



TAKE YOUR
NURSING
CAREER
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING



AN ADVANCED NURSING DEGREE PROVIDES GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - **ONLINE**

(For RNs with an associate degree)

Master of Science - **HYBRID**

- Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) - **ONLINE**

- Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Post Master's Advanced Certificate - **HYBRID**

- Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

FURTHER EDUCATION FOR RNS

Our programs educate students who are already registered nurses, helping them build upon their previous education. Studies show advanced education also results in better outcomes for patients.

THE UPSTATE ADVANTAGE

- **Outstanding faculty.** Our faculty members are the primary instructors for required courses. As award-winning educators, the faculty is dedicated to teaching while also engaging in scholarly work and many in clinical practice.
- **Academic medical center.** The medical center environment allows our students to learn alongside students in other health professions.
- **Impressive facilities.** New facilities include dedicated classroom and laboratory space for the program, as well as a newly constructed Simulation Center.
- **Exceptional clinical education.** We work closely with our clinical sites to ensure that students have access to high quality clinical experiences in diverse practice settings.
- **Small class sizes.** We limit our enrollment per class to provide excellent student-to-faculty ratios.
- **Online courses:** These offer flexibility and are designed to keep distance learners engaged.

ONLINE



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM

This online RN-to-BS in Nursing degree program is a flexible, upper division program for registered nurses with associate degrees or diplomas in nursing. The courses build on the foundation of AAS education to achieve the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education (AACN, 2008)

Our program focuses on theory and application, provides exposure to many areas of nursing, and serves as a foundation for graduate study. It prepares you to deliver comprehensive care to patients of all ages in a variety of settings as a direct care provider and as a nursing leader. Our curriculum will prepare you to be a leader in a technological, information driven, complex healthcare system.

Most full-time students complete degree requirements in two years. Part-time students taking two or three courses per semester will complete the degree in three to four years. Degree requirements must be completed within 5 years of matriculation.

Courses are offered online so you can create a schedule that meets your life and lifestyle. Your faculty advisor will work with you to determine the best program for you.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Associate's degree or diploma program in nursing; 60 semester hours[†] from a basic nursing program including:

Anatomy & Physiology I	3-4
Anatomy & Physiology II	3-4
Microbiology	3-4
English Composition	3
English Elective	3
Psychology	3
Sociology	3
Liberal Arts/Sciences	6
Nursing	30

[†] There is no time limit to receive credit for courses used to fulfill admissions requirements.

• Grades of "C" or higher and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. A higher GPA may be necessary to be competitive for admission.

Spring Deadline: November 1 Fall Deadline: June 1

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM OF STUDY

All course are offered in their entirety via online delivery

<u>Fall Semester, Year 1</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NURS 327: Professional Nursing Transitions	3
ENGL 325: Professional and Technical Writing	3
PATH 360: Pathology	3
NURS 330: Health Assmt & Hlth Prom across Lifespan	4
Total Semester Credit 13	

<u>Spring Semester, Year 1</u>	
NURS 387: Health Care policy & Politics	3
NURS 481: Research in Nursing	3
BIOL 310: Biostatistics	3
NURS 465: Nurse as Educator for the BS	3
Liberal Arts Elective	3
Total Semester Credits 15	

<u>Summer Semester, Year 1</u>	
HUMA 420: Ethics and the Health Professional	3
PHRM 390: Applied Pharmacology	3
Total Semester Credits 6	

<u>Fall Semester, Year 2</u>	
NURS 444: Community Health Nursing	4
BIOL 420: Epidemiology	3
NURS 456: Information, Quality & Safety	3
Liberal Arts Elective	3
Total Semester Credits 13	

<u>Spring Semester, Year 2</u>	
NURS 415: Leadership and Management	3
NURS 490: Trends in Practice and Healthcare	5
Liberal Arts Elective	3
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Total Semester Credits 14	

