More than a nursing degree. A career that will transform lives.
A career that matters. A life with meaning.

You care about helping others, and you want to make that a defining part of your life.

At Duquesne University’s School of Nursing, you’ll prepare for the challenges of nursing today through rigorous academic programs that help compassionate, motivated people like you become the best nurses they can be.

At Duquesne, you’ll also be inspired to develop the personal and ethical values that make you a care provider—and a health care leader.

Your Future Starts Here.

Achieve your personal and professional goals with a nursing degree from Duquesne.
There has never been a better time to be a Duquesne nurse.

Nurses are in demand everywhere, and the critical role that nurses play in health care is expanding rapidly. The field of nursing is rich with opportunities for career advancement. In fact, the federal government predicts that employment for registered nurses will grow 15 percent and for nurse practitioners it will grow 31 percent by 2026.

When you graduate with a nursing degree from Duquesne, you’ll be well prepared to enter and excel in this growing profession—and make a real difference in the lives of others.
Undergraduate nursing students begin experiencing valuable, hands-on patient care during their sophomore year in local hospitals and community facilities such as:

- Allegheny Health Network
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
- Magee-Women’s Hospital of UPMC
- VA Medical Center
- Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
- Hillman Cancer Center

Prior to their senior year, traditional BSN students will participate in a new 21-week clinical immersion experience at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC).

Graduates go on to work for employers such as:

- Duke University Medical Center
- Mayo Clinic
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Cleveland Clinic
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
- VA Pittsburgh Healthcare
- Allegheny Health Network

Graduates hold distinguished positions such as:

- Nurse Researcher
- Chief Nursing Officer
- Director of Marketing and Education
- Dean
- Former President, AACN
- Provost
- Senior Legal Director
- Chief Quality Officer

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- Bureau of Labor Statistics

WHAT EMPLOYERS SAY ABOUT DUQUESNE NURSES:

“Duquesne nurses are strong clinicians and have good assessment and critical thinking skills.”

“I love hiring Duquesne nurses. They are leaders.”

“Even the new graduates have solid communication skills.”
Faculty who are committed to your success.

As a nursing student, you will receive the kind of personalized attention found at smaller schools but in a high-tech learning environment typical of larger institutions. We have a caring faculty committed to teaching which helps ensure that you can achieve your very best. In addition, you will have access to a faculty mentor, tutors and a remediation expert.

Our faculty bring a wide range of clinical experience and knowledge into the classroom as expert practitioners, role models and mentors. They are also outstanding scholars and researchers who are committed to academic and professional excellence for all students.

SPACE TO GROW

Through a unique nursing center, students work alongside faculty on invaluable clinical, research and service opportunities.

The Center for Research for Underserved and Vulnerable Populations is an outgrowth of the School of Nursing’s long-standing commitment to research and scholarship. The Center supports qualitative and quantitative methodologies with a particular emphasis on topics related to health disparities, cultural competence and chronic illness.
Graduate with Honors

High-achieving nursing students have the opportunity to apply to the Nursing Honors Program their junior year. Accepted students work closely with a faculty advisor to design an evidence-based practice or research-type project.

As an honors program student, you will have the opportunity to write your Honors Thesis, present your research at the University Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Symposium and submit an article—written with your faculty advisor—for publication in a selected journal.

Graduating with honors is a nationally recognized achievement and signifies a commitment to excellence, initiative and hard work. This distinction will set you apart from your peers and position you to become a nursing leader.

Recent Nursing Honors Program participants have worked with mentors on a variety of projects, including:

An evidence-based training program designed for Patient Care Technicians at UPMC Shadyside; it educated nursing professionals about central line associated blood stream infections and prevention methods.

Students worked with Mandarin Chinese speaking adults at a senior center to evaluate health literacy and adherence to evidence-based physical activity guidelines.
Individual attention and support: our focus is you.

