

PERFORM AT YOUR HIGHEST LEVEL WITH A DEGREE FROM NKU

Welcome to our program guide for online nursing and healthcare degrees and post-master's nursing certificates

Through a broad range of online nursing and healthcare degrees and certificate programs, Northern Kentucky University fulfills your education goals so you keep moving forward in your career. We provide learning experiences that develop your critical-thinking and leadership skills through bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs as well as post-master's advanced nursing certificates.

Program Advantages



Affordable, pay-by-the-course tuition



100% online coursework



Complete at your own pace



Designed for working professionals



Why earn your degree at NKU?

At NKU, students and their success are our priority. We strive to develop well-rounded leaders who will be points of light in the future of healthcare. You will thrive in the innovative environments promoted by the experienced faculty in our Schools of Nursing and Allied Health, and in our College of Informatics. Benefit from NKU's association with multiple top-ranked hospitals and other primary healthcare settings.

Our online programs are progressive, student centered, and can be completed at your own pace – choose an accelerated path or take your time. Expect an exceptional education on par with those found at private schools – at a fraction of their cost.

ONLINE NURSING PROGRAMS

RN TO BSN, MSN, DNP, AND POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATES

Our CCNE-accredited online programs develop critical thinkers and compassionate clinicians, preparing nurses to think and practice as leaders in healthcare and educational settings.

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Online

Add to your credentials by gaining the leadership skills needed to continue and excel in a professional nursing practice. In this program, you will become acquainted with essential topics and processes in genetics, genomics, and molecular biology, familiarize yourself with concepts and trends in the local and national health informatics field, examine the foundations of leadership and management theories and concepts in a variety of healthcare settings, and study an overview of models and theories of vulnerability – focusing on social determinants of health, health disparity, and culturally appropriate strategies to address the effects of vulnerability.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 10 months. Coursework is online, and 120 credit hours are required to graduate. The program includes 30 RN to BSN credit hours. Students will receive 19 credit hours for the NCLEX (block transferred at no cost) as well as credit hours from their Associate of Nursing degree (actual number depends on courses taken and what will transfer). 37 general education and 11 health science credit hours are also required; transferred credit hours from the associate degree may apply.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour including fees is **\$346**



Total tuition with fees is **\$10,380**
Rates subject to change

Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education Concentration Online

Help meet the demand for qualified healthcare professionals by teaching future nurses and adding valuable knowledge to the practice of professional nurses. You will also enhance your aptitude for instructing patients so they can take a proactive role in their own healthcare. This CCNE-accredited online program provides the boost you need to progress in your career. Curriculum emphasizes the development of expertise in teaching clinical nursing for a variety of educational settings and includes didactic, online, simulation, and research-based methods of instruction. In this program, you will have the opportunity to apply instructional theory and teach content to nursing students, practicing nurses, and patients.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 12 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 11 courses totaling 33 credit hours, including four core courses (12 credit hours) and seven concentration courses (21 credit hours). 200 clinical hours will be required to complete the program.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are \$562)



Total tuition with fees is **\$21,055**
Rates subject to change

ONLINE NURSING PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Executive Leadership Concentration Online

Open the door to exciting leadership opportunities when you prepare for high-level administrative positions in healthcare. This CCNE-accredited online program follows an interdisciplinary approach by combining curriculum from the Departments of Nursing, Business Informatics, Psychological Sciences, and Accounting and Finance. Interactive coursework emphasizes financial issues in healthcare, organizational culture and goals, budgeting, and how to assess data in order to facilitate changes in practice delivery.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 12 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 33 total credit hours, including four core courses (12 credit hours) and seven concentration courses (21 credit hours). 100 clinical hours will be required to complete the program.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are **\$545**)



Total tuition with fees is **\$21,038**
Rates subject to change



Overall job contentment and salaries for nurse leaders are high: 81% report feeling satisfied in their careers. 60% of nurse leaders earn \$130,000 or more after 10 years in the role.

