GRADUATE NURSING PRƏGRAMS



The College of Saint Benedict (CSB) and Saint John's University (SJU) has a distinguished, 40-year tradition of preparing strong, professional nurse leaders for contemporary nursing practice.

Now that tradition is expanding to include new graduate programs in nursing, for which we are currently accepting applications.

The programs offer a host of advantages that make them unique, including:

- Guaranteed clinical placements
- Electives for specialty practice areas
- A flexible, hybrid learning format ideal for working professionals
- Competitive pricing and more

See page four for more program highlights.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Prepares actively practicing RNs advanced-level diagnostic and procedural skills to care for patients across their lifespan.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE: LEADERSHIP

Provides specialized expertise for becoming a leading source of knowledge in the evolving health care landscape.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION FOR PRACTICE

Coming Fall 2022.



Minnesota Nursing Board approval received in Spring 2021.



Our pass rates for the national licensing exam (NCLEX) typically exceed national pass rates for baccalaureate graduates; 90% of our nursing graduates passed this exam in 2020.



Our Nursing Department is ranked second among 14 programs in Minnesota by College Factual.



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE, HYBRID FORMAT

Working professionals seeking to level up their careers will love the flexibility our new graduate programs offer. Our work-friendly, hybrid format allows students to take classes online and only requires them to be on campus 1-3 times per semester.



BSN-TO-DNP AND POST-MASTER'S OPTIONS

Students with a bachelor of science in nursing can move directly into the doctorate track without completing a master's degree. Students with a master's degree can choose a full- or part-time track to obtain a DNP in Leadership.



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

Graduate nursing students receive oneto-one mentorship from experienced, doctorate-degreed research faculty for DNP projects and theses. This personalized attention, paired with a small cohort size, creates a more enriched learning environment.



Our programs are competitively priced in comparison with other schools of equal distinction. In addition, tuition discounts are available for certain alumnae/i and clinical partner employees. A number of graduate assistant teaching scholarships are also available.

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of our graduate programs, students will be eligible to become board certified and licensed as a family nurse practitioner or certified as a nurse educator and/or nurse executive.



Our curriculum is designed to help graduates perform at the highest professional level by developing ethical leadership, advocacy and advanced nursing skills. Our programs include extended clinical time and courses not offered in most graduate programs.



GUARANTEED CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Typically, students are responsible for finding their own preceptors for clinical rotations, which can be difficult. Our graduate programs provide those placements and remove that stress, allowing students to focus on more important things.

ELECTIVES FOR SPECIALTY PRACTICE AREAS

Graduate nursing students have the ability to develop specialized skills beyond the traditional family nurse practitioner track through a specialty clinical course and clinical rotation.



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (COMING FALL 2022)

\$863 PER CREDIT HOUR

DNP LEADERSHIP AND FAMILY

NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACKS



In addition to tuition, students pay a program or technology fee each semester and may incur additional fees (such as simulation laboratory fees) that are associated with certain courses.

TUITION DISCOUNTS

There may be opportunities for tuition discounts for alumnae/i and students who are employees of CentraCare or the VA health system. In addition, there are limited opportunities for graduate nursing assistantships that could reduce tuition costs. Please contact the graduate nursing program chair at **jpeterson@csbsju.edu** for more information about tuition discounts or the graduate nursing assistantship.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Personalized financial assistance is available through the financial aid office. Contact Stuart Perry at **320-363-5388**.

DNP: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Family Nurse Practitioner track prepares actively practicing RNs to care for patients across their lifespan.

As an FNP student, you will be taught advanced-level procedural skills, how to complete comprehensive health assessments, order appropriate diagnostic tests, manage and diagnose acute and chronic conditions, and serve as a primary health care provider in a variety of settings. Students are able to design models of health care delivery, evaluate clinical outcomes, identify and manage the health care needs of diverse populations, and use technology and information to transform the field.

In addition, you will be able to provide patient care in a variety of practice settings, including homes, hospitals, offices, schools, community health centers, rural health centers, public and private clinics and private practices.

