

RN-TO-MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING OPTION

SCHOOL OF NURSING

AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN NURSING COULD OPEN THE DOOR TO OPPORTUNITY.

Earn your master's degree through our RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing option.

Kaplan University's School of Nursing offers advanced degrees that could help you advance your career in nursing.¹ Our RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing option is designed to help you develop the skills to pursue faculty positions in schools of nursing, and leadership roles in hospitals and health care organizations. Our flexible online programs could help you expand your career opportunities while meeting personal and professional obligations.¹

- Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, a division of Kaplan, Inc., provides preparation for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).²
- Many of our faculty members are practicing nursing professionals who hold advanced leadership positions. Their practical knowledge helps them understand the challenges faced by working professionals who pursue higher education.
- Earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in as little as 18 months and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in an additional 18 months through our accelerated RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing option.³
- Select a specialization within the Master of Science in Nursing program that is designed to fit your career goals and helps you develop the skills to take the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam or the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Nurse Executive or Informatics Nursing certification exam.⁴



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Enroll today. Contact an Admissions Advisor by calling **877.849.2180 (Toll Free)** or visiting nurse.kaplan.edu.



ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS TO HELP ADVANCE YOUR NURSING CAREER WITH OUR RN-TO-MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING OPTION.

Pursue a specialization that could help you prepare for a career as a nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, nurse educator, or nurse who works in the field of informatics.¹

• Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner⁵

This specialization is designed to help professional nurses promote holistic health care to the adult population, and diagnose and manage the population's acute and chronic health problems. At this time, the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner specialization is available only in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Vermont.

• Family Nurse Practitioner⁵

This specialization is designed to help professional nurses promote holistic health care to adults and children in a family context. At this time, the family nurse practitioner specialization is available only in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Vermont.

• Nurse Educator

This specialization is designed to prepare graduates to take the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam and pursue faculty positions in schools of nursing.⁴

• Nurse Administrator

This specialization is designed to prepare graduates to take the Nurse Executive certification exam provided by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).⁴ This certification may lead to career opportunities that include administrative, managerial, and leadership roles in hospitals and health care facilities.

• Informatics

This specialization prepares graduates to use technology and information systems to advance evidence-based practice. In addition, this specialization could provide graduates with the opportunity to pursue informatics leadership roles in a variety of health care and/or education settings, and prepare them to take the ANCC's Informatics Nursing certification exam.⁴



Certificate Programs⁵

The School of Nursing also offers the following certificate programs for RNs who already possess a master's degree in nursing:

- Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

At this time, the certificate programs are available only in the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Vermont.

PUT YOUR NURSING CAREER ON THE FAST TRACK.

The Kaplan University's School of Nursing offers an efficient way to earn your master's degree. Our RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) option offers registered nurses with an associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing, and registered nurses with a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than nursing, the opportunity to satisfy specific core requirements for our Master of Science in Nursing program while completing their bachelor's degree in nursing. Students could earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing in less time and at a lower cost than completing each degree separately.

The School of Nursing's RN-to-MSN option is:

- **CONVENIENT**—You can attend class virtually anywhere you have an Internet connection.⁶
- **TRUSTED**—Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, a part of Kaplan, Inc., provides preparation for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).²

- **SUPPORTIVE**—Many of our courses are taught by health care professionals who understand the challenges of the working nurse.
- **VERSATILE**—A choice of specializations in the MSN program could help nurses prepare for the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam or the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Nurse Executive certification exam or Informatics Nursing certification exam.³

In addition, financial aid is available to those who qualify.

Program Detail

Total Quarter Credit Hours:

- 180 to 185 for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (including 50 to 90 quarter credits transferred from your requisite associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing)
- Minimum of 43 for the Master of Science in Nursing (total number of credits will depend on whether you possess a non-nursing bachelor's degree and your choice of specialization; students who choose to complete the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner specialization or the family nurse practitioner specialization will complete 55 or 65 quarter credits of specialization courses, respectfully)

Program Length: You could earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in as little as 18 months and a Master of Science in Nursing in an additional 18 months through the RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing option.³

Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing:

- An associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing from an accredited college or university
- An active, unencumbered RN license in a U.S. state
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 in previous coursework

Please see the Kaplan University Catalog for additional eligibility requirements.



KAPLAN UNIVERSITY—A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT®

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We are committed to your education, your goals—you. Only at Kaplan University can you take the first 5 weeks of class to try a degree program for yourself with no tuition obligation.

It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.⁷

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty servicemembers and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- › RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- › Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate
- › Nurse Administrator Graduate Certificate
- › Nurse Informatics Graduate Certificate
- › Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- › Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit online.kaplanuniversity.edu/consumer_info.aspx.

¹Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in their field of study, or in related fields. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any particular job, eligible for job advancement opportunities, or employed at all. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields. Check your state or local licensing agency for more details.

²NCLEX-RN® is a registered trademark of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

³Average completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete. The number of required credits may vary depending on individual state education requirements, which could affect how long it will take to complete the program.

⁴Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for or pass those exams. In some cases, field experience, additional coursework, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

⁵The online Master of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). At this time, the CCNE does not accredit certificate programs such as the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certificate or Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate. Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified in order to obtain licensure as a nurse practitioner. Students graduating from unaccredited programs are not eligible to sit for the national certification exams provided by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Students are responsible for determining

Note From Dean

"The Kaplan University School of Nursing is a dynamic community of students and faculty who care about making the world a better place through the art and science of nursing. We are committed to offering excellent education to the nurses of today and tomorrow through dynamic degree programs and a community of outstanding faculty."



Sheila Burke, MSN, MBA, RN
Dean, School of Nursing



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whether they will be eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse in their state. Students can obtain additional information from their state's Board of Nursing, the ANCC, and the AANP.

Due to the number of different certification organizations and the individual state requirements related to nurse practitioner responsibilities, completion of the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner or family nurse practitioner specialization or certificate does not imply or guarantee certification or licensure. Students are responsible for the investigation of the qualifications and requirements for certification and/or licensure in their specific location.

⁶Note: a practicum experience must be completed in a facility selected by the student.

⁷Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.