The College of Nursing offers the degrees of Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and the PhD in Nursing Science. Certificates of Graduate Study (CGS) (post-master’s entry) are available.

The master’s degree programs in nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at The University of South Carolina are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/).

Courses are offered through various distance education formats as well as on the Columbia campus. A computer with broadband Internet capability is required.

The frequency with which courses are offered will depend upon projected enrollments and faculty availability. Students and prospective students should meet with an advisor for the respective program to project a curriculum plan of study.

Graduate students in other divisions of the University may enroll in nonclinical courses in the College of Nursing (CON) with the approval of the graduate director of the college and the consent of the course professor.

Regulations governing admission to graduate study in nursing include those established by both the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Applicants must complete an application to the Graduate School and a College of Nursing supplement. Specific requirements for admission to each of the academic programs in nursing can be found on the College of Nursing website (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/nursing/academic_programs/apply/). In addition to meeting the health requirements of the University, students enrolled in direct or indirect clinical nursing courses are required to pass a drug screen and background check. Information on all clinical requirements is available in the College of Nursing Office of Academic Affairs. Maintenance of clinical requirements via Viewpoint Screening is mandatory for enrollment in clinical courses.

The College of Nursing abides by the same probation policies outlined by the Graduate School at the University of South Carolina. Additionally, other detailed requirement for progression and academic standing/dismissal are outlined in the College of Nursing Graduate Student program specific handbooks here (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/nursing/internal/current_students/).

Academic Progression and Dismissal Policy

Satisfactory progress in thesis, DNP project, or PhD dissertation work results in a grade of T; unsatisfactory progress results in a grade of U. The accumulation of two U grades in NURS 799, NURS 897, or NURS 899, regardless of credit hours enrolled, is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Programs

- Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.
- Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.
- Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Certificate
- Clinical Expert, D.N.P.
- Executive Healthcare Leadership, D.N.P.
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.
• Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.
• Family Nurse Practitioner, Certificate
• Master’s Entry to Practice, M.S.N.
• Healthcare Leadership, M.S.N.
• Healthcare Leadership, Certificate
• Nursing Education, Certificate
• Nursing Education, M.S.N.
• Nursing Informatics, M.S.N.
• Nursing Informatics, Certificate
• Nursing Science, Ph.D.
• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.
• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.
• Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Certificate