ELIGIBILITY

- A four-year nursing degree from an accredited program conferred prior to the start of the program
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Minnesota
- Preferred qualifications for admission include at least two years of work experience as an RN

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS DNP: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Program Credit Hours: 70

YEAR 1

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 501 Research Methods	3	NRSG 513 Global Perspectives	3	NRSG 502 Informatics	3
NRSG 510 Theoretical Basis for Nursing Inquiry	3	• NRSG 514 Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3	• NRSG 504 Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
• NRSG 520 Transition to Advanced Practice	3	• NRSG 515 Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3	NRSG 590 Doctorate Project I	1

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 25

YEAR 2

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
• NRSG 535 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3	NRSG 537 Advanced Pharmacology II	2	NRSG 553 Advanced Diagnostics II	2
NRSG 536 Advanced Pharmacology I	3	• NRSG 539 Advanced Health Assessment	3	NRSG 560 Advanced Practice Nursing I	3
• NRSG 551 Family Systems	2	NRSG 552 Advanced Diagnostics I	2	NRSG 584 Clinical Practicum I	2
• NRSG 591 Doctorate Project II	1				
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 23					

YEAR 3

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 503 Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3	NRSG 562 Advanced Practice Nursing III	3	NRSG 557 Specialty Care Management	2
NRSG 561 Advanced Practice Nursing II	3	NRSG 586 Clinical Practicum III	2	• NRSG 563 Capstone APN and Transition to Practice	2
NRSG 585 Clinical Practicum II	2	NRSG 592 Doctorate Project III	2	• NRSG 587 Clinical Practicum Elective (mental health, acute care or specialty care) (240 hours)	2
				NRSG 593 Doctorate Project IV	2

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 23

CLINICAL HOURS TABLE

COURSE	CREDITS	CLINICAL HOURS
NRSG 584 Clinical Practicum I	2	240
NRSG 585 Clinical Practicum II	2	240
NRSG 586 Clinical Practicum III	2	240
NRSG 587 Clinical Practicum Elective	2	240
NRSG 590-593 Doctorate Project I-IV	6	180
TOTAL	14	1140
DNP Core MSN/Advanced Practice Specific	 Track Specific 	

DNP: LEADERSHIP

PREPARE TO LEAD THE WAY

Are you ready to become a key player in today's complex health care environment? The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Leadership track will empower you to rise to new levels of leadership. You'll develop specialized expertise to become an agent for change in the evolving health care landscape. You'll also be equipped to pursue roles where you will be responsible for managing nursing staff and serve as a source of knowledge for your team.

> We offer three tracks to enter the program, each with a customized curriculum:

- A BSN-to-DNP (for those with a bachelor of science degree)
- A post master's full-time option (six semesters)
- A post master's part-time option (details available upon request)

ELIGIBILITY

DNP: LEADERSHIP (BSN-TO-DNP)

- A four-year nursing degree from an accredited program conferred prior to the start of the program
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse
- Preferred qualifications for admission include a minimum of one year of experience in a leadership role (health care or other)
- For new baccalaureate graduates, admission will be conditional pending licensure by the end of the summer semester

DNP: LEADERSHIP (POST MASTER'S PROGRAM)

- A master's degree in nursing from an accredited program conferred prior to the start of the program for post master's-to-DNP option
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse
- Preferred qualifications for admission include at least one year of leadership experience as an RN

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS DNP: LEADERSHIP (BSN-TO-DNP)

Program Credit Hours: 64 (without elective) or 67 (with elective)

- Meets requirements to sit for AONL, (American Organization for Nursing Leadership)

Executive Leadership Certificate and NLN (National League for Nursing) Nurse Education Certificate if elective NRSG 567 is taken.

