

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Bachelor's to doctoral and continuing education

Our comprehensive BSN, MSN, DNP, PhD, and continuing education programs prepare you for leadership roles in nursing practice, research, education, health policy and administration.

A liberal education is the foundation of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for the practice of nursing; the liberal education prepares nurses to participate in a global community. Nursing education uses active and reflective learning, clinical practice, scientific inquiry, service, technology, informatics, and inter-professional partnerships to prepare nurses to practice. Students and faculty possess different knowledge, skills, experiences, and learning styles. Both educators and students are responsible for active engagement as partners in learning. Through this partnership, students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes and skills necessary for life-long learning. Student centered learning is central to the creation of a productive, effective learning community. The role of teacher as manager of the learning environment is to facilitate and promote learning. The practice of teaching nursing is a scholarly endeavor.

Professional nursing education at the baccalaureate level prepares graduates for practice as generalists who provide leadership in the provision of patient-centered care at the micro-system level. Master's education in nursing prepares nurses for advanced practice roles and leadership in the provision of care to populations and the development, monitoring, and evaluation of systems of care delivery. Doctoral education in nursing prepares nurses for leadership roles in the development and application of nursing knowledge in the health care system. Nurses with Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degrees are clinical scholars who are prepared to translate research into evidence-based clinical practice using informatics and quality improvement models, and to provide organizational level leadership for improved performance within systems. The PhD program prepares nurse scientists to discover knowledge to improve health. Nurse scientists improve the health of human beings through the development, testing, and dissemination of nursing science. All nurses should be prepared to understand and work to promote well-being and ameliorate health care problems within their scope of practice at local, state, national, and global levels.