# NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate and Graduate Level

## **CAREER SNAPSHOT**

*Nurses* work directly with patients in hospitals, outpatient clinics, physicians' offices, schools, extended care facilities and other clinical settings. Nurses are a vital part of the health care team that diagnoses and treats patients of all ages and conditions. Upstate offers advanced education to those with an RN.

In addition to compassion and empathy, nurses rely on critical thinking, medical knowledge and clinical skills. Studies show that advanced education for nurses results in better patient care. The Institute of Medicine stated that by 2020, 80 percent of nurses should have a bachelor's degree.

#### **PROGRAM STRENGTHS**

- As transfer students, **all Upstate Nursing students have an RN before coming here.** We have transfer agreements with many colleges in the region that include guaranteed admission for RNs meeting the requirements.
- Evidence-based programs expand upon but don't duplicate curriculum in associate's degree programs.
- Only nursing program in Central New York that is part of an academic medical university, and the first in the region to start a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program.
- Part-time and full-time options and flexible scheduling accommodate working nurses. Some graduate classes offer a hybrid combination of in-person and on-line instruction.
- Faculty to student ratio is excellent; small class sizes.
- Within the College of Nursing's new home in Upstate's Academic Building, students have access to sophisticated high-tech learning spaces.
- The online Bachelor of Science in Nursing offers unprecedented flexibility for full-time and part-time students, including working moms.

#### **CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Both BS and MS students have opportunities to complete clinical practicums in a variety of settings focused on community populations, psychiatric mental health, and primary care with pediatrics, adults, women's health, and geriatrics. Students are able to apply course-based theoretical knowledge to enhance their overall learning through clinical experience with preceptors who are leaders and experts in the field.

#### LICENSES AND ACCREDITATION

All of our programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.







### OUTCOMES

As of 2018, 100 percent of BS degree recipients and 98 percent of MS degree recipients are employed in nursing. In 2017, 96 percent of Nurse Practitioner graduates passed their national speciality exams.

#### PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Science -Online Program (for RNs with an associate's degree)
- Master of Science Hybrid Program – Family Psychiatric Mental Health
- Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP) – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Post Master's Advanced Certificate
  Program
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) -Online Program

"An advanced Nursing education opens new doors, gives you a much more comprehensive skill set and dramatically improves your practice."

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