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Programs for Non-Nurses with a Bachelor's Degree

Masters Direct Entry (MDE)

The MDE program prepares students to enter the nursing profession as masters-credentialed registered nurses with a focus on care coordination. Students will take classes in health policy, evidence-based practice, religio-cultural competency, and global health.



15 months



Master of Science in Nursing



Registered Nurse (RN) licensure



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume

Masters Direct Entry / Doctor of Philosophy (MDE/PhD)

The MDE/PhD is a combined program that ultimately prepares students to enter the nursing profession as nurse researchers and scientists with a PhD. This program trains nurse scholars to conduct research independently and as part of interdisciplinary teams.



4-5 years



Master of Science in Nursing + Doctor of Philosophy



Registered Nurse (RN) licensure



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Interview

+GRE Scores only required for those with a cum. GPA of less than 3.25

Masters Direct Entry / Doctor of Nursing Practice (MDE/DNP)

The MDE/DNP is a combined program that ultimately prepares students to enter the nursing profession as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for comprehensive care with patients across sites and over time.



4 years



Master of Science in Nursing + Doctor of Nursing Practice



Registered Nurse (RN) licensure + APRN licensure in one specialty:



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume

- Adult-Gero. Acute Care (NP)
- Family (NP)
- Pediatric (NP)
- Psych/Mental Health (NP)
- Midwifery (CNM)

Clinical Programs for Nurses with a Bachelor's Degree and RN License

Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia

The Nurse Anesthesia Program is a 27-month, full-time, front-loaded program that includes a clinical anesthesia residency and prepares students as Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). In the program, students learn to apply theoretical knowledge to the realities of clinical practice.



27 months



Master of Science in Nursing



CRNA licensure



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ At least 1 year of ICU experience
- ✓ NYS RN license or eligibility
- ✓ Interview

Post-RN Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Post-RN DNP program is a 3 year, full-time program that includes a clinical residency. This program prepares students as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for comprehensive care with patients across sites and over time.



3 years



Doctor of Nursing Practice



APRN licensure in one specialty:

- Adult-Gero. Acute Care (NP)
- Family (NP)
- Pediatric (NP)
- Psych/Mental Health (NP)
- Midwifery (CNM)



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ NYS RN license or eligibility

Clinical Program for APRNs

Post-APRN Doctor of Nursing Practice

The post-APRN DNP program that prepares advanced practice nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary for fully accountable comprehensive practice with patients across sites and over time. The program includes a two semester residency.



2 years



Doctor of Nursing Practice



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ MSN degree
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE Scores+
- ✓ NYS RN + APRN
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Case Study
- ✓ Resume

+GRE Scores only required for those with a cum. GPA of less than 3.25

Nurse Researcher/Scientist Program

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD is a 3-4 year full-time program that prepares students to enter the nursing profession as nurse researchers and scientists with a PhD. This program prepares nurse scholars to conduct research independently and as part of interdisciplinary teams.



3-4 years



Doctor of Philosophy



- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Pre-requisites*
- ✓ GRE scores+
- ✓ Case Study
- ✓ Essays (Including Video/Timed Writing)
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ NYS RN license or eligibility