Nursing + School of Nursing

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses — in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is now celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University’s School of Nursing has achieved a national reputation for its pioneering programs and is among a handful of accredited schools to offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs nationally recognized for their innovative and comprehensive curricula.

Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Practitioner: This program prepares RNs to be leaders in the nurse practitioner role through comprehensive coursework and practical experience in clinical settings. Additionally, an educator track may be added for those who want to become nurse faculty. The program requirements range from 36–41 credit hours of coursework. Individualized full- and part-time curriculum plans are possible. All students complete 20 credit hours of core courses. The remaining credit hours include cognate, general and specialty courses required for each specialty and role option. Available specialties include: adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioner, adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, pediatric primary care nurse practitioner and family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

Master of Science in Nursing, Accelerated (A.M.S.N.): This accelerated, 21-month direct entry program prepares individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree in another field to become a registered nurse. Graduates earn a M.S.N. degree and are prepared to sit for both the nursing licensure exam and the certification as a clinical nurse leader (CNL), a fast-emerging role developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The CNL provides leadership at the point of care that focuses on outcomes measurement, risk assessment, quality improvement, interprofessional communication and evidence-based practice.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.): This practice-focused doctoral degree educates nurses to become expert clinicians, leaders in health policy and catalysts for improved health care delivery within an interprofessional environment. This online program is available to students who possess a bachelor’s degree in nursing (B.S.N. to D.N.P.) or a master’s degree in an advanced practice area such as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist (M.S.N. to D.N.P.). Both provide sequencing of courses in a flexible manner. The courses are offered online in the spring and fall, with one course offered online in the summer session. The B.S.N. to D.N.P. requires a total of 68–70 credit hours beyond the B.S.N. depending on the population specialty focus. Students are prepared as nurse practitioners and can choose the educator option for an additional focus. The courses can be taken over a four- to five-year period dependent on full- or part-time study. The M.S.N. to D.N.P. requires a total of 28 credit hours beyond the M.S.N. Students may transfer five to six credit hours of comparable graduate-level coursework at the discretion of the School of Nursing.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): This innovative Ph.D. program prepares RNs as scholars and beginning nurse scientists. Students enter the program through one of two options — postbaccalaureate (B.S.N. to Ph.D.) or postmaster’s (M.S.N. to Ph.D.) — and attend classes in-person in St. Louis or via live, web-based teleconferencing. The program requires 39 credit hours of coursework, including an area of concentration. In addition, 12 credit hours of dissertation research are required. A maximum of 18 semester hours of coursework from the master's degree program in nursing may be accepted and applied without charge toward the total 69 credit hours required. Either a traditional dissertation or a three-article format dissertation may be completed with guidance from a mentor.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please visit nursing.slu.edu for application deadline information.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

(B.S.N. to D.N.P.; M.S.N. to D.N.P.; M.S.N., nurse practitioner; M.S.N., clinical nurse leader; M.S.N., accelerated; Post-Master’s Certificate, nurse practitioner

COURSES AVAILABLE

DAYS | NIGHTS | WEEKEND | ONLINE |

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Three letters of recommendation (two letters for A.M.S.N.)
- GRE G scores (Ph.D. applicants only)
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement
- Copies of current R.N. license and CPR certification (M.S.N. and D.N.P. applicants)
- Completion of prerequisite coursework (A.M.S.N. applicants only)
- Interview (desired)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

An undergraduate degree in nursing is required, except for those entering the A.M.S.N. program.

GPA Requirements:
M.S.N., nurse practitioner: 3.25
M.S.N., clinical nurse leader: 3.20
M.S.N., accelerated: 3.20
B.S.N. to D.N.P.: 3.50
M.S.N. to D.N.P.: 3.25
Ph.D.: 3.25
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Nursing  
+ School of Nursing

FACULTY

SLU nursing faculty are outstanding, both for their advanced knowledge and passion for the profession and their enthusiasm in guiding students through their own discovery and exploration.

For specific School of Nursing faculty information please visit our website at nursing.slu.edu.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Limited required campus visits during the program.
- Flexible programs that allow students to continue full-time employment.
- Faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership and scholarly research.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The School of Nursing provides some tuition assistance scholarships to eligible graduate students enrolled in the nursing program. Assistantships are available, and applications for them must be submitted by July 1.

A special scholarship provides generous support to qualified Ph.D. students.

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