YEAR 1

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 501 Research Methods	3	NRSG 513 Global Perspectives	3	• NRSG 504 Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
• NRSG 510 Theoretical Basis for Nursing Inquiry	3	• NRSG 515 Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3	NRSG 554 The Influential Nurse Leader	3
NRSG 520 Transition to Advanced Practice	3			NRSG 580 Practicum Inquiry I	2
				• NRSG 590 Doctorate Project I	1

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 24

YEAR 2

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 535 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3	NRSG 514 Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3	NRSG 502 Informatics	3
NRSG 555 Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3	NRSG 539 Advanced Health Assessment	2	• NRSG 556 Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
NRSG 581 Practicum Inquiry II	2			NRSG 582 Practicum Inquiry III	2
NRSG 591 Doctorate Project II	1				

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 22

YEAR 3

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 503 Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3	NRSG 567 Nurse Educator Role Transition (CNE elective)	3	 NRSG 564 Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation for Nurse Educators 	3
NRSG 536 Advanced Pharmacology I	3	NRSG 583 Practicum Inquiry IV	2	NRSG 593 Doctorate Project IV	2
		NRSG 592 Doctorate Project III	2		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 18 (without elective) or 21 (with elective)

CLINICAL HOURS TABLE

COURSE	CREDITS	CLINICAL HOURS
NRSG 580 Practicum Inquiry I	2	240
NRSG 581 Practicum Inquiry II	2	240
NRSG 582 Practicum Inquiry III	2	240
NRSG 583 Practicum Inquiry IV	2	240
NRSG 565 Facilitating Learning	3	60
NRSG 590-593 Doctorate Project I-IV	6	180
TOTAL	17	1200
DNP Core MSN/Advanced Practice Specific	Track Specific	Elective



CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS DNP: LEADERSHIP WITH MASTER'S ENTRY – FULL-TIME (SIX SEMESTERS) OPTION

Program Credit Hours: 36 or 45 (if all electives for CNE are taken) Practicum Hours: 360-720

Project hours: 180

- Meets requirements to sit for American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) Executive
- Leadership Certificate and National League for Nursing (NLN) Nurse Education Certificate (if all three electives are taken).
- Upon review of previous master's program, additional courses or practicum hours may be needed.

YEAR 1

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 503 Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3	NRSG 513 Global Perspectives	3	• NRSG 504 Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
• NRSG 510 Theoretical Basis for Nursing Inquiry	3	• NRSG 515 Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3	NRSG 554 The Influential Nurse Leader	3
				NRSG 564 Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation for Nurse Educators (CNE elective)	3
				NRSG 580 Practicum Inquiry I	1-2
				NRSG 590 Doctorate Project I	1

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 20-21 (without elective) or 23-24 with elective

YEAR 2

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
• NRSG 555 Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3	• NRSG 514 Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3	• NRSG 556 Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
NRSG 565 Facilitating Learning (CNE elective)	3	NRSG 567 Nurse Educator Role Transition (CNE elective)	3	NRSG 582 Practicum Inquiry III	1
NRSG 581 Practicum Inquiry II	1-2	NRSG 592 Doctorate Project III	2	NRSG 593 Doctorate Project IV	2
NRSG 591 Doctorate Project II	1				

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 16-18 (without elective) or 22-24 (with elective)

CLINICAL HOURS TABLE

COURSE	CREDITS	CLINICAL HOURS
NRSG 580 Practicum Inquiry I	1-2	120-240
NRSG 581 Practicum Inquiry II	1-2	120-240
NRSG 582 Practicum Inquiry III	1-2	120-240
NRSG 590-593 Doctorate Project I-IV	6	180
TOTAL	9-12	540-900

ELECTIVE CREDITS AND PRACTICUM HOURS TABLE

COURSE	CREDITS	CLINICAL HOURS
NRSG 564: Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation for Nurse Educators	3	0
NRSG 565: Facilitating Learning	3	60
NRSG 567: Nurse Education Role Transition	3	60
TOTAL	9	120

DNP Core MSN/Advanced Practice Specific Track Specific Elective

CORE COMPETENCIES

WHAT ARE THE DNP FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CORE COMPETENCIES?

As you move through the curriculum, you will meet the DNP essentials for a Doctor of Nursing practice and the Nurse Practitioner Competencies which are listed below:

- Scientific foundations
- Leadership
- Quality
- Practice inquiry
- Technology and information literacy
- Policy
- Health delivery system
- Ethics
- Independent practice

WHAT ARE THE DNP LEADERSHIP CORE COMPETENCIES?