Earning your nursing degree at Duquesne University means that you will be challenged academically, professionally and personally. But it also means you will benefit from individual attention while receiving a first-class education that leads to a promising future.
UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT

Learning about Campus Life

School of Nursing
- Nursing Preview Day (for accepted BSN students)

Duquesne University
- New Student Orientation and Retention Programs

Financial

School of Nursing
- Nursing Scholarships and Financial Aid Programs

Duquesne University
- Financial Aid Office

Professional/Personal

School of Nursing
- Faculty Mentors, Tutors, Academic Advisors, Center for Research for Underserved and Vulnerable Populations, Student Nursing Organizations, Networking Opportunities

Duquesne University
- Learning Skills Center, Center for Career Development, Computing and Technology Services, Writing Center, University Counseling and Wellbeing Center, Disability Services, Spiritan Campus Ministry, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office for Military and Veteran Students

Student Organizations

School of Nursing
- Alpha Tau Delta, Chi Eta Phi, National Student Nurses Association, Nurses Christian Fellowship, Sigma Theta Tau International

Duquesne University
- More than 250 student organizations on campus

GRADUATE SUPPORT

Pursuing an advanced nursing degree can be both rewarding and challenging, which is why you’ll find a range of specialized services designed to meet your needs as an online graduate student.

- One-on-one faculty mentorship
- Research assistance through the Center for Research for Underserved and Vulnerable Populations
- Technical support for Blackboard
- Distance continuing education and conference opportunities
- Online support from the Writing Center
- Professional networking
- Gumberg Library

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

Duquesne University participates in the Yellow Ribbon program and has many students using their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. We are honored to include veterans as well as active duty personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserves among our students.

Our Veterans to BSN program provides personalized support systems, customized to the unique needs of military and veteran students. In its Best Colleges for Veterans rankings, U.S. News & World Report put Duquesne University at no. 80, among the top in the nation, for helping veterans pursue a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. And, for the support we provide veterans and military students, the School of Nursing has been recognized as a Military Friendly® Top 10 Gold Medal School by Victory Media.

“At Duquesne, you’ll find well-educated, quality professors who are caring, helpful and always available for any questions you may have.”

Casey Courage
Second Degree 2019 Graduate and Sergeant, Marine Corps.

To hear Casey talk about his Duquesne experience, visit duq.edu/casey
Victory Media

School of Nursing has earned the prestigious Military Friendly School designation at the Gold Level ranking for the second consecutive year.

U.S. News & World Report Rankings

#35 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs

#64 Nursing Schools – Master’s Programs

#57 Best Nursing Schools – Doctor of Nursing Practice

School of Nursing is an NLN Center of Excellence - National League for Nursing

Newly ranked!

#22 Best Graduate Schools - Family Nurse Practitioner Programs

2018 Nursing Schools Almanac ranks the Duquesne University School of Nursing:

#5 in PA  #11 in Mid-Atlantic  #41 in the U.S.

#20 among Private Nursing Schools

U.S. News & World Report Rankings

#15 Best Online Master’s in Nursing Programs for Veterans

#79 Best Online Bachelor Programs for Veterans
Take a look inside our Learning and Simulation Center.

High-tech simulation training is an important part of your nursing education. You’ll have access to the latest learning technology to practice basic and advanced patient care skills as an undergraduate, and advanced assessment and primary care skills as a graduate student within a safe, controlled environment.
All the resources you need.
The simulation lab features an infant resuscitator, phototherapy unit and incubator, a medication cart, emergency carts, anatomical models, simulators, wall diagnostics and modern medical equipment to support your clinical learning needs.

Diagnose and administer treatment.
You’ll apply dressings to a mannequin’s wounds and perform catheterizations, injections and irrigations as well as practice intubation and defibrillation. Students work with a variety of patient simulators, including neonatal and birthing mannequins, which show symptoms, communicate and respond to care.

Hands-on and online graduate learning.
Graduate nursing students may access the center to practice advanced assessments and primary care skills and/or participate in virtual training sessions.

