



Master of Science **NURSING**

Program Overview

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is designed for working professional nurses who have a BSN in nursing. Students will have the ability to advance in the program at their own pace with full-time and part-time options. Courses are taught primarily online to allow flexibility for working professionals. The program will prepare nurse clinicians and leaders to promote population health through organizational and systematic change and advance interprofessional practice and evidence-based research to improve health care outcomes for patients and families.

Pacific's MSN program offers a generalist curriculum for all nurses, with specialty areas in rehabilitation nursing, diabetes management or a self-selected area of interest. These unique concentrations are offered due to the increased population of aging adults and the rise in chronic illness. MSN graduates will fill critical roles in today's complex health care system.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Sacramento

Campus

32

units

16

months (full-time)

24-30

months (part-time)

Rolling

admission deadline

Fall

semester start

Hybrid

online and classroom

GRE

not required

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The curriculum is designed to meet the new AACN Essentials and address a gap in nursing educational programs. Nurses will gain the skills and knowledge to lead change that advances quality and health outcomes. This competency-based curriculum prepares nurses to lead primary care health management in all settings and for all populations.

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Curriculum

This 32-unit program can be completed in 16 months (full-time; 4 trimesters) or 24–30 months (part-time; 6–8 trimesters). Courses will be primarily online; students will be on the Sacramento Campus 2–4 days per trimester for activities including classroom instruction, interprofessional education and skills examinations. The curriculum will include a combination of advanced academic and clinical practicum courses.

Faculty

Students will benefit from close working relationships with highly trained faculty who are leaders in the field and content experts in the area of primary health care management. Faculty will mentor students in their area of specialization and will develop the student's leadership and critical thinking skills that are essential to career advancement. Additionally, faculty from other health science programs will support the curriculum in their areas of expertise, building on the interprofessional education that is the foundation of Pacific's School of Health Sciences.

Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2020–21 academic year is \$1,000 plus applicable fees.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. For more information about financing options, please contact our Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@pacific.edu.

The MSN program at University of the Pacific will seek national accreditation (new applicant status) through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The program was developed based on the national accreditation standards. Following CCNE accreditation timelines, the program will submit a comprehensive self-study document in Summer 2021, host a scheduled site visit in Fall 2021, and receive notification of accreditation decision in Spring 2022. New applicant status is neither a status of accreditation nor a guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

More information on the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and its accreditation standards may be obtained by accessing the documents at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>. Additional information can be obtained from CCNE at 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202.887.6791.

OUTCOMES

This program is designed to develop nurse clinicians and leaders who promote health through organizational and systematic change and who participate in interprofessional practice with an evidence-based approach.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in nursing or be a registered nurse with bachelor's degrees in a health-related discipline

- Official transcripts
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or GPA of 3.0 in last 60 units
- Example of written scholarly work
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation (one letter must be from a professional health care supervisor)

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required. Also, a WES or other accepted course-by-course credential evaluation for any schools attended outside the United States.

For more information, please visit:

[go.Pacific.edu/Nursing](https://go.pacific.edu/Nursing)