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Master of Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice Degrees in Advanced Practice Nursing & Health Systems and Organizational Leadership
Join one of America’s premier nursing schools and take your knowledge and experience to the next level. Earn an advanced practice nursing degree at OHSU School of Nursing and benefit from being on the leading edge of nursing practice. Get hands-on clinical practice from nursing faculty who are among the best in their fields and enjoy the dynamic relationship with OHSU preceptors throughout the state.

- Passionate about primary care? Step into advanced practice programs in nurse midwifery, family nurse practice or psychiatric mental health nurse practice.
- Want to practice specialty care? Consider joining the nurse anesthesia program.
- Interested in impacting systems? Consider the Health Systems and Organizational Leadership program.

Defining an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse*

An advanced practice registered nurse:

- is educationally prepared to assume responsibility and accountability for health promotion and/or maintenance as well as the assessment, diagnosis and management of patient problems, which includes the use and prescription of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions;
- has clinical experience of sufficient depth and breadth to reflect the intended license; and
- has obtained a license to practice as an advanced practice nurse in one of the four APN roles: certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner.

*Excerpted from the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation, July 7, 2008

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Family Nurse Practitioner (Advanced Practice Nursing)

A family nurse practitioner (FNP) is responsible for the provision of direct primary care to patients across all settings; increasingly, FNPs provide primary health care to patients in medically underserved and rural areas. As practitioners FNPs provide physical examinations, health assessment, screening activities, diagnosing, treating and managing patients with acute and chronic conditions. FNPs are also integral to facilitating health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling. In Oregon FNPs prescribe medication and work independently of physicians.

Students join a program consistently ranked among the top 10 training programs for FNPs in the country. The program capitalizes on the large number and variety of clinical sites for student education. Our faculty have a long-standing relationship with FNP preceptors across the state of Oregon, creating a wide network of options for clinical placements. Students get a rich source of information from the curriculum’s integration in an academic health setting where clinicians and scientists are redefining care and best practices. Students will be exposed to faculty who are leaders in their field and preceptors with a commitment to excellence in primary care.

Geographically, the state provides an array of opportunities for learning. FNP students will experience a variety of clinical settings and may include patients in underserved, suburban, urban, and rural settings. This variety of clinical sites let students experience the large scope of practice enjoyed by many FNPs.

The program is currently offered either in a full-time, face to face format on our Portland campus or through distance technologies for students across Oregon and in the border counties of neighboring states (WA, ID, CA).

Graduates leave the program ready for independent practice in many settings and in places where other practitioners are scarce.

Students with a bachelor’s degree in nursing can complete the full time program in two years to earn a master’s degree or elect to complete a doctor of nursing practice program in three years. Nurses with an advanced practice master’s degree can earn a DNP degree or a post-master’s certificate for those wishing to be licensed as a family nurse practitioner.

The gainful employment disclosure can be found at: www.ohsu.edu/col/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/masters/advanced-practice-nursing/family-nurse-practitioner/index.cfm

Nurse Anesthesia (Advanced Practice Nursing)

Nurse anesthetists are responsible for the management and administration of anesthesia during surgery as well as airway management and resuscitative support in emergency situations. The patient’s health status may range from healthy through all levels of acuity, including persons with immediate, severe or life-threatening illnesses or injury. Care is provided in diverse settings, including, but not limited to, hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, critical access hospitals, pain management centers, ambulatory surgical centers and dental and podiatry offices.

Students enrolled in the nurse anesthesia program at OHSU gain access to diverse patient populations, a state of the art Simulation & Clinical Learning Center, and a collaborative relationship with a top-ranking anesthesiology department in the OHSU School of Medicine.

Oregon’s diverse geography and demographics provide the program with access to wide-ranging clinical experiences. Students learn in an urban university setting where they participate in anesthesia care teams alongside medical anesthesiologists in routine as well as highly complex cases. They also gain experience in community and rural critical access hospitals where certified registered nurse anesthetists are often the only providers of anesthesia.

Clinical rotations in the program include practices in rural Oregon, Washington and Florida allowing students exposure to a professional network beyond the state of Oregon’s borders. Our clinical partners are paramount to our student’s success. Many preceptors are members of the Oregon Association of Nurse Anesthetists allowing students to see their teachers in professional settings, as leaders and role models, encouraging professional development.

