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Master of Science in Nursing
- RN to MSN without previously earned Bachelor’s degree
  - Nursing Administration (online)
  - Nursing Education (online)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- RN to MSN with previously earned Bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing
  - Nursing Administration (online)
  - Nursing Education (online)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- MSN with previously earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
  - Nursing Administration (online)
  - Nursing Education (online)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

Post-graduate Certificate
- Nursing Administration (online)
- Nursing Education (online)
- Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)

Doctor of Nursing Practice
- RN to DNP without previously earned Bachelor’s degree
  - Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
- RN to DNP with previously earned Bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing
  - Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
  - Nurse Anesthesia
- BSN to DNP with previously earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
  - Executive Leadership (online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
  - Nurse Anesthesia
- CRNA to DNP for licensed, certified CRNAs who do not hold the Master’s degree
- Post-graduate DNP (intended for Nurse Leaders and post-certification NPs and CRNAs; offered online with scheduled on-campus intensives)
  - Executive Leadership
  - Nurse Practitioner (Family, Pediatric, Adult/Geriatric, Psychiatric Mental Health)
  - Nurse Anesthesia

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