Nursing

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Nursing Doctoral Degree Program

Graduate studies at the doctoral level place primary emphasis upon advanced professional nursing practice, theory, research and leadership roles in advancing health care delivery systems and application of research into practice. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) represents the highest degree in nursing practice.

The post-master’s-to-DNP program is available for those who currently hold an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license and who wish to expand their knowledge and skills to interpret research, apply best practices, and incorporate clinical knowledge and leadership skills to influence health care policy. The Post Masters DNP program at the UAA SON is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791. Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted. Contact a DNP advisor for more details.

In fall 2019, the post-BS-to-DNP program will be offered. This program will prepare nurse practitioners as family nurse practitioners (FNPs) and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners (PMH-NPs). Primary emphasis will be placed upon advanced professional nursing practice, theory, research and leadership roles in advancing health care delivery systems and application of research into practice. This program will replace the current master’s degree nurse practitioner options (FNP and PMH-NP). Contact a DNP advisor for more details.

Nursing Master’s Degree Programs

Graduate studies at the master’s level place primary emphasis upon advanced professional nursing practice, theory, research and health care delivery systems. Students may develop a specialized practice focus in nursing leadership (NLDR) with a concentration in nursing education (NLDR-educ) or administration (NLDR-admin), as a family nurse practitioner (FNP) or psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMH-NP). Master’s level studies provide the student with a basis for further study at the doctoral level. The master’s program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.

Nursing Graduate Certificate Programs

The nursing graduate certificate programs were designed for individuals who have previously acquired their master’s or doctoral degrees in nursing and wish to expand their nursing competencies or practice. Graduate certificate programs are offered in several specialty areas: family nurse practitioner (FNP), psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMH-NP) or nurse educator (EDUC). Prior nursing degrees must be issued from institutions that hold regional accreditation and from programs that hold nursing accreditation (from either the ACEN or the CCNE).

The graduate certificate curriculum builds on the student’s prior graduate degree in nursing by integrating content from that degree with theory-based advanced practice nursing courses and specialty clinical practice. To be eligible for either the FNP or PMH-NP graduate certificate programs, the individual must already be certified as a nurse practitioner in another specialty.

Programs of Study

Master of Science

• MS in Nursing Science  (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/schoolofnursing/ms-nursingscience)

Graduate Certificates

• Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner  (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/schoolofnursing/gradcert-familynursepractitioner)
• Certificate in Nursing Education  (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/schoolofnursing/gradcert-nursingeducation)
• Certificate in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/schoolofnursing/gradcert-psychiatricmentalhealthnursepractitioner)

Doctor of Nursing Practice

• DNP in Nursing Science  (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/schoolofnursing/dnp-nursingscience)

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