



# Master of Science in **NURSING**

## **Come Back Qualified for Advanced Practice and Leadership Roles**

Nursing is undergoing a radical transformation, with advanced practice nurses taking on greater responsibilities across the health care industry. Purdue Global's Master of Science in Nursing builds on your previous nursing education and practical experience, offering you a pathway to leadership and independent practice opportunities. As a graduate, you'll be prepared to sit for industry certification exams, and be well positioned to pursue a doctoral degree in nursing (DNP).

# Why Study Online at Purdue Global's School of Nursing?

## Built for Working Nurses

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule. Enrollment occurs throughout the year, and clinical practice experiences can be completed within your community — even where you currently work.

## Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a master's degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the health care field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## Rigorous, Relevant Curriculum

We continually revise our curriculum and learning tools to ensure industry alignment.



The master's degree in nursing at Purdue University Global is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** ([www.CCNEAccreditation.org](http://www.CCNEAccreditation.org)).

## Faculty at the Forefront of the Field

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive expertise in nursing and education. All graduate faculty possess advanced nursing degrees and share real-world experiences in their areas of specialty.

## Specialize Your Master's Degree

Pursue a career path in areas such as family nurse practitioner, adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, nurse educator, and executive leader.

## Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.<sup>3</sup>

## Earn a Valuable Nursing Credential to Advance Your Career and Education

BUILD PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND EXPAND EXPERTISE	PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION	GET A HEAD START ON YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Organizational and systems leadership</li><li>▪ Quality improvement and safety</li><li>▪ Translating and integrating scholarship into practice</li><li>▪ Informatics and health care technologies</li></ul>	Be ready to pursue industry-recognized certifications in your selected concentration area. <sup>1</sup>	Our Master of Science in Nursing–DNP Path provides a seamless way to earn both degrees. Clinical hours completed in the master's program apply toward your doctorate.

## Dual Degree Options

### MSN and Master of Business Administration (MBA) - 88 credit hours

Complete your MSN and MBA simultaneously. Develop health care leadership skills, and extend your expertise into business management to find advanced business solutions to complex health care problems.

### MSN and Master of Health Care Administration (MHCA) - 74 credit hours

Earn both your MSN and MHCA to prepare for leadership positions in health care administration, focusing on delivery of services and systems management.

### MSN and Master of Public Health (MPH) - 82 credit hours

Combine your MSN with an MPH to develop the leadership skills and public health knowledge to improve community-based care on local, state, national, and global levels.

# Curriculum

Our curriculum prepares you to fill advanced practice and nursing leadership roles. The courses are updated regularly by industry experts, to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in health care.

## Core Courses

- Advanced Nursing Roles
- Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Nursing
- Scientific and Analytic Approaches to Advanced Evidence-Based Practice
- Epidemiology and Health Promotion
- Health Policy, Ethical, and Legal Perspectives of the Health Care System
- Promoting Optimal Models and Systems for Health Care Delivery

**Program Length:** 1.9 years (standard program) Average time to degree completion. Individual experiences will vary based on full- vs. part-time enrollment and other factors.

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Admission Requirements:** A bachelor's degree with an upper-level major in nursing and an approved criminal background check is required. Additional requirements may apply. Refer to the program-specific policy page in the University Catalog.

## ExcelTrack® Option

ExcelTrack® lets you use your professional experience to earn your degree faster and more affordably.<sup>4</sup> Each course is broken down into a single credit, so you can quickly work through what you already know, and focus on gaining new, relevant skills that you can apply immediately in your career.

Note: for the nurse practitioner pathways, only core courses are available in ExcelTrack®.

LEARNING METHOD	EXCELTTRACK® Competency Based	STANDARD ONLINE
<b>Ideal Candidates</b>	Independent learners who want to control their pace, deadlines, and workload	Students who prefer a predetermined structure and pace
<b>Courses</b>	1-credit courses	5-credit courses
<b>Courses per Term</b>	All you can learn	2
<b>Tuition Structure</b>	Fixed tuition no matter how many courses you take	Standard per credit

# Master of Science in Nursing Specialty Tracks

We offer a variety of population focus areas and concentrations that align with current industry standards<sup>2</sup>:

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner** - 87 credit hours  
Provide direct care for acutely and critically ill patients, which includes accessing, diagnosing, monitoring, treating, and coordinating care.

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner** - 90 credit hours  
Promote holistic health care to members of the adult and older adult population through the assessment, diagnosis, and comprehensive treatment of chronic health problems.

**Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care** - 90 credit hours  
Work with adults or children in family systems to assess, diagnose, and manage their health needs, concerns, and conditions.

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** - 78 credit hours  
Expand your knowledge of comprehensive psychiatric mental health care through the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and management of psychiatric mental health disorders, medical organic brain disorders, substance abuse problems, and complex co-occurring disease processes and disorders across the lifespan.

**Executive Leader** - 60 credit hours  
Oversee complex systems and take on systems-focused roles ranging from health facility administration to public health and policy roles.

**Nurse Educator** - 60 credit hours  
Teach patients and their families, provide interprofessional staff development programs, and evaluate the effectiveness of educational programs.

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

- One of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 40% from 2024 to 2034.<sup>6</sup>
- Due to an acute physician shortage, there is an increased demand for advanced practice nurses who can perform many of the same services as doctors.<sup>7</sup>
- The Institute of Medicine has stated that attainment of advanced nursing education is critical to the profession.<sup>8</sup>

## Career Pathways and Outcomes

### Roles

- Nurse practitioner
- Advanced practice roles
- Nurse instructor or teacher, postsecondary
- Nurse educator
- Management/leadership positions

### Settings/Industries

- Hospitals
- Primary care offices
- Community and public health centers
- Long-term care facilities
- Educational settings
- Governmental facilities

## Additional Programs

### Graduate Certificates

- Nurse Executive Leader
- Nurse Educator

### Postgraduate Certificates

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

## Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## The Center for Career Advancement

Our Nursing Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)

Purdue Global is a proud member of the prestigious STTI Honor Society of Nursing.



### Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

### Gain a Dedicated-to-You Advisor

From the moment you request information all the way to graduation, you'll work with the same advisor for 1-on-1, personalized support. The idea? Build a partnership with a deep understanding of your needs and career aspirations.<sup>9</sup> From registration and financial aid<sup>10</sup> to assistance throughout your degree journey, our advisors are invested in supporting your success.

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit [PurdueGlobal.edu](http://PurdueGlobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams. Graduates who pass the relevant nurse practitioner certification exam may be academically eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in any state in which the program is available for enrollment. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please refer to [Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu) for state-specific licensure information. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams.

2 Not all pathways are available in all states or locations. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.

3 Source: [www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023](http://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023). Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

4 ExcelTrack® is designed to advance your progress based on existing knowledge; however, degree pace and time and cost savings will vary by individual. Students must enroll in a minimum number of credits per term to remain eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Financial Information section of the University Catalog for additional information. Program includes clinical and final project courses that are completed in the standard online format; tuition for these courses is charged at the standard per-credit rate.

5 This testimonial was obtained by Purdue Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.

6 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Fastest-Growing Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

7 Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, *The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2016 to 2030, 2018 update*.

8 Source: Institute of Medicine, *The Future of Nursing: Focus on Education*, 2011, and *Assessing Progress on the IOM Report The Future of Nursing*, 2015.

9 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. **Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified and to have completed an accredited graduate nursing program in order to obtain licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.** Each national certification provider and state Board of Nursing will have eligibility requirements in addition to these educational requirements, such as passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they are eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in their state. Students can obtain additional information from their state's Board of Nursing, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

10 Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.