- American Organization of Nurse Executives, 2016

Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner Online

Add to your professional nursing credentials and develop the clinical experience, knowledge, leadership skills, and confidence you need in order to diagnose and treat patients of all ages. Our CCNE-accredited FNP online program prepares you to provide a full range of primary healthcare services, make referrals, and serve as an educator, counselor, and advocate for your patients. Interactive coursework emphasizes advanced clinical pharmacology, human pathophysiology, diagnostic reasoning, and advanced clinical assessment. Topics in this FNP program cover pediatrics through adulthood, clinical residencies, and a capstone to synthesize your progress.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 22 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 47 total credit hours comprised of eight core courses (24 credit hours), five clinical courses (5 credit hours), and six FNP specialty courses (18 credit hours). 600 clinical hours will be required to complete the program.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are **\$1,877**)



Total tuition with fees is **\$31,064**
Rates subject to change

ONLINE NURSING PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gero Nurse Practitioner Online and Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Online

Both of these online programs prepare you to deliver healthcare services to adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. While working toward becoming a successful primary care nurse practitioner, you will also sharpen your aptitude for leadership and explore issues within today's healthcare system. Focus on the fundamentals of theory and research for an evidence-based practice, analysis and application of health data, and advanced clinical pharmacology for APRNs. Our Acute Care program prepares you to function in time-sensitive situations where quick intervention is imperative, such as emergency medicine and trauma/urgent care.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 20 months. Coursework is 100% online. Adult-Gero NP students must complete a total of 43 credit hours, which includes eight core courses (24 credit hours), four clinical residency courses (4 credit hours), four specialty courses (12 credit hours), and a capstone (3 credit hours). Adult-Gero Acute Care NP students must complete a total of 46 credit hours, including eight core courses (24 credit hours), five specialty courses (15 credit hours), four clinical residency courses (4 credit hours), and a capstone (3 credit hours). 500 clinical hours will be required to complete either program.

Tuition and Fees

MSN – Adult-Gero NP



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are **\$1,796**)



Total tuition with fees is **\$28,499**
Rates subject to change

MSN – Adult-Gero Acute Care NP



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are **\$1,804**)



Total tuition with fees is **\$30,370**
Rates subject to change

Master of Science in Nursing – Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Online

Add to your professional nursing credentials and develop the clinical experience and knowledge you need in order to treat individuals and families with acute or chronic psychiatric needs. This CCNE-accredited PMHNP online program prepares you to integrate the diagnosis, treatment, and management of mental health disorders for patients across the life span. This intensive program covers the full scope of mental health NP practice, which is why our PMHNP graduates have an impressive 100% pass rate on the ANCC Psychiatric – Mental Health NP certification examination. Coursework focuses on synthesizing neuroscientific principles, neurophysiological theory, psychopharmacology, and therapeutic methods.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 22 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 46 total credit hours comprised of eight core courses (24 credit hours), five concentration courses (15 credit hours), four clinicals (4 credit hours), and a capstone (3 credit hours). 500 clinical hours will be required to complete the program.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour is **\$621**
(Required fees are **\$1,804**)



Total tuition with fees is **\$30,370**
Rates subject to change

ONLINE NURSING PROGRAMS

Nursing Certificates Online

NKU's online certificate programs are designed to elevate nursing practice opportunities and give graduates the professional knowledge and qualifications needed to provide safe and effective services to patients in various healthcare specialty areas. These CCNE-accredited online post-master's certificate programs allow you to expand your areas of expertise and meet exciting new career opportunities:

Post-Master's Nursing Certificates

- **Family Nurse Practitioner**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 22 months** | Credit Hours: **35**
Clinical Hours: **600** | Tuition: **\$23,880**
- **Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 18 months** | Credit Hours: **34**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$23,226**
- **Adult-Gero Nurse Practitioner**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 20 months** | Credit Hours: **31**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$21,315**
- **Adult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 20 months** | Credit Hours: **34**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$23,226**

Nurse Practitioner Advancement Certificates

- **Women's Health NP/Certified Nurse Midwife to FNP**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 14 months** | Credit Hours: **19**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$13,171**
- **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to FNP**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 14 months** | Credit Hours: **17**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$11,914**
- **Acute Care Nurse Practitioner to FNP**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 14 months** | Credit Hours: **19**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$13,171**
- **Adult/FNP to Adult-Gero Acute Care NP**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 12 months** | Credit Hours: **19**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$13,171**
- **NP to Psych-Mental Health NP**
Complete Coursework: **as few as 12 months** | Credit Hours: **22**
Clinical Hours: **500** | Tuition: **\$15,082**

Rates subject to change

Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice Online

Practice nursing at the highest level with a DNP degree and become the leader every healthcare organization needs. With these top credentials, you can implement evidence into practice, educate new nurses, develop a deeper understanding of how nursing can influence today's healthcare system, and facilitate positive change. This CCNE-accredited DNP online program prepares you to lead with the discovery, integration, and application of knowledge. As a nurse leader, you can work to improve the lives of patients as well as healthcare organizations at a high level. Coursework focuses on the role and responsibilities of a DNP-educated nurse, financial aspects of medicine and healthcare, technology in advanced practice, and population health.