Gain confidence using real-life scenarios.
Practice responding to emergency situations such as cardiac arrests and develop your decision-making, teamwork, communication and leadership skills in our adjacent Weisbrod Fundamental Skills Lab. For maximum realism, audio recordings and special “short throw” video projectors are used to recreate the visual and auditory qualities of a hospital.

Individual feedback and guidance
Video recording and sophisticated playback capabilities in the lab enable faculty to review student learning and provide performance-based, individualized feedback.

State of the art technology
A telemedicine cart, equipped with a wound/dermatology camera, Bluetooth stethoscope, otoscope and 12-lead EKG system, challenges undergraduate and graduate students to integrate nursing knowledge with communication and technology skills.

A variety of environments
Health assessment suites are equipped with exam tables and diagnostic equipment.
Learning that goes beyond the classroom.

Opportunities to incorporate a global experience into your nursing education exist at both the nursing undergraduate and graduate levels.

You can learn in the classroom, online and beyond in places like Nicaragua, Italy, Scotland, Ghana, Costa Rica and Tanzania, to name just a few. As an undergraduate student, you can choose from study abroad programs that last for one week, a summer or an entire semester.

Undergraduate nursing students are given the additional opportunity to travel and learn while serving vulnerable populations through a partnership with a Nicaraguan nursing school. During these faculty-led trips, you will participate in direct patient care and in health promotion and disease prevention projects.

You’ll gain the skills, knowledge and clinical experience needed to deliver the best patient care possible while learning how to recognize and appreciate cultural differences in health care values, beliefs and customs.
Study advance nursing practice in Rome or Ireland.

Online DNP and PhD students can study transcultural and global health perspectives, and the influences of culture on health systems through short-term coursework and cultural immersion in Italy at the Duquesne Rome campus. This is an outstanding opportunity for doctoral nursing students to learn more about global health care systems and discover the commonalities and differences in cultures, health and health care access.

PhD students are required to study abroad for a short-term experience in Ireland. This includes opportunities for a global perspective on research methods such as qualitative, mixed methods and measurement. A partnership with the nursing faculty at University College Dublin enhances this wider view of scholarship and research in nursing.

“Transcultural nursing experiences enable the students to see the commonalities and differences in health care and health care access. It changes their world view, and we hope that will impact how they care for people in any setting.”

Dr. Rick Zoucha
Chair of advanced role and PhD programs

AS A GRADUATE STUDENT, you may travel to the University College Dublin and be introduced to Irish faculty, discuss your research with other students and attend an action research conference all while enjoying the new foods, customs and traditions of your host country.

AT DUQUESNE, ALL LEVELS OF THE NURSING CURRICULUM INCORPORATE A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.

For example, a transcultural nursing class is included in all undergraduate and DNP programs, and those enrolled in the PhD program are able to study abroad while taking a cognate course.

“The Rome Maymester is one of the most insightful experiences I’ve ever had. It opened my eyes to the world and helped me appreciate the importance of understanding other cultures—especially in a clinical setting. As future nurses, we are bound to encounter individuals from cultures other than our own. In Rome, you’re able to experience this firsthand in the classroom, in the hospital and everywhere in between.”

Abbey Whitewood
BSN Nursing student

“It was wonderful to examine research on culture and learn how it affects providers and institutions, but the best part was meeting fellow students. We come from all over the U.S. with varying years of experience and aspirations. It was refreshing to garner the perspectives from other nurses enrolled in a graduate program. I learned so much and took away a better outlook on my profession and future as a health care provider.”

Skye Jones
MSN-FNP student
Pittsburgh: a great place to study, live and work as a nurse.

Duquesne’s beautiful park-like campus is set apart on a hill, overlooking downtown Pittsburgh, the South Side and the Monongahela River. And if you take a five-minute walk down the hill (we call it the Bluff), you’ll be in the middle of everything the city has to offer.

Recently named one of the “Top 100 Best Places to Live” by Livability.com, Pittsburgh is a thriving center of cultural and recreational destinations, from world-class museums and live performances, to riverfront trails and three professional sports teams.