This is highly customizable per student. The main focus areas will be on the five competencies for the executive nurse leader certification which includes:

- Communication and team building
- Knowledge of the healthcare environment
- Leadership (personal leadership skills, team building, change management, organizational behavior)
- Professionalism
- Business skills

Each student enrolled in the leadership track may work with a variety of leaders in health care which could include a hospital unit director, CNO of a hospital, nursing administration within a clinic, long term care facility, or unit staff educator.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION FOR PRACTICE

BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF NURSE LEADERS

Nurses must know and do more now than ever. With increasing expectations and responsibilities, nurses are often required to step in to leadership roles early in their career. Whether you have just graduated with your first nursing degree or have been in practice for a number of years, furthering your education opens new doors to practice, leadership, and education roles.

The Master of Science in Nursing program is built on our rich tradition of the liberal arts and Catholic Benedictine values and traditions, offers an innovative graduate program that will expand your nursing practice and prepare you for leadership roles as a preceptor, manager, director, care coordinator, staff educator, and clinical faculty. We seek graduate students who are curious, passionate about nursing, want to expand their nursing skills and lead the next generation of nurses towards providing quality compassionate care.

ELIGIBILITY

- A four-year nursing degree from an accredited program conferred prior to the start of the program
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse
- For new baccalaureate graduates, admission will be conditional pending licensure by the end of the summer semester

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION FOR PRACTICE

Program Credit Hours: 42

Practicum Hours: 600

- Meets requirements to sit for National League for Nursing (NLN) Nurse Education Certificate.
- 18 credits applied towards DNP (at CSB/SJU). To complete DNP in Leadership at CSB/SJU: 15 credits (5 classes, 580 additional practicum hours + DNP project).
- Biostatistics not required for enrollment. Research and Global Health Course include biostatistics content.

YEAR 1

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
NRSG 403 Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3	NRSG 413 Global Perspectives	3	NRSG 402 Informatics	3
• NRSG 420 Practicum I	1	• NRSG 414 Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3	• NRSG 454 The Influential Nurse Leader	3
		NRSG 439 Advanced Health Assessment	2		

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 18

YEAR 2

FALL	CR	SPRING	CR	SUMMER	CR
• NRSG 435 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3	• NRSG 415 Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3	NRSG 404 Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
NRSG 436 Advanced Pharmacology	3	NRSG 421 Practicum II	1	NRSG 422 Practicum III	2
• NRSG 465 Facilitating Learning	3	 NRSG 466 Transition to Advanced Professional Practice or NRSG 467 Nurse Educator Role Transition 	3	• NRSG 464 Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation for Nurse Educators	3

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 24

CLINICAL HOURS

COURSE	CREDITS	CLINICAL HOURS
NRSG 420 Practicum I	1	120
NRSG 421 Practicum II	1	120
NRSG 422 Practicum III	2	240
NRSG 465 Facilitating Learning	3	60
One of the following:		
NRSG 466 Nurse Educator Role	3	60
NRSG 467 Transition to Advanced Professional Practice	3	60
TOTAL	10	600

MS/DNP Core MSN/Practice Specific Track Specific

(Some courses meet requirements for leadership and education track)

A PROUD 40-YEAR TRADITION

As a Catholic, Benedictine liberal arts college, our academic communities take a holistic approach to education. In addition to providing an exceptional academic experience, we also promote the spiritual and ethical aspects of nursing through the development of ethical leadership, advocacy and transitional skills.

To help our students perform at their highest professional level, we provide personalized attention and mentoring. Our instructors—who are certified for online teaching—are deeply committed to excellence in student learning, teaching, service and scholarship.

STATE-OF-THE-ART NURSING FACILITIES

As a student in our graduate program, you'll have access to the latest technology and equipment to practice your skills. In December 2015, the Nursing Department completed a \$2.5 million renovation of the simulation lab and classrooms to create the Guy and Barbara Schoenecker Nursing Education Suite.

APPLY NOW

- DNP: Family Nurse Practitioner

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- DNP: Leadership (BSN-to-DNP and post master's programs)
- Master of Science in Nursing: Leadership and Education for Practice

HOW TO APPLY

CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ADMISSION

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GET MORE INFO

ONLINE

Go to **csbsju.edu/first** to schedule a visit or view a recording of a DNP information session.

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