The University of Scranton
Department of Nursing
Master’s and DNP Programs
Master’s Degree Programs of Study

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Adult- Gerontology
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Nurse Anesthesia (NA)
- Completion Program for CRNAs, CNMs, CRNPs
Why choose The University of Scranton Graduate Nursing Program?

- Faculty excellence in practice and scholarship
- High certification pass rate and employment following graduation
- Financial support
- Student support

Read on – See next few slides for details
Faculty

- Full-time faculty teaching in the graduate program are doctoral prepared
- Currently practicing CRNPs, CNSs, and CRNAs teach specialty/clinical courses
- Faculty are highly published
- Faculty are active in research and professional organizations
Graduates

- Our FNP graduates have a 100% first-time pass rate on national certification examinations.
- Our NA graduates have a greater than 90% first-time pass rate on the national certification examination.
- More than 95% of the graduates from our master’s program are employed in their area of concentration or are pursuing further study.
Financial Support

- Currently some students receive federal traineeship grant money
- Several Graduate Assistantships, which pay tuition and a stipend, are available
- Assistance with securing loans is available
Each graduate student is assigned a faculty mentor/advisor who provides counseling and assists with program planning.

Full-time faculty teach greater than 90% of the courses and have weekly posted office hours for consultation with students.

Library and computer access and support are available.
Admission Requirements

MSN Program

- Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing
  (Accelerated BSN-MSN program available)
- Grade point average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
- One year clinical nursing practice
- Undergraduate Statistics and Physical Assessment
- Interview
- Additional for NA program – recent ICU/CCU experience, ACLS, PALS, two college chemistry courses
Accelerated BSN-MSN Program

An accelerated baccalaureate and master’s degree program is available for the student who does not hold a BSN. In the accelerated program, up to 12 graduate credits may also satisfy 12 undergraduate credit requirements. The student must enter at the undergraduate level and meet GPA requirements.
Admission Information
MSN Program

- Students may begin course work in either the fall or spring semester for the FNP & CNS programs.
- The deadline for applications for the NA program is Oct 1 of the year prior to expected enrollment.
- For additional information and application:
  - Graduate Admissions Website: [http://matrix.scranton.edu/admissions/graduate-admission.shtml](http://matrix.scranton.edu/admissions/graduate-admission.shtml)
  - Graduate Program Information:
    - [http://catalog.scranton.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=4571](http://catalog.scranton.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=4571)
MSN Program Curriculum

Adult-Gerontology CNS - 37 credits

Family Nurse Practitioner - 46 credits

Post master’s FNP - 27 credits

Nurse Anesthesia - 68 credits

Post master’s NA - 56 credits
Curriculum

Master of Science Degree for Certified Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) (CRNA, CRNP, CNM)

42 credits
21 University of Scranton credits required
21 validation credits awarded for prior education
Core Courses
(taken by all graduate students)

- Advanced Physio and Pathology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Clinical Assessment
- Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Nursing Ethics
- Research Methodology
- Theory and Research Applications
- Systems Leadership for Advanced Practice
Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Objective:
Prepare nurses to assess, diagnose, and treat common acute and chronic disorders, and to provide health promotion and disease prevention interventions and counseling in primary care settings.
Family Nurse Practitioner

Specialty Courses

- Family Health Promotion
- Health Problems in Developing Family
- Health Problems in Established Family
- Synthesis in Family Health

Clinical Practicum

- Approximately 2 days/week for 4 semesters
Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate

Is prepared to provide direct patient care in:

- Private Offices - Physician / NP
- Clinics
- HMO’s
- Business/Industry Employee Health
- Home Health Care
- Schools and College Student Health
- Nursing Homes and Hospices
Objective:

■ Prepare clinical nurse specialists with advanced competencies in nursing practice and strategies for improving the quality of patient care. The curriculum emphasizes the development of adult-gerontology nursing clinical expertise.
Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Specialty Courses

- Advanced Adult-Gero Nursing I & II
- Professional Practice for the CNS
- Systems Leadership for Advanced Practice

Clinical Practicum

- Approximately 1 day/week for 3 semesters
Employment Opportunities for the Adult-Gero CNS Graduate

- Hospitals
- Long-term Care/Home Care Facilities
- Nursing Education
- Health Care Businesses
- Insurance Companies
- Pharmaceutical Firms
Nurse Anesthesia Program

Objective:
Prepare nurses to function in the role of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, able to administer all types of anesthesia in a variety of clinical settings.
Nurse Anesthesia Program

This program is 28 continuous months in length beginning with the fall semester and ending two years later at the end of December. The program is offered as a full time option only with most classes and clinical during the day.
Objective:
Provide a course of study that will enable the certificate prepared APN to acquire a theoretical perspective important for advanced practice nursing.
Curriculum - MSN for APNs

- 21 validation credits awarded
- 21 Univ. of Scranton credits (7 courses)
  - Issues in APN
  - Nursing Ethics
  - Research Methodology
  - Theory and Research Applications
  - Application of Advanced Practice Concepts
  - Elective and Independent Study
National Certification

Upon graduation, the FNP graduates are eligible for national certification through either the
- American Nurses Credentialing Center OR
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

The Adult-Gero CNS graduates are eligible
- American Nurses Credentialing Center

The NA graduates are eligible through the
- Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists
Program Length

- FNP and Adult-Gero CNS programs can be completed in 2 years of full-time study or 3 to 4 years of part-time study.
- Master’s completion program can be completed in 2 years of part-time study.
- Nurse anesthesia program is a 28 month full-time program, there is no part-time option for the NA program.
Scheduling – FNP and Adult-Gero

Classes – core courses are offered every year, specialty courses are on a two-year rotation; classes are usually scheduled in the evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Clinical is arranged between the student and preceptor and can be at a site near the student’s home.

Full-time (FT) and part-time (PT) study available – FT students have two evenings per week of class, PT students usually one evening per week.
Doctor of Nursing Practice

The DNP program is designed to prepare graduates for independent practice in advanced nursing practice specialties. In addition, the DNP graduate will possess enhanced organizational and leadership skills in health care delivery, expertise in the application of evidence-based practice to improve patient and health care outcomes, and the ability to lead inter-professional teams.
DNP Program offered in Executive Leadership Model

- Executive leadership hybrid program where students meet one weekend per month for 3-4 times each semester.
- This model is designed to accommodate full-time practice and academic commitment, at the same time allowing for face-to-face interaction with students and faculty throughout each semester.
Admission Requirements

DNP Program

- Masters Degree in Nursing with preparation in an advanced practice specialty
- Pennsylvania RN license
- Grade point average of 3.2 on 4.0 scale in MSN program
- Interview
Admission Information
DNP Program

- Students begin coursework in the fall semester
- The deadline for early decision is May 1 of the year of expected enrollment; Late applications are accepted and reviewed on a space available basis
- Graduate Admissions Website: http://matrix.scranton.edu/admissions/graduate-admission.shtml
- DNP Nursing Program Website: http://catalog.scranton.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=38&poid=6638&returnto=4571
DNP Program Curriculum

- Two year program – 30 credits
- Begins in fall and ends two years later in May
- Two courses (six credits) taken per semester for five semesters, which includes the summer between the first and second years
- Part-time study is also available, taking one course per semester
- Scholarly project and clinical hours are completed as part of the course work taken in the final year
For Information and to Apply

- Graduate Admissions Website: http://matrix.scranton.edu/admissions/graduate-admission.shtml
- Graduate Nursing Information: http://catalog.scranton.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=4571
- For more information about the nurse anesthesia program call 570-941-5531
- For more information about all other programs call 570-941-7673