The program’s educational philosophy is to cultivate professional growth which in turn fosters success in academics and clinical practice. The cohort model allows for students to learn and grow together while still receiving an individualized education. The program believes in keeping cohorts small to allow for personalized attention and maximum learning opportunities. Students with a bachelor’s degree in nursing can complete the program after 27 months to earn a master’s degree. The program is offered in a face-to-face format on our Portland campus as a full-time program of study.

Graduates have a wide array of practice settings to choose from for employment and are often recruited by hospitals and anesthesia groups prior to graduation.
A nurse-midwife is responsible for the independent management of women’s health care, focusing particularly on common primary care issues, family planning and the gynecologic needs of women, pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period and the care of the newborn (American College of Nurse-Midwives); care is provided in diverse settings, which may include home, hospital, birth center and a variety of ambulatory care settings including private offices, and community and public health clinics.1

Students can join one of America’s most established and consistently top-ranked academic nurse-midwifery programs. Started in 1980, it is currently the only academic nurse-midwifery program in Oregon. Students take coursework while getting firsthand clinical experience in a bustling university faculty practice, community health centers, health maintenance organization settings, migrant health clinics and private practice. The group of 11 faculty members sees patients at the OHSU Center for Women’s Health, which cares for women in the greater Portland community from a variety of diverse backgrounds. The practice enjoys a positive, collegial relationship with physician colleagues.

Students observe and are part of conventional prenatal care, as well as in-hospital water births, group prenatal care and other care options that focus on women during the reproductive years and across the lifespan.

Currently, the program is offered in a face-to-face format on our Portland campus as a full-time program of study.

Students in this program can earn a master’s and a doctoral degree, or post-master’s certificate to become licensed as a certified nurse midwife. Students with a bachelor’s degree in nursing can complete the program in two years to exit with a master’s degree or elect to complete a doctor of nursing degree in three years.

The gainful employment disclosure can be found at: www.ohsu.edu/sdal/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/masters/advanced-practice-nursing/nurse-midwifery/index.cfm


Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNPs) are responsible for the provision of a full range of care for the individual combining nursing science and psychological theory to understand mental health effects on overall health. Mental health is defined by Healthy People 2010 as the ability of individuals to negotiate the daily challenges and social interactions of life without experiencing cognitive, emotional or behavioral dysfunction.

Started in the early 1970s, the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program is currently the only advanced practice nursing program in the state preparing nurses for primary care in mental health. At a time when other PMHNP programs have moved heavily into psychopharmacology, we’ve renewed our commitment to psychotherapy by adding fresh material to the curriculum relevant to meeting the needs of today’s patients. Students get a strong foundation in psychotherapy as well as medication and medication management.

Every student enrolled in the PMHNP program studies mental health care across the lifespan. Students are exposed to a variety of patients during their clinical rotations.

Students work with faculty members in both medicine and nursing who provide a wide range of learning experiences. The program individualizes clinical placements based on student needs, interests and experiences while exposing students to patients of all ages.

In 2010, five faculty members remained active in their own clinical nursing practices, ranging from schools and community mental health clinics to sexual assault counseling, drug and rehabilitation programs and private practices. As the need for mental health practitioners has increased, the program has expanded options for program delivery. Currently the program is offered in a face-to-face format on our Portland campus.

Students with a bachelor’s degree in nursing can complete the program after two years to earn a master’s degree or elect to complete a doctor of nursing practice degree in three years. Regardless of the pathway, all students will be exposed to faculty who are leaders in their field, classmates who will stimulate their passion for learning, and clinical sites reflective of classroom learning. Students earning a DNP degree will experience an additional nine months of clinical learning during their clinical residency and inquiry project.

Other options for licensure include a post-master’s PMHNP certificate with a DNP.

The gainful employment disclosure can be found at: www.ohsu.edu/sdal/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/masters/advanced-practice-nursing/psych-mental-health-nurse-practitioner/index.cfm
Nurses will learn about complex dynamic health care delivery systems, creating sustainable organizations, how to leverage the legislative and regulatory environment and steward financial and human resources through effective care delivery models. Complexity and quality science will be a central program focus. The program will provide opportunities for inter-professional education, collaboration and practice.

Students study alongside world-class faculty with expertise in complexity and quality science, systems innovations, and outcome data analysis. Students will be paired with faculty in leadership positions as they develop skills in leadership, team building and sustaining, analysis of system wide initiatives and data based decision making.

The OHSU curriculum is based on the national competencies for American Organization of Nurse Executives, the Council on Graduate Education for Administration in Nursing, and the ANA standards for Nursing Administration.

