



## GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN HEALTH SCIENCES



# MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS IN NURSING

Society has a tremendous need today for highly skilled, advanced practice nurses. The University of Scranton's CCNE-accredited Master of Science in Nursing program provides registered nurses with the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to perform this advanced practice role. You may choose from three areas of specialization – family nurse practitioner (FNP), adult health nursing (AH) or nurse anesthetist (NA). Graduates of the FNP track are eligible for certification through the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, as well as through the American Nurses' Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Graduates of the AH track are eligible for certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Graduates of the NA track are eligible for certification through the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. We also offer a Master of Science in Nursing for certified advanced practice nurses (CRNA, CRNP, CNM), and a Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program.

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### Family Nurse Practitioner

The FNP track will prepare you to assess, diagnose and treat common acute and chronic disorders, and provide health promotion and disease prevention interventions and counseling. Completing this rigorous program will give you the expertise and skills needed to provide primary patient care to individuals of any age. The FNP option requires 46 graduate credits. If you are a registered nurse who already has a master's degree, you can take our 27-credit certificate program to become an FNP.

### Adult Health

The AH track is designed to prepare registered nurses who wish to develop advanced competencies in adult nursing practice. The curriculum emphasizes the development of adult health nursing clinical expertise based on an in-depth understanding of nursing practice and theory. In addition to the adult health clinical focus, students also select an area of concentration in case management or nursing education.

Adult Health with Nursing Education Concentration = 37 credits

Adult Health with Case Management Concentration = 36 credits

### Nurse Anesthetist

The NA track prepares nurses to develop advanced clinical skills and strategies in the area of nurse anesthesia. This option is a 60-credit program. If you are a registered nurse who already has a master's degree in nursing, you can take our 48-credit certificate program to become a nurse anesthetist.

### Master's Degree for Certified Advanced Practice Nurses

The master's completion track will enable the certificate prepared advanced practice nurse (CRNP, CNM, CRNA) to acquire a theoretical perspective important for advanced practice. This option requires 21 credits of course work at the University and will award 21 validation credits for previous advanced practice nursing preparation. Applicants must be certified and have practiced at least 1000 hours in the advanced practice role within the previous five years.

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### For Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult Health Applicants

- Online application ([www.scranton.edu/gradapply](http://www.scranton.edu/gradapply))
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges/universities attended indicating a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- Three professional letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate your ability to perform graduate level work
- Statement of intentions
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing from a NLNAC or CCNE accredited program
- Licensed registered nurse in the state of Pennsylvania
- Minimum of one year direct clinical nursing practice
- Satisfactory completion of undergraduate or equivalent approved courses in basic physical assessment and statistics

### For Nurse Anesthesia Applicants

In addition to the application requirements for Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult Health Applicants, Nurse Anesthesia applicants must also submit:

- One year of critical care nursing experience
- Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- Successful completion of two courses in college chemistry
- Nurse Anesthesia Supplement Packet found within "Downloadable Forms and Brochures" at [www.scranton.edu/gradapply](http://www.scranton.edu/gradapply)
- Deadline for applications is October 1st of the year prior to anticipated enrollment.

\* If you do not meet these requirements, you may be admitted on the condition that you complete the appropriate coursework and work experience in addition to your graduate-level courses.

## GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A limited number of graduate assistantships are awarded annually to graduate nursing students. An assistantship provides a stipend and a tuition scholarship in exchange for a service commitment to the department

## CORE COURSES

Required of all graduate nursing students:

- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Clinical Assessment
- Research Methodology
- Theory and Research Application
- Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Nursing Ethics

## SPECIAL COURSES – FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER OPTION

- Family Health Promotion\*
- Health Problems in the Developing Family\*
- Health Problems in the Established Family\*
- Family Health Synthesis\*
- Family Clinical Practicum I-IV\*
- Rural Health
- Electives and Directed Study

## SPECIALTY COURSES – ADULT HEALTH OPTION

- Advanced Theory of Adult Health Nursing I & II
- Advanced Applications of Adult Health Nursing I & II

## Case Management Concentration

- Theoretical Foundations of Case Management
- Case Management Clinical Practicum
- Directed Study

## Nursing Education Concentration

- Nurse Educator Role
- Strategies for Teaching Nursing
- Nurse Educator Practicum

## SPECIALTY COURSES – NURSE ANESTHETIST OPTION

- Principles of Nurse Administered Anesthesia I-III\*
  - Chemistry of Nurse Administered Anesthesia\*
  - Physics of Nurse Administered Anesthesia\*
  - Pharmacology of Nurse Administered Anesthesia I-III\*
  - Physiology and Health Assessment of Nurse Administered Anesthesia I-III\*
  - Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I-VI\*
- \*Certificate curriculum for FNP and NA options

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Please visit our website at [www.academic.scranton.edu/department/nursing/](http://www.academic.scranton.edu/department/nursing/).



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