



UNIVERSITY of
ST. AUGUSTINE for
HEALTH SCIENCES

NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS



***EXPAND YOUR CREDENTIALS AND
ELEVATE YOUR CAREER***

ADVANCE WITHIN A THRIVING PROFESSION

**Do you want to advance your credentials and
open more doors in your nursing career?**

USAHS' online nursing programs offer a supportive, flexible and personalized grad school experience. You will work with your faculty and academic advisors to select a study plan that fits your busy life.

**Scan the QR code to see what our
School of Nursing can offer you.**



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WHY USAHS?

FLEXIBLE, PERSONALIZED NURSING PROGRAMS BECAUSE YOU MATTER

At the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS), we want our nurses to feel valued and individually catered to. We've designed our nursing programs to be tailored to your individual lifestyle, with the flexibility and convenience of online learning, multiple start dates and different pacing options that allow you to accelerate and decelerate your studies based on your needs.

Our students benefit from an interprofessional education and intensives that feature the latest simulation and technology. Throughout your program, you'll be supported by a dedicated team working closely with you to secure your clinical placement and ensure it's optimal for your learning experience.

YOU MATTER

As a nurse, your contribution to society is immeasurable. We ensure our nurses feel valued and supported.

WE PROVIDE

A personal experience tailored to your individual needs and goals that prepares you for advanced practice nursing.



WHY USAHS?

- Programs are online and designed by doctoral-prepared faculty
- Dedicated clinical placement support early in your program
- Interprofessional education and intensives that prepare you for the future of healthcare
- State-of-the-art simulation, technology and immersions
- Programs with multiple entry points based on your education journey

40+ Years in Graduate Health Sciences Education

100% Doctoral-Prepared Faculty

1-ON-1 Faculty Support and Mentorship*

THE USAHS ADVANTAGE

Acceleration Options

Our nursing programs offer individualized study plans for those wishing to earn their degree faster.

Multiple Role Specialties

We offer two nurse practitioner (NP) clinical role specialties—Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Flexibility

Choose a study plan and select a start date that best fits your lifestyle.

Online + Hands-On

Whether you are looking to fast-track your degree or take a lighter course load, we offer individualized study plans. On-campus and virtual clinical intensives held at convenient times.

Interprofessional

Students from other USAHS programs learn together and practice working in a team. You will contribute your nursing perspective to solving patient problems in collaborative scenarios.

State-of-the-Art Technology

Our cutting-edge learning and clinical tools promote technological literacy and inspire confidence, preparing you for tomorrow's healthcare profession.

Personalized Support

Receive one-on-one support from our practicum faculty to assess your needs and monitor your progress. Our personalized clinical placement concierge helps secure your practica placement when the time comes.

Clinical Success

Work with fellow students and faculty in face-to-face clinical simulations utilizing the latest technologies. Focus on the critical skills you need to develop clinical competence and confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

Always Here for You

Our strong alumni association provides many opportunities for existing students, including professional development, career advancement and social connection.

*Each student is assigned a faculty advisor when they start the program. On-demand appointments with the faculty advisor and/or clinical instructors are available.

WHY CHOOSE AN NP ROLE?

YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR PATIENTS WE CARE ABOUT YOU



I recommend USAHS' FNP program because of its flexibility and instructor support. The online learning is in a format that is easy to navigate and very accommodating to working students.

KIM J.
USAHS FNP

Here's why becoming a nurse practitioner makes sense for your career:

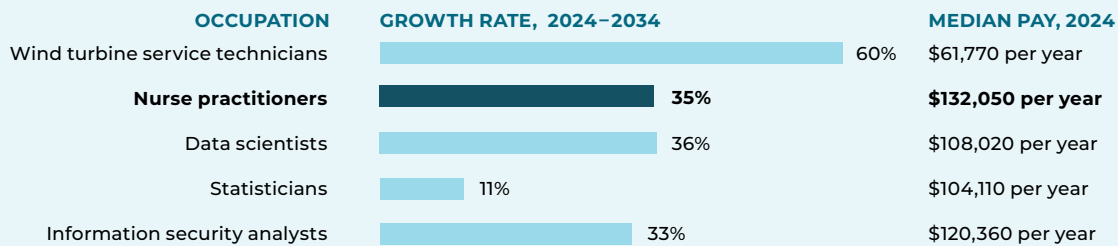
As the saying goes, "The more you learn, the more you earn." Being able to capitalize on your hard-earned experience by advancing your education always makes sense. As a nurse practitioner, you'll be part of one of the fastest growing fields in the U.S., with consistent and well documented financial reward, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

- You'll continue making a difference.
- You have the opportunity to boost your earnings potential.
- You can specialize in an area that really interests you.
- Nurse practitioners are in huge demand and are projected to continue to be for the next decade. See charts on the next page. ▶



