

Nursing Description

"Advanced Practice Nurses" include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists (CNS), nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and others. They are primary and acute health care providers. License depends on specialty and generally allows advanced practice nurses to conduct physical exams, order and interpret lab tests, diagnose and treat illnesses, and counsel patients. They are independent practitioners.

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Degree	Advanced Practice Programs are master's degree programs leading to M.S.N. Types of Advanced Practice Nurses include N.P. (Nurse Practitioner), C.N.S (Clinical Nurse Specialist), Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Anesthetist, and others.
Program Length	2 years beyond the B.S.N. Accelerated B.S.N. Programs, 1 year. Direct Entry Master's Programs, approximately 3 years.
Professional Schools' Organization	AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing); Nursing Program Search Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; Search ACEN Accredited Nursing Programs Best Nursing Programs Find a Nursing School Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) into Nursing at UMass. Med. Master's Degree in Nursing Programs NLN Foundation for Nursing Education Nursing Degrees and Programs Nursing Graduate Programs Top Nursing Schools
Application Service	NursingCAS (Nursing Centralized Application Service) NursingCAS Participating Schools Fee Assistance Program

Academic
Admission
Requirements

Direct Entry Master's Programs vary in their requirements. Some common requirements include Human Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, General Chemistry, Statistics, Psychology (Developmental, Abnormal), English.

Admission Exam

[GRE](#)

Personal Attributes
& Experiences

Maturity, motivation, commitment to and interest in working closely with patients, sense of activism and interest in social justice, ability to work independently. Direct patient care experience.

Recommendation
Letters

Individual letters of support.