



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL | MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Nursing

DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Nursing (MN)
Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Nurse Practitioner (Family/Individual)
Nurse Practitioner (Psych/Mental Health)



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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The DNP graduate degree program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing (CCNE). The DNP degree focuses on educating nurses to the highest standards of the nursing profession. DNP graduates will care for people living in Montana and beyond and lead change in health care systems. Two options are available for the DNP-degree seeking student at MSU - Family/Individual or Psych/Mental Health. Students are prepared to take certification examinations as a Nurse Practitioner.

MASTERS OF NURSING (MN)

The MN graduate degree program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Students are prepared to take certification examinations as a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL). MN graduate students are educated to be leaders at the bedside with a broad range of opportunities to influence health practices.

Nursing Graduate Program Synopsis: Rich clinical opportunities exist in Montana for nurses who seek to expand their outreach and grow to the level of an advanced generalist (MN) or advanced practice nurse (DNP). The curriculum is taught by faculty in the College of Nursing and Engineering. Advanced nurse practitioners, who are certified and experienced, guide DNP students. Faculty with systems and community foci guide MN students. Students choose from over twenty-five faculty in the college who hold doctorates in nursing to lead their scholarly projects in concert with course work and clinical education. The college provides educational preparation plus exciting opportunities to practice in rural and frontier areas of Montana. Nursing faculty are recognized nationally for their expertise in rural cultural values and health beliefs. Graduate courses are offered primarily online with teleconference and video conference used to supplement content. Travel to Bozeman is required at the beginning of Fall semester.

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ADMISSION

Applicants must be a graduate of a nationally accredited, upper division baccalaureate program in nursing that included supervised clinical practice in a variety of nursing settings, plus community health and management. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse is required in the state where clinical educational experiences will occur. Students are expected to have completed undergraduate nursing courses in health assessment and statistics (including inferential statistics) before admission. An alternate path for those who have obtained an ADRN and would like to pursue a Masters is available with our ADRN to MN degree program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted for either a Master of Nursing (MN) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. For the DNP degree, students select one population focus (Family/Individual or Psych/Mental Health). Each student completes courses in advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacotherapeutics, evidence based practice, and design, evaluation, and financing of health care systems. Remaining courses are determined by degree and population focus. The graduate student's experience culminates in a scholarly project and paper.

NON-DEGREE OPTIONS

Certificate in Nursing Education - open to graduate nursing students and nurses with at least a BSN.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance is available to degree-seeking graduate nursing students. Federal Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship awards, which help defray tuition costs, may be available to students who are U.S. citizens and seeking the DNP degree. Graduate teaching or research assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis.

FACULTY

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