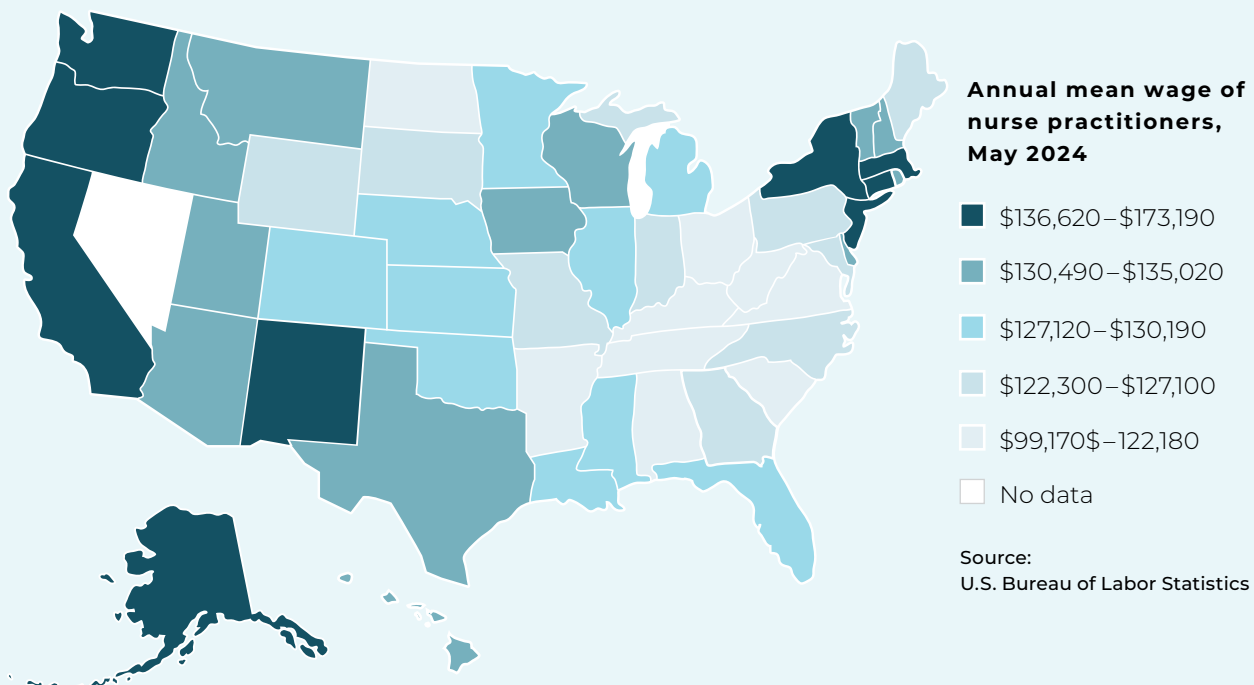
LET THE NUMBERS TALK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook,* nurse practitioner is one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States, with a projected growth rate of 35% between 2024 and 2034. The median pay for nurse practitioners in the United States in 2024 was \$132,050 per year.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the annual mean wage of nurse practitioners in May 2024 ranged from \$132,920-\$173,190 in the highest paying states. The top-paying states for nurse practitioners are California, New York, Oregon, Massachusetts, and Washington.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

CHOOSE YOUR ENTRY POINT TO MSN

We offer two pathways into your studies for your new career.

You already know you love nursing, and you have a wealth of experience. You're an RN and you may even have your undergraduate nursing degree. You know it's time to advance your career.

At USAHS, we do everything we can to help you succeed. We want you to be the best, and we equip you with the tools, strategies and skills to meet the demands of higher-level roles in the field you love. Earning your Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) at USAHS prepares you for an innovative leadership role in today's global healthcare system.



RN to MSN

You have your associate degree and your RN license. You're an experienced RN and you're ready to be a nurse practitioner.

We offer bridge courses that will lead you into your MSN!

Choose one of two clinical role specialties:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)



BSN to MSN

You have your undergraduate nursing degree, your RN license and experience under your belt. You're looking for the next step and a higher-level role.

Choose one of two clinical role specialties:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

See Page 14-15 for MSN admission requirements and how to apply!