About the Program

Coursework is 100% online, and the fastest degree completion time is 20 months. Students must complete 10 core courses (30 credit hours) and a DNP Practicum/Project (5 credit hours) for a total of 35 credit hours. Courses are 7 weeks in length with the exception of DNP 896, which is completed over 16 weeks. If DNP 896 is not completed by the last semester, students may take DNP 897 as continuing credit to complete the scholarly project.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour (including fees) is **\$664**



Total tuition with fees is **\$23,240**
Rates subject to change

ONLINE HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

BSHS, MSHS, AND MHI

Through a broad range of online healthcare degree programs, the NKU School of Allied Health along with the College of Informatics promote an innovative environment to facilitate excellence in academics, practice, leadership, and lifelong learning within a global context to promote health.

Bachelor of Science in Health Science Online

Get ready to make a difference in health science and to help fulfill the needs of diverse populations. Our accredited online program is designed for professionals with an associate degree in a healthcare discipline. The knowledge and exposure offered in this program prepare you for various roles within the healthcare system or to continue your education and earn a graduate degree. In this online program, you will build on your prior healthcare experience by adding multidisciplinary foundations and holistic knowledge. Curriculum focuses on leadership and management, research, global health, health informatics, management of chronic diseases, current healthcare trends, and cultural issues.

About the Program

Courses are seven weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 12 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 11 core courses totaling 33 credit hours. Students must also complete enough general education courses to total 120 credit hours when combined with core courses. The 120 credit hours may come from a combination of transfer credits (from an associate degree) as well as general education courses completed as corequisites.

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour (including fees) is **\$453**



Total tuition with fees is **\$14,949**
Rates subject to change

Master of Science in Health Science Online

Develop and strengthen the qualities to propel your health science career forward and prepare for exciting opportunities in education, leadership, management, or informatics. This accredited online program combines common core and guided elective courses, so you can tailor this health science degree to meet your career goals. Analyze, synthesize, and communicate information to make decisions for the operation and improvement of healthcare systems. Theories and methods of health science research combined with the development of leadership qualities will prepare you for new and innovative responsibilities.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 24 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 35 total credit hours, including eight core courses (26 credit hours) and three elective courses (9 credit hours).

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour (including fees) is **\$640**



Total tuition with fees is **\$22,400**
Rates subject to change

ONLINE HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Health Informatics Online

Reach the next level in your career when you learn to use health data to enhance delivery and drive innovation in healthcare. Explore the science, systems, and software behind emerging technologies and prepare for exciting opportunities. This rigorous, accredited program focuses on applied knowledge and is one of the first of its kind online. Gain the skills and knowledge to analyze, integrate, and improve healthcare information systems, healthcare processes, and the quality of care. Learn research methods, data analysis techniques, and information governance best practices to improve outcomes, support care coordination, and enable payment reform and population health.

About the Program

Courses are 7 weeks in length, and the fastest degree completion time is 24 months. Coursework is 100% online, and students must complete 11 courses totaling 33 credit hours, including seven core courses (21 credit hours), three elective courses (9 credit hours), and a capstone (3 credit hours).

Tuition and Fees



Cost per credit hour (including fees) is **\$640**



Total tuition with fees is **\$21,120**
Rates subject to change



Of those in general medical and health services professions, 37% go on to earn a graduate degree, boosting their median earnings 76% to \$79,200.

- Public Health Online

READY? GETTING STARTED IS EASY!

By applying for one of NKU's online programs, you're taking the first step in igniting a brighter future for yourself. Choose the degree or certificate that will fulfill your professional goals and review the admission requirements at onlinedegrees.nku.edu/apply.aspx. Submit your application and choose a start date to begin preparing for your next accomplishment.

This University is a place where the flame within each student is fueled and the dream within each person is realized.

Rankings & Accreditation



Northern Kentucky University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC™) to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northern Kentucky University.



The baccalaureate degree in nursing/master's degree in nursing, postgraduate APRN certificate, and Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs at Northern Kentucky University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC, 20001, 202-887-6791

In addition, NKU has been classified as a leader in a number of categories.

- Ranked among "America's Top Colleges" by Forbes magazine for 10 years in a row, 2018
- The Bachelor of Science in Health Science program has been ranked one of the top 25 degree programs of its kind in the country by *TheBestSchools.org*, 2019
- Ranked #28 in "Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs" by U.S. News & World Report, 2019
- Recognized by *AffordableCollegesOnline.org* as having the greatest lifetime return on investment among Kentucky colleges and universities, 2013
- Ranked among the "Best Regional Universities South" by U.S. News & World Report, 2019
- Designated a Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, 2018



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