N.)
UCF Daytona Beach (Traditional B.S.N., R.N. to B.S.N.)
UCF Leesburg (R.N. to B.S.N.)
UCF Ocala (R.N. to B.S.N.-no classes; advising only)
UCF Altamonte Springs (Concurrent A.S.N. to B.S.N.)
UCF Valencia West (Concurrent A.S.N. to B.S.N., R.N. to B.S.N.)
UCF Orlando (Traditional B.S.N, Second Degree B.S.N., R.N. to B.S.N., R.N. to M.S.N., M.S.N., D.N.P., Ph.D.)

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