

Master of Science in
NURSING

Doctor of
NURSING PRACTICE



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Master of Science in Nursing | MSN

Post-master certificates in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** program is designed for the baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse (RN) who wishes to pursue a graduate degree with eligibility for specialty certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP). In addition, **Post-Master's certificates** are available: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP).

The program focuses on the acquisition of knowledge and skills that enable the nurse practitioner to assess, diagnose, treat, and evaluate health problems of the client. Health promotion and disease prevention are also emphasized.

The program encourages self-directed learning and critical thinking and ensures the graduate student will develop the skills necessary to function as an advanced-practice nurse.

GOALS OF THE GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM

1. Encourage continued personal and professional growth.
2. Advance the educational level of nurses to effect improvement in the health care of consumers.
3. Prepare advanced practice nurses who are eligible for national certification.
4. Provide a foundation for continued graduate study.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Utilize the Roy Adaptation Model when making decisions about professional nursing practice.
2. Synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from the physical and behavioral sciences and humanities with nursing theory and practice.
3. Assess health status and health potential of clients.
4. Demonstrate clinical judgement and accountability when designing, delivering and evaluating evidence-based care.
5. Accept individual responsibility and accountability in defining advanced practice nursing.
6. Utilize evidence-based data to improve health outcomes for clients in a primary care setting.
7. Utilize leadership skills through interaction with consumers and providers in meeting health needs and nursing goals.
8. Collaborate on the interdisciplinary health team to identify and effect change which will improve care delivery within specific health care systems.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The master's degree program in nursing and post-graduate APRN certificate programs at Stockton University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.



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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Prospective applicants must meet the following criteria;

Prerequisite Requirements

- Possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from an NLN-CCNE-accredited school.
- Meet one of the two requirements:
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0) with a minimum grade of “B” in all nursing courses.
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.3 in at least two graduate nursing courses if the BSN GPA is less than or equal to 3.19.
- Completion of prerequisite courses
 - Health Assessment
 - Nursing Research (or in the health discipline)
 - Statistics
- Proof of current RN license in the State of NJ, CPR certification.
- Students must meet the “Technical Standards and Essential Functions” requirements as specified by the Nursing Program (Policy #M-1).
- Applicants to the Post-Master’s program must have a master’s degree in their specialty at the time of application (ANCC or AANPCP).

Admissions Requirements

1. Discover Stockton Online Application (Direct entry option for MSN students who qualify).
2. Application fee: \$50 (non-refundable), submitted with your online application.
3. Graduate application essay.
4. Proof of license to practice as a registered professional nurse in New Jersey.
5. Three letters of recommendation; one academic and two professional, sent electronically via the Discover Stockton Application.
6. Resume.
7. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (including Stockton) mailed or dropped off directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.





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Doctor of Nursing Practice | DNP

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is geared toward advanced practice nurses seeking the highest credential or terminal degree in nursing practice.

Currently, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists are prepared in master's level programs. These master's level programs have been steadily increasing in required competencies and credit load to meet the complexities of the health care system and diverse populations. The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) will prepare nurse practitioners with the ability to balance proficiencies, practice, theory, and scientific inquiry in the APN role.

The DNP program offers two tracks:

- The Post-Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) to DNP (40 doctoral credits)
- The Post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing to DNP (74 -77 graduate/doctoral credits)

Stockton's DNP program is designed for working nurses with a curriculum that has a hybrid approach (online components) and can be completed on a part-time basis.

Accreditation Statement

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Stockton University is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted. The Doctor of Nursing Practice is also pending approval by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.



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Prospective applicants must meet the following criteria, though meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission:

Prerequisite Requirements

- Possess a nursing degree from a NLN-CCNE-accredited school.
 - Post-BSN DNP- Minimum nursing degree must be a BSN.
 - Post-MSN DNP- Minimum nursing degree must be a MSN in an APRN role.
- Meet one of the two requirements:
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 - Cumulative GPA of 3.3 in at least two graduate nursing courses if the BSN GPA is less than or equal to 3.19.
- Completion of BSN prerequisite courses:
 - 1 Health Assessment
 - 2 Nursing Research (or in the health discipline)
 - 3 Statistics
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8. Qualified candidates will be invited for an interview with the Admissions Committee.



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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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