Make it better

Chatham University’s Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is delivered fully online with working nurses in mind. The program offers faculty expertise and support in an interactive learning environment that encourages reflection and growth in professional practice. Through exposure to evidence-based practice, inter-professional collaboration, and experiential learning opportunities, students gain essential skill sets to advance in nursing leadership, nursing education, or nursing informatics roles.

Chatham graduate and undergraduate (RN-BSN) nursing programs earned a Best Online Program ranking by U.S. News & World Reports in their 2015 Best Online Programs edition. Chatham’s graduate nursing program, consisting of the MSN and DNP online programs, was ranked in the top 100 of all programs.

chatham.edu/msn
The Master of Science in Nursing is a program within Chatham University’s SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES. The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high first-time licensure rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- All of the courses in the MSN program are taught by expert nursing faculty in small class sizes, ensuring individualized attention and communication throughout the program.
- The program requires 33 credits and 120 practice experience hours.
- The curriculum consists of 11 (six core and five specialty track) 14-week courses. Three specialty tracks—in leadership, education, and informatics—are available to prepare you for roles in a variety of settings.
- The online structure requires three days per week participation to accommodate your other work and life responsibilities.
- You can expect to develop key skills and knowledge in health promotion, organizational quality, communication, collaboration, information technology, and the evaluation of research that can be utilized for evidenced-based practice.
- The RN-BSN, MSN, and DNP programs at Chatham University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

**SAMPLE COURSES**

**NUR640 Leadership for Change**
This course focuses on the needs of health care leaders to take health care delivery into the future through creative, innovative design initiatives focusing on a consumer driven health care delivery system. Content includes: variables impacting health care delivery systems, reimbursement and funding for design change, managing competition, and managing human and financial resources.

**NUR641 Promoting Healthier Lifestyles in the Community using Innovative Technology**
This course is designed to assist health professionals in understanding the impact technology has on patients/consumers living within the community. Students will be encouraged to think creatively in order to understand how technology can be used to further extend healthcare services within the surrounding community through Internet and web-based platforms.

**NUR 652 Teaching Strategies and Information Technology for the Nurse Educator**
This course focuses on strategies to develop knowledge and skill sets in pedagogy, teaching-learning theories, testing and measurement, and various educational technologies. An in-depth introduction to information technology that supports practice and improves patient care and outcomes is explored.

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OUTCOMES

Graduates of Chatham’s MSN program have held positions in nursing education, practice, leadership, and quality assurance at organizations including:

- The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Carlow University
- UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing
- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- Homecare Sustainability Solutions
- Ellwood City Hospital, Ellwood City, PA
- UPMC Hillman Cancer Center
- Gateway Health Plan
- UPMC Physician Services Division
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
- Chatham University
- Vitas Healthcare
- West Penn Allegheny Health System
- The Medicines Company, Parsippany, NJ

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The AfterCollege/AACN Scholarships support students who are seeking a baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree in nursing. Eight $2,500 scholarships will be awarded throughout the year. The application deadlines are January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31.
- A limited number of nursing scholarships may be available. A FAFSA form must be completed and on file to be considered for the scholarship. To fill out the FAFSA, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov (school code: 003244).

“The changing health care environment has prompted the need for nurses to lead front-line developments that influence health outcomes. Graduates of Chatham’s MSN program are prepared to advance the nation’s health through utilizing newly gained skills directed towards leadership, education, and informatics.”

— MEIGAN ROBB, PH.D., RN, assistant professor of nursing, msn program coordinator
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
• Official transcript verifying completion of BSN degree
• 3.0 undergraduate grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
• Copy of current resume
• Copy of current valid RN license
• 500-word admissions essay

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Recommended deadline: July 31

Apply online at apply.chatham.edu/ccps