NURSING - M.S.N.

College of Nursing
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Examples of Possible Careers*

Medical and health services managers
- 31.5% much faster than the average
- 422,300 number of jobs
- $104,280 potential earnings

Nurse practitioners
- 52.4% much faster than the average
- 211,300 number of jobs
- $111,680 potential earnings

Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary
- 17.6% much faster than the average
- 72,900 number of jobs
- $75,470 potential earnings

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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered

- Delivery:
  - Fully online (concentrations Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership, Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner)
  - In person (concentrations Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)
- Location:
  - Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Science in Nursing degree meets the educational eligibility requirements for national certification in the respective area of study. The degree program can be completed in four to five semesters (two full academic years) for full-time students. Part-time students typically take three to four years to complete the program. Completion of a thesis is optional.

The Nursing major comprises the following concentrations:

- The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration allows students to attain advanced practice nursing competencies in providing evidence-based care to adults and older adults with complex acute and chronic illnesses. Clinical experiences occur in a variety of acute care settings, including general medical care, emergency care, critical care and specialty practice. Through clinical practicums, students provide direct patient care in collaboration with a team of health professionals to diagnose and treat patients across the continuum of health care services.

- The Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist concentration fosters acquisition of the needed competencies to care for patients spanning the entire adult to older-adult spectrum. Class and clinical experiences focus on providing advanced nursing care across the health continuum, from wellness to acute care. Students develop competencies across the three spheres of impact: patient/direct care, nurses/nursing practice and organizations/systems.

- The Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration allows students to develop advanced practice nursing competencies in health promotion, risk detection, illness prevention and management of acute and chronic illnesses in adults and older adults. Clinical experiences involve direct care in collaboration with other health professionals to maximize the effectiveness of community and health care system services. Clinical practicums include primary care offices, such as internal medicine and family practice clinics, managed care offices, emergency departments, free clinics and long-term care and occupational health settings.

- The Family Nurse Practitioner concentration allows students to acquire advanced practice nursing competencies to provide continuity of health care to persons across the life span, as well as to maximize the effectiveness of community and health care system services through collaboration with other health professionals. Clinical experiences are offered in a variety of ambulatory care settings and specialty clinics in primary care offices, including family practice, internal medicine, managed care offices, emergency departments, long-term care facilities and academic and occupational health settings.

- The Nurse Educator concentration allows students to develop in-depth knowledge and expertise in selected areas of nursing practice and the role of the nurse educator. Emphasis of the nurse educator role focuses on best practices in curriculum development, instruction and evaluation that prepare students for teaching within a variety of learning environments in academic and staff professional development settings. Students engage in individualized practicum experiences where they apply content learned throughout the graduate curriculum in both their area of nursing practice and the nurse educator role.

- The Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership concentration integrates management, leadership and nursing knowledge for students to develop skills and competencies in administration, systems leadership and advanced nursing.

- The Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration focuses on health promotion, illness prevention, risk identification and acute and chronic care of infants, children and adolescents in the primary care setting. Practicum experiences take place in outpatient primary care and specialty settings; the experiences offer the opportunity for
students to provide individualized and culturally competent advanced practice nursing care to children within the context of their families.

- The **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** concentration builds on core advanced practice nursing knowledge. The program focuses on knowledge and skill development in mental health assessment and diagnostic reasoning, prescribing and medication management and advanced therapeutic modalities such as individual, group and family psychotherapy.

- The **Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner** concentration prepares students to provide the highest level of primary nursing care for women involving health promotion and disease prevention. Students gain competency in advanced nursing management of common acute and chronic conditions. Students practice in direct care and in collaboration with other health care professionals. Practicum experiences foster development of clinical judgment and primary care skills through faculty mentorship and clinical preceptors in a variety of ambulatory care settings and specialty clinics.

### Accreditation

The Master of Science in Nursing degree at Kent State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

### Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s and/or graduate degree from an accredited registered nursing program
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate/graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a minimum C grade
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which clinical coursework will be completed
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (including activities such as national nursing certifications, professional organizations, clinical ladder, PI/QI projects, research, publications and military experience if applicable)
- Essay (2 pages double spaced, 500 words) describing professional preparation and rationale for seeking the master’s degree in the identified specialty along with professional goals and any experience as a nurse caring for the under-served, high risk or vulnerable populations
- Three professional letters of reference from healthcare professionals; letters should be from a supervisor and/or an advanced practice nurse who can speak to the applicant’s professional capabilities
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 78 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 55 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English test score

Admission to the M.S.N. degree is competitive and never guaranteed. Priority will be given to candidates with:

- Strong academic record
- Strong references
- Demonstrated experience in the area of interest

- Holds a national certification in a specialty as a nurse
- Members of a professional nursing organization or military
- Documented community service
- Participated in an agency’s Clinical Ladder, PI/QI Projects, research, publication or similar programs/projects
- Experience as a nurse caring for underserved, high risk or vulnerable populations

An additional interview video may be required.

Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing’s Clinical Compliance Policy. For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

1. Applicants with an RN license and a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field will be considered based on faculty review of a portfolio submitted with the application.

2. Applicants with a lower GPA may be considered for conditional admission according to the University’s Graduate Student Admission Policy.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Acquire educational eligibility to meet standards for advanced practice certification or other advanced professional distinction
2. Acquire competencies based on professional standards to assume advanced roles in nursing and for leadership and career advancement, including doctoral study
3. Communicate, integrate and apply advanced nursing knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based, culturally sensitive nursing care and promote quality outcomes in nursing and health care

### Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

### Program Requirements

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#### Concentrations

Choose from the following: 23-35

- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
**Family Nurse Practitioner**

- Nurse Educator
- Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 35-47

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Minimum Total Credit Hours:  30

Graduation Requirements
Minimum Major GPA  Minimum Overall GPA  
-  3.000

• Minimum 300-600 clinical hours, depending on concentration
• Maximum six years of study. Under selected circumstances and upon the consent of the advisor, petitions for extensions of an additional one year to completion may be submitted to the concentration director.

Dual Degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration
Student have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration and the M.S.N degree in Nursing. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The dual degree is for experienced nurses whose career goals include assuming middle or executive management positions in health services agencies or in health-related companies, or who are interested in starting their own businesses. It combines the strengths of advanced nursing preparation with the practical management knowledge needed to develop significant leadership capabilities.

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