Nursing Credits 31 Arts & Science Credits 30
Total Program Credits 61



FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM OF STUDY

TWO YEAR

Fall Semester, Year 1	Credits
NURS 565: Nurse as Educator	3
NURS 612: Family Nursing Theory	3
NURS 621: Clin Pathophysiology	3
NURS 607: Adv Health Assessment	3
Total Semester Credit 12	

Spring Semester, Year 1	Credits
NURS 610: Nursing Theory	3
NURS 616: Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 640: Pharmacology	3
NURS 641: Clin Mgmt/FNP I (150 Clinical hours)	5
Total Semester Credits 14	

Summer Semester, Year 1	Credits
NURS 613: Innovation in Information, Quality, and Safety Online	3

Fall Semester, Year 2	Credits
NURS 626: Leadership for APN	3
NURS 642: Clin Mgmt/FNP II (224 Clinical Hours)	6
Graduate Elective	3
Total Semester Credits 12	

Spring Semester, Year 2	Credits
NURS 643: Clin Mgmt/FNP III (225 Clinical Hours)	6
Graduate Elective	3
Culminating Graduate Project	0
Total Semester Credits 9	

Total Credits MS: FNP credits 50
Residency Requirement credits 36

Most classes are taken online.

Blue highlights indicate classes taken in person or in hybrid format.

The master's program emphasizes clinical practice in primary care with a requirement to complete three clinical practicum semesters under the guidance of experts.

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preceptors. SUNY requires each MS student to complete a masters culminating project or thesis prior to graduation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(Family NP, Family Psychiatric Mental Health NP, Pediatric NP)

- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0. A higher GPA may be necessary to be competitive for admission.
- Active, unencumbered NYS RN license
- Current CPR certification
- One year of experience is strongly recommended
- No GREs required
- Basic Health Assessment (300 level or higher course or SUNY Upstate's NURS 330) and Basic Statistics (3 credits)
- Three letters of recommendation

Fall Deadline: April 1st

MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM OF STUDY

TWO YEAR

Fall Semester, Year 1

	Credits
NURS 565: Nurse as Educator	3
NURS 612: Family Nursing Theory	3
NURS 621: Clin Pathophysiology	3
NURS 607: Adv Health Assessment	3
Total Semester Credit	12

Spring Semester, Year 1

NURS 610: Nursing Theory	3
NURS 616: Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 640: Pharmacology	3
NURS 686: Clin Mgmt/PNP I	5
Total Semester Credits	14

Summer Semester, Year 1

NURS 613: Innovation in Information, Quality, and Safety	3
NURS 700: Thesis*** (optional)	1-3

Fall Semester, Year 2

NURS 626: Leadership for APN	3
NURS 687: Clin Mgmt/PNP II	6
Graduate Elective OR	
NURS 655: Curriculum & Prog Dev ++ OR	
NURS 665: Educational Eval++ OR	3
NURS 700: Thesis***	1-3
Graduate Statistics Elective	3
Total Semester Credits	12

Spring Semester, Year 2

NURS 688: Clin Mgmt/PNP III	6
Graduate Elective OR	
NURS 655: Curriculum & Prog Dev ++ OR	
NURS 665: Educational Eval++ OR	
NURS 700: Thesis***	3
Culminating Graduate Project	0
Total Semester Credits	9

Total Credits MS: PNP credits 50
Residency Requirement credits 36

** Required for thesis option (Prerequisite is NURS 616 or equivalent)

*** Thesis option requires 6 credits in NURS 700
Culminating Graduate Project is required if thesis is not chosen Revised -6/2017

++ Required for Education Minor (Prerequisite is NURS 565)

FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER PROGRAM OF STUDY

TWO YEAR

Fall Semester, Year 1

	Credits
NURS 565: Nurse as Educator	3
NURS 612: Family Nursing Theory	3
NURS 621: Clin Pathophysiology	3
NURS 607: Adv Health Assessment	3
NURS 609: Family Psychiatric Mental Health Theory	3
Total Semester Credit	15