CHOOSE YOUR NEW ROLE, PURSUE YOUR FUTURE

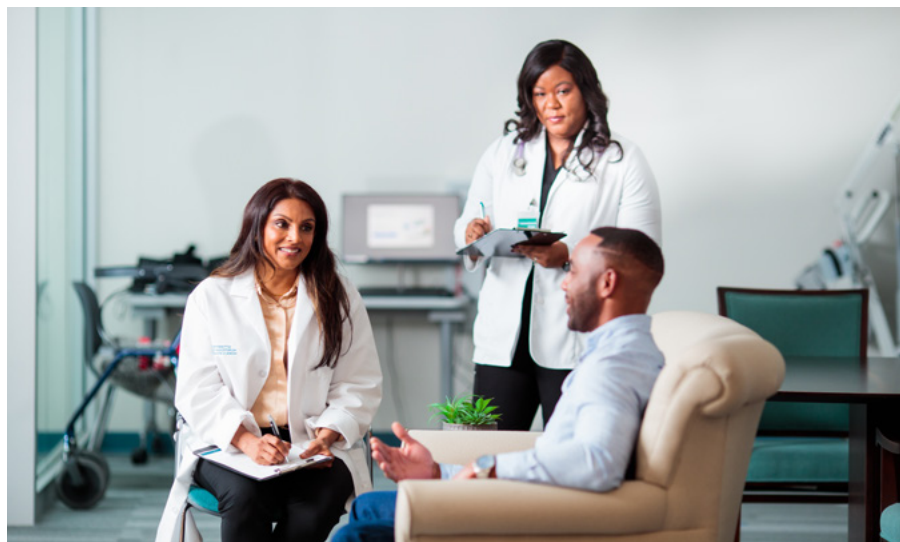


Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Expand your clinical practice beyond hospital settings. You'll learn to help people of all ages by diagnosing and treating conditions, prescribing medication, ordering tests and working from a strong focus on health promotion and education to improve patient outcomes.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

A vital clinical role, this specialty prepares you to help people with mental health conditions. You'll learn how to provide a full range of specialized services that together constitute mental health and psychiatric care and treatment. You'll prepare to assess and diagnose patients, prescribe medications and provide therapy interventions. You may also oversee case management, undertake policy development for programs and engage in comprehensive advocacy education and research.



KICKSTART YOUR FUTURE

MSN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, candidates must possess or provide evidence of the following:

- An associate degree in nursing (ADN) with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale (RN-entry only)
- A bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale (BSN-entry only)
- Official transcripts from each college or university previously attended
- An unrestricted/unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license in the state of residence
- Professional resume or CV demonstrating the equivalent of one full-time year of experience as a registered nurse (RN-entry) or one full-time year of experience as a registered nurse by the time you intend to start your first practicum course (BSN-entry)
- Essay of approximately 500 words describing your short- and long-term career goals and how you plan to achieve them (BSN-entry only)
- Comprehensive background checks requiring fingerprints and drug test will be administered after acceptance into the program and at the applicant's expense. A felony charge and/or conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the certification examination or to attain state licensure.
- Two professional references from a nurse educator, preceptor or immediate supervisor

Candidates may also be invited for an interview.

MSN CURRICULUMS

Depending on the role specialty you choose and your entry qualifications, your path to becoming an advanced practitioner is a 10 to 11 trimester commitment. Interested in exploring the curriculum details? Scan the QR code or click on the link.

See Master of
Science in Nursing
Curriculums



MSN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

We're here to support you on your educational journey.
Begin your application today!

1. Before You Apply

Be sure you have an active, unencumbered RN license.



Request transcripts from each higher education institution you've attended. Have them emailed or mailed to USAHS.



Use Nursys to obtain a copy of your nursing license.

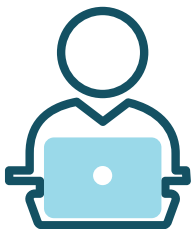


- Update your professional resume, showing 2,080 hours as an RN (RN-entry) or 2,000 hours as an RN by the time of your first practicum (BSN-entry).
- Write your entrance essay.



Line up two professional references.

2. Fill Out Your Application



Create an account to begin the free online application on our website.



Under the Admissions Documents tab, follow the directions to upload your nursing license, resume and essay.



Input your references' contact information.



Click "Submit for Review." Contact your EA so they can review your application and move it forward to Admissions.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact an Enrollment Advisor today at enroll@usa.edu!

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

YOUR ENTRY POINT TO DNP

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at USAHS gives working nurses additional education in competencies such as systems leadership, healthcare policy, interprofessional collaboration, evidence-based practice and health information systems. The DNP program is among the highest-level nursing programs available.

BSN-Entry DNP

You've earned your bachelor's degree and amassed extensive experience. You are ready to become a leader.

For BSN-entry DNP, we offer the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) role specialties.



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

ELEVATE YOUR NURSING CAREER TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL



Your New Leadership Role

Nurses educated at the doctoral level have the knowledge to influence health outcomes by caring for patients, advocating for better healthcare policies or leading organizations. In short, they have a bigger impact in the health science industry. Our online Doctor of Nursing Practice program is offered as BSN-entry with FNP or PMHNP options, or as a post-specialty MSN-entry.

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Family nurse practitioners play a critical role in improving the primary patient care experience. As an FNP graduate and advanced practice nurse, you'll partner with families across the lifespan to promote preventative care, diagnose conditions and treat acute and chronic illnesses.