And when it’s time to get to work, you’ll find many opportunities for clinical experiences, internships and professional positions within Pittsburgh’s robust health care industry. In fact, campus sits right next door to a major hospital and is only a bus ride away from some of the nation’s nationally ranked hospitals and community care facilities. Pittsburgh’s international reputation for leadership in medicine and technology affords access to countless nursing internships and job opportunities.

Pittsburgh was named 2nd Most Livable City In United States, 32nd Worldwide -Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Index

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Even better, schedule a time to come visit us in person: duq.edu/visit
Explore more of what the ‘burgh has to offer: duq.edu/pittsburgh
A Catholic education in the Spiritan tradition.

Who we are today has a lot to do with who we were yesterday. Founded in 1878 by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, or the Spiritans, to serve Pittsburgh’s immigrant population, Duquesne was built on a core set of values that guide us even now.

We believe in building community, in having a global vision, in promoting high academic standards and in a commitment to service.

And first and foremost, everyone at Duquesne is here to make sure you succeed, academically and throughout life.
Undergraduate Programs

Learn to make a difference.

As an undergraduate nursing student at Duquesne, you’ll experience a learning environment where evidence-based nursing, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity go hand in hand with ethical practice, community service and a commitment to social justice.

A BSN degree is a solid foundation that prepares you for leadership roles and advanced nursing education later in your career.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

This traditional four-year program provides you with the knowledge and skills that professional nurse generalists need, whether in nursing practice or as preparation for graduate study. This course of study combines a strong foundation in the liberal arts with theory courses and clinical experiences in world-renowned hospitals and other health care settings.

We are committed to ensuring that you will be well prepared for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), so that when you graduate, you will be confident and ready for the test that qualifies you for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

NEW CLINICAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

In addition to traditional clinical exposure, every four-year BSN student’s plan of study includes a 21-week paid clinical immersion experience at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). This unique initiative enables students to perform established nursing procedures for patients as a UPMC employee, work in controlled care settings and carry out patient care assignments. You will gain valuable hands-on nursing experience and a competitive edge, all while earning academic credit.

SECOND DEGREE BSN

Choosing to become a nurse, even after embarking on some other career path, can be one of the best decisions you will ever make. If you have earned a bachelor’s degree in another discipline, our Second Degree BSN program enables you to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in just 12 or 16 months.

By blending traditional classroom instruction with simulation labs and hands-on clinical experiences, you will enter the profession with a strong, broad-based clinical foundation for nursing practice. When you graduate, you will have logged hundreds of hours in hospitals and community facilities— institutions that are educational partners with the Duquesne University School of Nursing.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING – BSN DUAL DEGREE

Be a pioneer in health care as a nurse engineer. This five-year program is the first of its kind and is innovative for integrating the clinical knowledge of nursing with the technological aspects of biomedical engineering.

Students gain both hands-on experience in biomedical engineering, thermodynamics and electronics as well as in patient care at local state-of-the-art health care facilities. You’ll partner with health care providers in a biomedical engineering capstone project to propose a solution to an unmet need in patient care.

With the combined knowledge and skills of the two disciplines, graduates will find exciting career opportunities.
Graduate Programs — All 100% Online —

Advance your career.

Demand for nurses prepared at the graduate and doctoral levels is at an all-time high. Those with the skills to advance patient care across a variety of health settings can not only thrive on the front line, but also play a role in redefining the future of nursing. And that’s exactly what our suite of online graduate nursing degrees is designed to help you do.

Online Learning

An early adopter and innovator in online graduate nursing education, the School of Nursing offers working nurses like you the chance to advance your career. Our online programs are designed so that you can complete coursework anywhere and on your own schedule.

Our nursing courses are structured so that students share their learning and motivate each other. In an online class, you can review course materials as often as you need and then interact with other students or the faculty via email, text or audio chat rooms, as well as threaded discussions. In addition, you will frequently take part in exercises and solve problems in small groups using digital communication tools.

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Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs 2019
- U.S. News & World Report

“Although the online program is full-time, it is manageable while holding a part-time or full-time position.”