OHSU uses distance friendly, technology enhanced methods to bring the program to all areas of the state. Courses are delivered using a combination of technology specifically designed for distance education.

Students with a bachelor’s degree in nursing can complete the full time program in two years to earn a master’s degree or elect to complete a doctor of nursing practice program in three years. Nurses with an advanced practice master’s degree can earn a DNP degree or a post-master’s certificate for those wishing to add this additional specialty coursework.

**Defining Advanced Nursing Practice:** Advanced nursing practice is broadly defined by AACN (2004) as: “any form of nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes for individuals or populations, including the direct care of individual patients, management of care for individuals and populations, administration of nursing and health care organizations, and the development and implementation of health policy.”

*AACN DNP Position Statement, 2004, page 3*
Postmaster’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (Online Program)

The field of nursing is ever changing, and the role of the nurse is expanding into new leadership roles and clinical arenas. To keep pace with the changing scope of practice, the OHSU School of Nursing provides a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program to help practicing nurses with advanced degrees expand their knowledge and increase their understanding of policy, systems, economics and evaluation. With the need for greater translation of research into practice, this doctoral program is designed to enhance the role of the practicing clinician’s and nurse leaders. As a master’s prepared nurse who is ready to expand your role into the doctoral level, this practice-focused doctoral degree will support the career trajectory for those pursuing expert clinical practice and leadership.

The postmaster’s DNP program for practicing nurses with advanced degrees is designed for interested students who would like to gain the skills to translate, disseminate, and integrate clinical knowledge to transform the quality of health care.

The coursework is characterized by a contextual and systematic analysis of clinical phenomena with the intention of optimizing health outcomes. Students will apply scientific methods to conduct clinical inquiry and translate research evidence into practice. Students will practice at all levels of health care delivery, from individuals and populations to the systems in which health care is embedded.

The coursework is offered full time in an online/distance friendly format that requires some face-to-face coursework for some classes. DNP courses are delivered online and through a variety of remote educational technologies. Multiday intensive sessions are held on the Portland campus each academic quarter to allow for face-to-face learning.

The postmaster’s program requires a minimum of 57 credits of graduate coursework beyond the master’s degree. Upon completion of all required coursework, students will complete an extended clinical residency of a minimum of 12 credits over three quarters. This practice experience will provide an opportunity for students to integrate and synthesize essential knowledge in an area of specialized nursing practice.

Graduates leave the program prepared to practice within an advanced practice nursing specialty or nursing leadership role. In a professional, evidence-based, skilled and ethical manner. They will also leave the program with the ability to influence health and health outcomes of individuals, groups and populations through clinical inquiry and health policy and systems of health care in the local, regional, state, national and international forums.

The OHSU School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes to the academic program or required pre-requisites.

Minimum Admission Requirements

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<td>Master of Nursing or BSN to DNP¹</td>
<td>BSN or BS in nursing</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>within five years, with a B- or better</td>
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<td>Post-master’s Certificate</td>
<td>master’s degree in nursing</td>
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<td>Accelerated Baccalaureate to Master’s or DNP</td>
<td>bachelor’s degree in any field</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>yes within five years, with a B- or better</td>
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<td>Doctor of Nursing Practice (post-master’s)</td>
<td>master’s degree in nursing²</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>within five years, with a B- or better</td>
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¹ Some specialties require an applicant to have completed at least one year of specific clinical practice as an RN. Please review program descriptions for this specific information.
² Requirement waived if applicant has graduate degree from accredited US institution.
³ Applicants to HSOL can have a master degree in another related field.
⁴ GRE not required for HSOL applicants.

Notes:
- Science GPA (3.0) may be used as a factor in the application review process.
- All students must provide a satisfactory background check prior to matriculation or admission may be revoked (OHSU policy No. 03-10-011).
- Applicants must hold or be currently eligible for an unencumbered Oregon RN license.

For additional details about pre-requisites, application deadlines, curriculum, faculty contacts and more, go to www.ohsu.edu/son.
OHSU values the POWER of difference. Diversity at OHSU means creating a community of inclusion. We honor, respect, embrace and value the unique contributions and perspectives of all employees, patients, students, volunteers and local and global communities. Diversity includes age, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, diversity of thought, ideas and more. Diversity maximizes our true potential for creativity, innovation, quality patient care, educational excellence and outstanding service.

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