

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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DNP DEGREE PROGRAM

Achieve the highest level of nursing practice and shape the future of healthcare with a DNP degree from Loyola University Chicago. A curriculum that blends advanced nursing practice, leadership, systems thinking, quality and safety, health policy, and healthcare economics and finance prepares you to transform healthcare in an increasingly complex environment. NP and CNS tracks prepare you to deliver, lead, and change patient care by translating best practices into healthcare environments. If you have a master's degree in nursing, our post-master's track prepares you to lead systems and population-focused change.

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING (APRN) TRACKS

NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care with Oncology specialty
- Family
- Family with Emergency specialty
- Psychiatric Mental Health
- Psychiatric Mental Health with Substance Use and Addictions specialty
- Women's Health

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

- Adult-Gerontology
- Adult-Gerontology with Oncology specialty
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Enroll as a full or part-time student
Average completion time is 4–5 years
- Most courses are offered online with some on-campus courses held at the Loyola University Chicago Health Sciences Campus. The Adult-Gerontology with Oncology specialty Clinical Nurse Specialist track can be completed entirely online.
- Clinical rotations are designed by faculty members, and students are not responsible for securing their own clinical placements
- Academic-practice partnerships are throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, including vulnerable and underserved communities
- DNP Projects focus on translating evidence to practice, practice change, or health policy change

PREREQUISITES

To apply, you must be a Registered Professional Nurse in the United States, with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or master's entry degree in nursing from an accredited institution.

Clinical practice experience is required before entering the first APRN clinical practicum rotation.

CERTIFICATION

- Graduates are eligible to complete NP or CNS certification exams in their respective role and population focus areas
- Graduates qualify for APRN licensure as an NP or CNS (requirements vary by state)

POST-MASTER'S SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP TRACK

Achieve the highest practice degree in nursing and expand your advanced nursing practice competencies in a post-graduate curriculum that includes leadership, systems thinking, quality and safety, health policy, and healthcare economics and finance. A Loyola DNP degree will transform your practice and career, preparing you to lead and transform nursing practice in this rapidly changing, complex healthcare environment.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Enroll as a full or part-time student
Average completion time is 2–3 years
- This program is completely online, with two required immersion weekends each year during the final two years of the program at the Health Sciences Campus for integrated learning and collaboration with classmates and faculty
- DNP Projects focus on translating evidence to practice, practice change, or health policy change

PREREQUISITES

To apply, you must have a master's degree in nursing and hold a Registered Professional Nurse license in the United States.

PHD IN NURSING PROGRAM

Loyola University Chicago's PhD in Nursing program prepares you to create and expand nursing knowledge that improves human health within a social justice context. You will graduate with a basic program of research that you can further develop during post-doctoral coursework and beyond.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- You may enroll as a full-time or part-time student
Average completion time is 4 years full-time and 5–6 years part-time
- The PhD program includes synchronous online coursework blended with monthly immersion weekends on campus
- The culminating product of the program is the dissertation, which is a creative contribution to the nursing discipline

PREREQUISITES

To apply, you must have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science or master's entry degree in nursing and hold a Registered Professional Nurse license in the United States.

MSN PROGRAM NURSING AND HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

The MSN in Nursing and Healthcare Administration prepares individuals to understand, navigate, and lead organizations and institutions in addressing the challenges of cost, quality and satisfaction in the healthcare industry.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Students complete coursework online. A required, annual immersion session is held on the Loyola University Chicago Health Sciences campus focused on building a leadership community among students and faculty and hosts guest lecturers who speak on emerging healthcare trends and issues.
- Students complete practicum experiences near where they reside
- You may enroll full or part-time

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS POST-GRADUATE APRN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students must complete designated courses within each APRN track. An individualized program is designed based on a gap analysis of prior education and program requirements.

CERTIFICATION

- Graduates are eligible to complete NP or CNS certification exams in their respective role and population focus areas
- Graduates qualify for APRN licensure as an NP or CNS (requirements vary by state)

ONCOLOGY NURSING

The online certificate program in oncology nursing is designed for advanced practice nurses, and BSN-prepared nurses wishing to advance their oncology knowledge and skills.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Bachelor's degree in nursing and clinical experience in an oncology nursing practice area are required.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS Choose Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and shape the future of healthcare through a transformative educational experience grounded in a rich Ignatian heritage and mission to serve humanity through learning, social justice, and faith. Within a close-knit community of faculty and students, we embrace cura personalis by considering individual needs and respect for unique experiences, while preparing exceptional advanced practice nurses and nurse scientists who transform healthcare in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

ACCREDITATION The Master's degree program in nursing, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and the post-graduate APRN certificate programs at Loyola University Chicago are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

STUDENT LIFE

- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:
 - Graduate Student Nursing Association (GSNA)
 - Student Committee on InterProfessional Education and Collaboration (SCIPEC)
- SERVICE LEARNING: Participate in an International Service Immersion as part of a collaboration between Campus Ministry and the School of Nursing

FACULTY

Learn from top notch faculty who are expert teachers, clinicians and scholars.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The School of Nursing has limited funds available for financial assistance. Visit [LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid](https://luc.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid) to learn more about these financial aid opportunities.

For questions or assistance regarding financial aid through the School of Nursing, contact us at 708.216.9101 or SchoolofNursing@LUC.edu.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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