Angela Karakachian
PhD student

To hear Angela talk about her Duquesne experience in her own words, visit duq.edu/angela
**MASTER’S PROGRAMS**

_Fulfill your nursing career goals with your MSN._

The role of the advanced practice nurse (APN) is expanding, and the need for APNs is in great demand. If you have earned your BSN and are looking to take the next step in your nursing career, Duquesne University’s online Master of Science in Nursing program offers three tracks to give you the focus to accomplish your goals.

**Which track is right for you?**

**Family Nurse Practitioner**
As the shortage of primary care providers intensifies, family nurse practitioners are stepping up with the clinical expertise and credentials to fill the gap. And you can join them. Gain the skills to interpret diagnostic information and deliver holistic treatment plans that emphasize both care and cure.

**Forensic Nursing**
Imagine that you’re about to treat a sexual assault victim. Your role is to serve as an advocate for the patient. How do you provide trauma-informed care? What would you do to preserve the chain of evidence during your exam? These are the questions forensic nurses are prepared to answer. And now it is your time to become one. Choose Duquesne University’s online MSN in Forensic Nursing and graduate from one of the few programs in the country to offer in-depth study in all areas of forensic practice.

**Nursing Education and Faculty Role**
You know firsthand the impact faculty, directors and mentors have had on your nursing career. With a Duquesne University Master of Science in Nursing Education and Faculty Role, you can have an impact on the future of nurses serving not only in your community but around the world.

**POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATES**

Online Nursing Certificate Programs offer nurses with an MSN degree an opportunity to acquire specialized skills. Our post-master’s certificates will prepare you for formal certification by professional organizations. Choose from:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Forensic Nursing
- Nursing Education and Faculty Role

**DOCTORAL PROGRAMS**

_Set yourself apart from 99% of nurses._

The need for doctoral-prepared nurses has never been higher. And as it stands, less than 1 percent of all U.S. nurses hold this in-demand credential. If you’re ready to maximize your scope of practice, we’re ready to help you do it.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**
- Drive organizational effectiveness
- Influence health care policy
- Design new models for patient care
- Provide leadership for evidence-based practice in nursing

**PhD in Nursing**
- Research-focused curriculum
- Designed to nurture scholarship and research to expand scientific knowledge and improve nursing practice
- Address emerging health care trends

**PhD in Nursing Ethics**
- Develop the skills and practical knowledge to identify ethical issues in nursing practice
- Combine doctoral courses in Nursing and Health Care Ethics
- Become a scholar in nursing ethics

As a doctoral student, you will meet with faculty advisors, attend virtual lectures by visiting professors and participate in seminars during a required on-campus orientation. Doctoral students will also participate in a study abroad learning opportunity to gain a transcultural nursing perspective.
A degree from Duquesne is more affordable than you might think. Independent sources agree that at Duquesne, you’ll get a great education at a great price.

Duquesne is regularly ranked as a top-tier university and research institution, and a great college value, by notable sources such as U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, Washington Monthly, Money, and Kiplinger. The real value of a Duquesne education is in how well it prepares you for a lifetime of success.

Duquesne’s School of Nursing is a widely recognized pioneer in nursing education. Today, our school is recognized by the National League for Nursing as a Center of Excellence, and our degree programs are consistently ranked among the nation’s best by U.S. News & World Report.

Learn more about financing your education at duq.edu/financial-aid

30% Tuition Discounts
for RNs who are employees at one of the School of Nursing’s partnering organizations.

55% Tuition Discounts
are also available for School of Nursing Adjunct Instructors who are enrolled in one of the School of Nursing’s graduate programs.

SAVE BIG ON BOOKS.
Undergraduate nursing students save money through the nursing eBooks program, which eliminates the need to buy costly textbooks. eBooks is used in both the classroom and clinical learning experiences, and the cost of all nursing eBooks is fully covered in your technology fee.
The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master’s degree in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Duquesne University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 1-202-887-6791).

The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing (P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105, 1-717-783-7142, www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/nurbd/mainpage.htm).

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