College of Nursing
PATHS TO REWARDING CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE

• Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing
• Master of Nursing
• Doctor of Nursing Practice
Connectivity and Technology for Today’s Busy Student

WSU Vancouver nursing students complete relevant courses that include a blend of classroom-based, hands-on and online learning. You can attend class in person or access video-streamed lectures from home (live or via archive).

Accessible Faculty

Faculty are accessible in-person, online or over the phone and are dedicated to your success.

Research

**Discovery happens here.** Research faculty focus on a variety of health care-related issues including special needs children, cultural safety, geriatrics, legal and ethical issues in nursing, electronic health record implementation and emergency medicine.
Advance your practice for the future

Both the Institute of Medicine and the Washington Center for Nursing stress the importance of nurses achieving higher levels of education, with the Master Plan for Nursing Education in Washington State recommending that “all RNs newly licensed in Washington State hold or obtain a BSN within 10 years of initial licensure, beginning 2020.”

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The **RN to BSN program** builds on the RN background and includes essential coursework in assessment, research, leadership and management, ethics and community health. Advanced clinical practica bridges coursework and theory with clinical practice.

The program is flexible and allows you to continue working without having to relocate. Full-time, part-time or individualized plans of study can be arranged. Clinicals may be completed at a number of sites and can be arranged close to home.

“I know that I need to be able to inspire and motivate, to create a healthy environment for my staff. I need to have the skills to lead so we are all practicing with the best evidence and in the most cost-effective ways.”

—MN APH student
Advanced practice options

The College’s Master of Nursing and Doctor of Nurse Practice programs provide BSN nurses with the educational core to practice in advanced and rapidly changing health care settings. The graduate programs offer several educational avenues to prepare nurses with leadership skills to plan, implement, coordinate and evaluate health care, as well as formulate policy for a diverse and multicultural society.

Master of Nursing graduate celebrates successful completion of his final project presentation with his family and faculty members.
Master of Nursing

The Master of Nursing Advanced Population Health program qualifies you for leadership roles in community health systems. These may be in nurse education, organizational leadership, or in public health. Coursework includes core areas of nursing research, methodology, scientific inquiry, information management, health policy and organizational leadership. You can take specific courses to add an emphasis in nursing education, nursing leadership or an individualized program of study.

Career opportunities include:

- Nurse faculty
- Staff developer
- Nurse unit manager
- Public health practice
- Informatics specialty within health systems
Doctor of Nursing Practice

The **WSU Doctor of Nursing Practice** program prepares you to translate research and evidence into practice, lead interdisciplinary care teams, measure health-related outcomes and improve the health of individual patients, groups, populations and communities. Population health and epidemiology, management of information systems and inter-professional collaboration are emphasized. Advanced physical assessment, pharmacology and pathophysiology are benchmarks of the program.

**You may take the program full- or part-time.** Part-time students have the option of getting a master’s in passing, which allows you to certify and work as a nurse practitioner while finishing your doctorate.

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DNP Family Nurse Practitioner

The **DNP Family Nurse Practitioner program** is designed to prepare you for a career in primary care settings, providing care across the lifespan. Graduates are qualified to take a national examination to become certified and licensed to practice as an advanced practice nurse with the specialization as a family nurse practitioner.
DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program prepares you to provide psychiatric and mental health services to groups, populations and individuals of all ages. A strong foundation in assessment, pharmacology, diagnostic and treatment modalities is provided. You will have clinical experiences with psychiatric mental health practitioners in the community and will be supervised by faculty who maintain active practices themselves.

Graduates are qualified to take a national certification examination and be licensed to practice as advanced practice nurses with the specialization of psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

DNP Advanced Population Health

The DNP APH focuses on the health of populations with an emphasis on vulnerable and underserved populations.

Career opportunities for DNP APH graduates include:

- Teaching in a DNP program
- Engaging in translational research
- Working in concert with an inter-professional team to identify research questions