Spring Semester, Year 1

NURS 610: Nursing Theory	3
NURS 616: Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 640: Pharmacology	3
NURS 627: Clin Mgmt/FPMHNP I (150 Clinical Hours)	5
Total Semester Credits	14

Summer Semester, Year 1

NURS 613: Innovation in Information, Quality, and Safety Online	3
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Fall Semester, Year 2

NURS 626: Leadership for APN	3
NURS 628: Clin Mgmt/FPMHNP II (225 Clinical Hours)	6
Graduate Elective	3
Total Semester Credits	12

Spring Semester, Year 2

NURS 629: Clin Mgmt/FPMHNP III (225 Clinical Hours)	6
Graduate Elective	3
Culminating Graduate Project	0
Total Semester Credits	9

Total Credits MS: FPMHNP credits 53
Residency Requirement credits 36

POST-MASTER'S ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Program is open to registered nurses with clinical master's degrees who wish to become nurse practitioners and to certified nurse practitioners with master's degrees who wish to become certified in an additional specialty area.

Graduates of this advanced certificate program are skilled in assessment, diagnosis and management of acute and chronic health problems, and are prepared to deliver primary care services in a variety of health settings to the patient population of their choosing: family, family psychiatric mental health or pediatric.

The program typically begins in the fall and takes four semesters. NPs seeking certification in an additional specialty area, who have taken a pathophysiology course that is acceptable for transfer, may be eligible to begin the program in the spring. Nurse practitioners seeking certification in a second specialty area, who have appropriate academic and clinical experience, may qualify to complete the program in three semesters. The Post-Master's Program is a hybrid program including online and face-to-face classes. Classes are either fully online through Blackboard or meet one evening per week if classroom based.

Graduates of Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Program may apply for New York State nurse practitioner credentialing through the College of Nursing. Graduates also are eligible to take the national American Nurses Credentialing Center nurse practitioner certificate exam.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Clinical Master's Degree in Nursing
- Nursing and overall GPA of 3.0
- Active and unencumbered New York State RN license
- Current CPR certification
- Three letters of recommendation

Spring Deadline: November 1 Fall Deadline: April 1



ONLINE

DOCTOR OF NURSING PROGRAM OF STUDY

All course are offered in their entirety via online delivery

Year 1	Credits
NURS 713: Advancements in Information, Quality and Safety	3
NURS 632: Biostatistics for the DNP	3
NURS 711: Organizational Behavior and Systems Leadership	3
NURS 620: Legal and Ethical Issues	3
NURS 608: Epidemiology and Population Health	3
Total Year Credit 15	
Year 2	Credits
NURS 710: Foundations for the DNP Project (75 hours)	3
NURS 637: Scholarly Writing for the DNP	4
NURS 605: Health Policy	3
NURS 722: DNP Project I (150 hours)	3
NURS 723: DNP Project II (150 hours)	3
Total Year Credits 16	
Year 3	Credits
DNP Project III (150 hours)	3
Total Year Credits 3	

*Total Credits: 40
Including 6 credits of Elective
(transfer from MS transcript)*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM (DNP)

The DNP degree prepares nurse experts to the highest level of advanced practice expanding the APRN role in leadership, health policy and advocacy, inter-professional practice and information technology. The expanded clinical role provides the DNP skills to translate and generate evidence-based knowledge into clinical practice that promotes safe, effective and equitable patient care.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- NP License (Family, Family Psychiatric Mental Health, Pediatrics or Adult/Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist [CNS])
- Proof of current national board certification in your specialty

- Active unencumbered RN License from state in which clinical hours will be completed
- Curriculum Vitae
- One year of practice as an advanced practice nurse is recommended
- Minimum nursing and overall GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of recommendation. One must be written by a doctorally prepared practitioner
- Video interview with two faculty members from SUNY Upstate College of Nursing
- Personal statement

Spring Deadline: November 1 Fall Deadline: June 1



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