



Master of Science in Nursing

School of Nursing

The Future of Nursing Is Not Around the Corner. It's Already Here.

Health care is undergoing unprecedented changes, with today's nurses expected to take on greater responsibilities and stronger leadership roles. These new opportunities may be accompanied by anxiety and a fear of not being able to keep up.

Kaplan University's School of Nursing has been anticipating and preparing nurses for these fundamental shifts in our industry since we launched one of the first online RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs in 2004. We've continued to anticipate these changes by adding a Master of Science in Nursing program with specialized pathways ranging from education to advanced practice nursing.

We know the demand for advanced education is more critical than ever—including the standards set forth by the Institute of Medicine in its Future of Nursing report.¹ That's why we're pioneering a progressive approach to nursing education to prepare nurses for what lies ahead. The challenges for nurses and educators are certainly greater. But the rewards could be, too.

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Enhance Your Skills to Help Advance Your Nursing Career With a Master of Science in Nursing.

The **Master of Science in Nursing** program is designed to build on previous nursing education and clinical experience and prepare students to pursue advanced practice in a variety of health care settings.² The program of study includes completion of the core curriculum, concentration or population focus area courses, and an evidence-based project proposal.

Students can select from four pathways designed to support specific advanced practice nursing roles: nurse educator, executive leader, family nurse practitioner, or adult-gerontology nurse practitioner. In addition, students who wish to continue onto Kaplan University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program may select from curriculum plans that lead to an executive leader, adult-gerontology nurse practitioner, or family nurse practitioner population focus within the DNP program.

The **adult-gerontology and family nurse practitioner population focus areas** are designed to educate health care professionals on the topics of how to best provide primary care as a member of an interdisciplinary team and improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities. The curriculum is designed to help students develop skills to evaluate the health and wellness of individuals, families, and their communities. The nurse practitioner is expected to possess skills in diagnosing, treating, and managing acute and chronic health conditions, to deliver primary and preventive care, and to participate in the development of appropriate policy and evidence-based practice.³

Kaplan University's **nurse educator concentration** is designed to prepare graduates to teach in schools of nursing and continuing education, staff development, clinical education, and patient and community education programs. Graduates may be prepared to sit for the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Nursing Professional Development board certification examination.⁴

Graduates who complete the **executive leader concentration** may be prepared to pursue managerial positions and leadership roles in hospitals, community health, long-term care facilities, and other health care systems. Graduates may be prepared to sit for the Nurse Executive or the Nurse Executive, Advanced certification examinations (depending on the level of leadership with their organization) provided by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.⁴

For more information about the Master of Science in Nursing curriculum pathways that lead to the DNP program, please refer to www.kaplanuniversity.edu or contact an Admissions Advisor.



We Offer Real-World Knowledge and a Relevant Education.

The master's degree in nursing program at Kaplan University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org). The program curriculum emphasizes:

- Synthesizing theories and concepts from nursing and other disciplines for application in advanced nursing roles
- Critiquing current scientific research for application of findings to initiate change and to improve practice
- Creating comprehensive plans of action that address the health promotion and disease prevention needs of individual, family, and community populations
- Formulating plans for ongoing contributions to improvement of health care delivery and development of health policy in a cost-effective manner
- Applying an ethical decision-making process in professional practice and in analysis of systems of health care
- Exerting professional leadership that fosters improvement of health care and advocates scholarly activities to advance self and the profession
- Employing technology in various aspects of the advanced nursing leadership role

Program Detail

› Admissions Requirements:

- A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited college or university
- An active RN license in a U.S. state
- A “C” grade or better in a statistics and a nursing research course completed at an accredited college or university (Note: You can take these courses during your first term)
- A current, professional resume that verifies you have worked a minimum of 1,000 clinical hours as a registered nurse (required for the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner and family nurse practitioner population focus areas)

Program is not currently available in Tennessee.

Visit catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu for additional eligibility requirements.



Kaplan University— A Different School of Thought®

A Commitment of Support for Military Students

We provide specialized support and benefits, including:

- Military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Reduced tuition rates for graduate programs and a tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including members of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs)
- Specially trained advisors who understand military culture, procedures, and educational benefits

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.

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN and a Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Note From the Dean

“As interim dean of the Kaplan University School of Nursing, I lead faculty who are committed to educating nurses to deliver health care that is evidence-based, safe, and sensitive to the culture of the patient, family, and community at large. In today’s health care environment, nursing professionals are challenged as never before, but we are also in a better position to make a difference, from the bedside to the boardroom.”

Marilyn Wideman

Marilyn Wideman,
DNP, RN, FAAN
Interim Dean, School of Nursing



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit kaplan.edu/info. For gainful employment information about our nursing programs, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/nursing/ge.

1 Source: Institute of Medicine, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, 2010.

2 Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields. Check your state or local licensing agency for more details.

3 At this time, the concentrations and nurse practitioner population focus areas are available only in select states. Speak with an Admissions Advisor for more information. Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified in order to obtain licensure as a nurse practitioner. Completion of the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner or family nurse practitioner population focus area does not imply or guarantee certification or licensure. Students are responsible for determining 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 American Nurses Credentialing Center (AACN), and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

4 Although 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, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Kaplan University program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams. Students should research the requirements in the state in which they intend to seek employment.

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