Students who choose the FNP will have online coursework and one required on-campus clinical intensive. This role specialty is designed to be completed in 12 trimesters, completing 71 credit hours that includes 1334 practicum hours in FNP practice and DNP leadership experiences.*



Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

A vital clinical role, this specialty prepares you to help people with mental health conditions. You'll learn how to provide a full range of specialized services that together constitute mental health and psychiatric care and treatment. Students who chose the PMHNP will have online coursework and one required virtual clinical intensive. This role specialty is designed to be completed in 12 trimesters, with 77 credit hours and 1,334 practicum contact hours.*

*Time to completion may vary by student, depending on individual progress, credits transferred and other factors.

TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE

DNP ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, candidates must possess or provide evidence of the following:

- BSN-entry DNP: Minimum of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- MSN-entry DNP: Minimum of a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts from each college or university previously attended
- An unrestricted/unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license in the state of residence
- Professional resume or CV demonstrating the equivalent of one full-time year of experience as a registered nurse by the time you start your first practicum course
- Essay of approximately 500 words describing your short- and long-term career goals and how you plan to achieve them
- Comprehensive background checks requiring fingerprints and drug screens will be administered after acceptance into the program and at the applicant's expense. A felony charge and/or conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the certification examination or to attain state licensure.
- Two professional references from a nurse educator, preceptor or immediate supervisor

Candidates may also be invited for an interview.

DNP CURRICULUMS

Depending on the role specialty you choose and your entry qualifications, your path to becoming an advanced practitioner is a 12 trimester commitment. Interested in exploring the curriculum details? Scan the QR code or click on the link.

See Doctor of
Nursing Practice
Curriculums



DNP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

We're here to support you on your educational journey.
Begin your application today!

1. Before You Apply

Be sure you have a BSN degree and an active, unencumbered RN license.



Request transcripts from each higher education institution you've attended. Have them emailed or mailed to USAHS.



Use Nursys to obtain a copy of your nursing license.



- Update your professional resume, showing 2,000 hours as an RN by the time of your first practicum.
- Write your entrance essay.



Line up two professional references.

2. Fill Out Your Application



Create an account to begin the free online application on our website.



Under the Admissions Documents tab, follow the directions to upload your nursing license, resume and essay.



Input your references' contact information.



Click "Submit for Review." Contact your EA so they can review your application and move it forward to Admissions.

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ALSO OFFERED

ADD A SPECIALTY TO YOUR ADVANCED DEGREE

The USAHS online Post-Graduate Nursing Certificates (PG-C) are designed for nursing students who have completed a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree or a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Offered in two NP role specialties, the program provides a pathway into advanced clinical practice for nurses looking to grow their careers and broaden their foundational knowledge.

Take the next step in your career

The specialty curricula of our Post-Graduate Nursing Certificates are designed to prepare you to take on more responsibility or change your career trajectory and achieve your next career goal.

In just five to six trimesters* you'll be on the way to a rewarding new role.

Our Post-Graduate Nursing Certificates provide individualized pathways for nurses with at least an MSN to grow their careers in advanced clinical practice.



PG CERTIFICATES

NP ROLE SPECIALTIES FOR YOUR POST-GRADUATE NURSING CERTIFICATE (PG-C)

Family Nurse Practitioner

Family nurse practitioners play a critical role in improving the primary patient care experience. As an FNP graduate and advanced practice nurse, you'll partner with families across the lifespan to promote preventative care, diagnose conditions and treat acute and chronic illnesses.

Students who choose the FNP will have online coursework and one required on-campus clinical intensive. A practicum of 754 hours is required along with 31 credit hours. This role specialty is designed to be completed in five trimesters.*



Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner role specialty provides the skills you need to deliver a full range of specialized services for mental health and psychiatric care and treatment.

The program consists of:

- Online coursework + one required virtual clinical intensive
- 37 credit hours
- 754 practicum hours
- 6 trimesters*

*Time to completion may vary by student, depending on individual progress, credits transferred and other factors.

GROW YOUR CAREER

POST-GRADUATE NURSING CERTIFICATE (PG-C) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, a candidate must submit an online application, which includes the following:

- A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts from each college or university previously attended
- Verified professional nursing license; licensure status must be maintained throughout the entire program
- Professional resume or CV showing an equivalent of one full-time year of experience (2,000 hours) as a registered nurse by the start of your first practicum
- Essay demonstrating scholarly writing of approximately 500 words describing your short- and long-term career goals and how you plan to achieve them
- Two professional references submitted electronically; one should be from a nurse educator familiar with your ability to do academic work and one should be from an immediate supervisor (e.g., nurse manager), preceptor, or mentor familiar with your clinical skills.
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