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

**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Adult- Gerontology Nursing (CNS)
Executive Nurse Leadership

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**
Nurse Anesthesia
Post Master’s DNP
Why choose The University of Scranton Nursing Program?

- Faculty excellence in practice and scholarship
- High certification pass rate and employment following graduation
- Financial support
- Student support
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 national certification examinations over the last three years.
- 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

- Several Graduate Assistantships, which pay tuition and a stipend, are available.
- Assistance with securing loans is available.
Student Support

- 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.
- On-line library access and support is available.
MSN Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing
  (Accelerated BSN-MSN program available)

- Grade point average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale

- Undergraduate Statistics and Physical Assessment

- Interview
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

- Students may begin course work in either the fall or spring semester for the MSN programs
  - *Rolling admissions

- 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 Nursing Website: [www.scranton.edu/academics/pcps/nursing/index.shtml](www.scranton.edu/academics/pcps/nursing/index.shtml)
MSN Curriculum

**Adult-Gerontology CNS**
33 credits

**Executive Nurse Leadership**
30 credits

**Family Nurse Practitioner**
36 credits

**Post master’s FNP**
27 credits
Four Core Courses
(taken by all MSN students)

- Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing*
- Research Methodology & Application
- Systems Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing*
- Family Health Promotion

*on line courses
Additional Core Courses (taken by FNP & CNS students)

- Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Clinical Assessment
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Family Nurse Practitioner
MSN 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

- 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
Adult–Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist CNS
Adult-Gerontology CNS MSN Program

Objective:

■ Prepare nurses to develop advanced competencies in nursing practice of adults, including direct practice, consultation, and education.
Adult-Gero CNS Nursing

Specialty Courses

■ Advanced Adult-Gero Nursing I & II
■ Professional Practice for CNS

Clinical Practicum

■ Approximately 1 day per 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
Executive Nurse Leadership
Executive Nurse Leadership
MSN Program

- Offered in conjunction with the Health Administration Department

- **Objective:** Prepare nurse executives to be leaders in health care

- Curriculum emphasizes content in organization and financial management, and knowledge and skills needed to exert a leadership role in nursing and health care
Executive Nurse Leadership

Specialty Courses
- Healthcare Financial Management
- Human Resources Management
- Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

Clinical Practicum
- One day per week for one semester
MSN Program Length

The FNP, Adult-Gero CNS, & Executive Nurse Leadership tracks can be completed in 21 months.

- **FNP full-time program**
  - Classes one day/week and clinical two days/week

- **CNS full-time program**
  - Classes one day/week and clinical one day/week

- **Executive Nurse Leadership**
  - Classes one day/week and 125 hours total clinical time (1 day/week for 1 semester)
Post Master’s DNP Program
Post Master’s DNP Program

- Focuses on leadership in advanced practice nursing
- 30 credit program
- Can be completed in 21 months (5 semesters) taking two courses per semester
- Executive leadership format – meets one weekend (Saturday & Sunday) per month
- Reduced tuition at $772 per credit
DNP Post Master’s Admission Requirements

- Master’s Degree in Nursing
- Preparation or certification in advanced practice nursing role
- Grade point average of 3.2 on 4.0 scale
- Brief paper describing current practice and proposed topic for scholarly project
- Interview
- Applicants accepted for Fall semester only
Post Master’s DNP Curriculum

- Eight didactic courses including content in:
  - Epidemiology
  - Informatics
  - Evidence-based practice
  - Advanced scientific inquiry
  - Health care management
  - Vulnerable populations
  - Health care policy
  - Professional leadership

- Two seminar courses focusing on the scholarly project

- Clinical hours depending on number of hours completed in MSN program
DNP
Nurse Anesthetist
DNP 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.
DNP Nurse Anesthesia
Admission Requirements

■ Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing
■ Grade point average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
■ Undergraduate Statistics and Physical Assessment
■ Interview
■ Recent ICU/CCU experience, ACLS, PALS, two college chemistry courses
Nurse Anesthesia DNP Program

- Program: 36 continuous months in length
- Start Date: Beginning around June 1, and ending three years later at the end of May
- Credits: 83
Nurse Anesthesia DNP Program

- Some weekend classes and clinicals are required
Dr. Catherine Lovecchio
Chairperson, Department of Nursing
Faculty
Dr. Mary Jane Hanson
Director, Graduate and DNP Programs
Faculty

Dr. Ann Culp
Program Administrator

Dr. Susan Elczyna
Clinical Director
Admission Information

- The deadline for applications for the NA program is Oct 1 of the year prior to expected enrollment.
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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 CNS graduates are eligible through
- American Nurses Credentialing Center

The NA graduates are eligible through the
- Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists
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■ For specific information about the Nurse Anesthesia program call 570-941-5588

■ For specific information about the MSN and DNP programs call 570-941-7673