Master of Science in Nursing
Educating the Next Generation of Nurses

Nurses understand that the ongoing changes in healthcare systems create the need for lifelong learning to keep their knowledge and skill set up to date. As a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) student, you’ll be prepared for the challenges of working in a complex healthcare environment. Our program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Nursing Education Track

This track is designed for professional nurses who are seeking a career in nursing education or leadership. In the Nursing Education track, students will learn about instructing pre-licensed nursing students in classroom, clinical and nursing simulation lab settings, teaching new and experienced RNs new skills in staff development positions and planning innovative strategies to facilitate the learning process.

Nursing Leadership and Healthcare Administration Track

The primary purpose of this track is to develop qualities and skills to be effective nursing leaders within local, regional or national healthcare settings. Students in this track are prepared to be an integral member and leader of decision-making teams to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Alvernia also offers a GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP. This four course (12 credit) certificate is offered to bachelor’s-prepared nurses to provide foundational knowledge and essential skills to fulfill various leadership and management roles in healthcare settings. Credits earned in the Nursing Leadership Certificate Program are eligible to be applied to the MSN Nursing Leadership and Healthcare Administration track.

As a MSN graduate, you’ll have the content knowledge and skills to earn the distinction of Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing’s Certified Nurse Educator™ Examination.

Explore the full depth of our curriculum at www.alvernia.edu/msn
Expand Your Opportunities

Even in this changing economy, positions in nursing continue to grow. An advanced nursing degree doesn’t just lead to positions in acute care settings — your MSN degree can open doors to a variety of opportunities in healthcare, education and business. Graduates are prepared for education-focused positions, such as Nurse Educators in collegiate settings, Staff Development Educators in healthcare settings, Product Educators for medical supply companies or Clinical Educators in patient care settings. Nursing Leadership and Healthcare Administration track graduates are prepared to practice as a unit and as department-level nurse managers and administrators in the healthcare system.

Knowledge and Skills You Need

Alvernia’s MSN program ensures that you will emerge with the knowledge and skills in nursing education or nursing leadership. Both tracks prepare students to function in a rapidly changing and complex healthcare environment that demands innovative approaches. Learning experiences in both tracks emphasize inter-professional collaboration and cultural competence and additional skills, knowledge and abilities required for healthcare leaders in today’s workplaces.

In the NURSING EDUCATION track, students receive rigorous studies in curriculum development and implementation, instructional skills and strategies, use of educational technology, and educational assessment and evaluation.

In the NURSING LEADERSHIP AND HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION track, students develop expertise in understanding the delivery of healthcare from a regional, national and global perspective, key concepts of business management, budgeting processes, management of human resources, and how to develop and implement a strategic plan to attain performance excellence.

Convenient Course Delivery

The MSN program is delivered in a blended format, meaning it balances class time with a faculty member and students as well as in the virtual classroom. Face-to-face sessions firmly support the social dynamics of connecting with peers, faculty, potential employers and community leaders, while the online sessions provide opportunities to learn and utilize new methods of communication strategies, while decreasing the amount of commuting time.
Experts. Advisors. Mentors.
At Alvernia, you’ll find a faculty of accomplished scholars and healthcare experts. Professors bring real-world experience into face-to-face and virtual classrooms to ground learning in a practical setting that is ideal to help students successfully meet their personal and professional goals.

Our faculty has rich and solid experience in many healthcare settings and talents that add depth and breadth to our programs. Faculty is committed to engaging students in their educational process, which can advance their career.

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Alvernia has helped me advance my career by allowing me to complete my MSN in a flexible way — balancing work, family and school — and by cultivating my love for teaching nursing students.
Affordable
Alvernia offers a quality education at a cost you can afford. Our tuition is competitive, and we are an outstanding value. We are committed to helping you find the best ways to finance your education. From our convenient payment plans to our popular tuition deferment program, you’ll find there are many options our Student Financial Planning Office provides to help make your tuition more affordable.

Flexible
Learning at Alvernia is designed to fit into your busy life. We offer flexible scheduling with evening and online classes in accelerated time frames available on multiple start dates. Alvernia offers the convenience you need so you can continue working full-time while earning your degree.

Attainable
Alvernia’s Master of Science in Nursing degree lets you earn your degree at a faster pace. Along with a convenient location in Reading, hybrid (web-based and live classroom) courses and flexible scheduling, Alvernia creates a quality learning experience that is attuned to the MSN student’s needs.

We invite you to visit campus and speak with a member of our Graduate Admissions staff. Our supportive team will help you every step of the way. To arrange a visit or submit an application, please go to www.alvernia.edu/gradandadult