




MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

Overview

You enjoy making a difference in the lives of your patients, families, and colleagues and want to continue your education with a master's in nursing. With the healthcare climate changing at lightning speed, having the skills and knowledge to lead high-performing organizations or nursing education programs is critical.

ECPI University's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program encompasses two distinct concentrations: Nursing Education and Family Nurse Practitioner. The concentrations are guided by the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) competencies and the American Association of Nurse Practitioner's (AANP) core and population-specific competencies.

MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner

ECPI University's Family Nurse Practitioner program can prepare you to treat patients of all ages, diagnosing illnesses, prescribing drugs, ordering diagnostic tests, and performing physical exams. Advanced practice nursing provides the close patient contact you have always enjoyed. By taking classes year-round, you could earn your Master of Science with a concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner in as little as 22 months.

MSN - Nursing Education

In the Nurse Educator concentration, you apply the theoretical foundations of education, policy and politics of healthcare, statistics, healthcare technology, curriculum planning/development, and teaching and learning strategies in the online or hybrid classroom and in practicum settings. By taking classes year-round, you could earn your Master of Science with a concentration in Nursing Education in as little as 15 months.



Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, the graduate will be able to:

- Integrate evidence-based nursing practice and related sciences for the continual improvement of nursing care to individuals, families, and communities.
- Perform as a member, educator, and leader of nursing by developing and implementing patient safety measures and quality improvement initiatives as part of an interprofessional team using appropriate theories, communication skills, and effective group dynamics.
- Apply systematic quality management models that meet patient safety goals and initiatives and improve nursing care and patient outcomes.
- Act as a change agent by substantiating and applying research outcomes in practice and education settings to resolve nursing practice problems; and translate and disseminate resulting nursing knowledge.
- Ethically utilize current technologies to communicate with the interdisciplinary team, improve and coordinate care across the continuum, strengthen the delivery and outcomes of nursing education, leadership, and advanced practice, and analyze healthcare data.
- Advocate for policies that improve the health of the public and the profession of nursing by using the broad determinants of health (psychosocial, economic, and cultural factors), and the legal and ethical foundations of nursing.
- Implement current standards of practice and healthcare policies to design, deliver, manage and evaluate culturally appropriate, evidence-based education and nursing care for select populations.
- Analyze various roles of graduate-level nursing and synthesize personal philosophies of nursing within the changing education or healthcare environments.
- Demonstrate role development by performing in the role of nurse educator, leader or advanced practitioner by integrating the concepts related to the area of practice demonstrating expertise, evidence-based practice, and the appropriate competencies.

Possible Career Settings

Family Nurse Practitioner

- Hospitals
- Provider Offices
- Public Health Departments
- Urgent Care

Nursing Education

- Colleges/Universities
- Community Health Agencies
- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care Facilities

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

