SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mission Statement
The Kaplan University School of Nursing mission is to prepare and develop a diverse population of undergraduate and graduate nursing students to launch, enhance, and change health care careers that contribute to the art and science of nursing. Our faculty are practitioners and scholars who provide a state-of-the-art education within an innovative and accessible learning environment. Our programs build student knowledge and confidence to transform health care. Graduates are prepared to effectively address health care priorities in local, national, and global settings with enriched professional attributes in evidence-based practice and scholarship, critical thinking, leadership, interprofessional communication, and lifelong learning.

General Policies
Policy information specific to the School of Nursing's graduate programs is noted below.

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Kaplan University's general requirements. Refer to the program-specific policy pages for additional admissions requirements.

If applying for admission, you must:

1. Have an approved criminal background check from the Kaplan University-approved vendor on file prior to the first day of your first term. Please refer to the Additional Requirements for Graduate Programs section under Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements).

The state of Iowa requires that criminal background checks include information from the Iowa Department of Human Services relating to child abuse and dependent adult abuse. If you reside in Iowa, you must authorize the University to obtain this information.

2. Submit documentation of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one U.S. state or provide evidence of a license comparable to a U.S. registered nurse license from the nation, province, or region where you are employed as a nurse. Proof of foreign licensure must be submitted at the time of enrollment. The University will verify the authenticity of all submitted foreign nursing licenses.

Requirements for Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs
If you graduated from a foreign nursing program, you must submit an official course-by-course evaluation of your nursing program to a foreign credential evaluation service. The foreign credential evaluation must be received by the Prior Learning Assessment Center prior to enrollment. The evaluation must be completed by an approved agency listed by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services at http://www.naces.org/members.htm or by another service approved by Kaplan University.

Progression Requirements
1. To begin the clinical or practicum placement process, you must complete an orientation to the clinical process. In addition, you are required to submit an application no less than 3 months prior to beginning a 500/600-level clinical or practicum course. All required documentation must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the School of Nursing to obtain approval to register for a practicum or clinical course. Incomplete or incorrect documentation will delay registration. A list of required documents may be obtained from the School of Nursing.

Your final grade for any practicum, clinical, or practice experience course (500-800 level) is determined by successful completion of both the didactic and experiential components of the course. Failure of either the didactic or experiential component will result in failure of the entire course.

2. The grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade for graduate courses and the grade of "B" is the minimum acceptable grade for graduate nurse practitioner clinical courses. You may only take a course twice; failure to achieve the required grade will result in dismissal from Kaplan University with the second attempt.

3. The University may require you to submit to a drug/chemical substance test at any time during the course of the program if there is evidence of impaired behavior that may pose a risk to patients, other students, or the education program. The requirement to submit to a drug/chemical substance test is based on an assessment of behavior that reflects possible drug use and/or impairment. You must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription and evidence of appropriate medical supervision for medications that may affect your academic or clinical performance during the nursing program. If you refuse the test, the University will assume you are using drugs/alcohol, which is considered a conduct violation.

State laws may permit the use of marijuana for medicinal or recreational use; however, federal laws prohibit the use, possession, and/or cultivation of marijuana at educational institutions that are recipients of federal funds. You will be required to undergo drug testing according to the Kaplan University School of Nursing Drug Screening Policy. Any student testing positive for marijuana or derivatives will not be allowed continued enrollment in the nursing program.

Graduation Requirements
In addition to Kaplan University's general requirements (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/policy-information), you must successfully complete the clinical, practicum, or practice experience requirements for your selected program. You will be graded for both the didactic and the experiential components of this course. Failure of either the didactic or the experiential components will result in failure of the course.

Programs
Doctor of Nursing Practice
The Doctor of Nursing Practice is designed to prepare nursing leaders to practice at the highest level of professional nursing practice.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/doctor-nursing-practice)

Master of Science in Nursing
The Master of Science in Nursing program is designed to build on previous nursing education and clinical experience, prepare you to pursue advanced practice in a variety of health care settings, and lay a foundation to pursue doctoral education. The overall purpose of the master's degree program is to provide graduate education for advanced
nursing roles that respond to the needs of individuals, families, and communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/nursing-ms)

**Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path**

Enrollment in this degree plan is limited to those who apply to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program and possess a bachelor's degree with an upper-level major in nursing as their highest nursing degree. Successful completion of the Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path is required to move on to the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/nursing-dnp-path-ms)

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate**

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner, consider the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to promote and provide primary care as a member of an interdisciplinary team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/adult-gerontology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner-certificate)

**Executive Leader Graduate Certificate**

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge of nursing administration to better meet the challenges within the health care environment, the Executive Leader Graduate Certificate program could help you pursue your professional goals. This certificate program allows you to build on your master's degree in nursing by completing six courses focused on nursing administration, including practicum and capstone courses.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/executive-leader-graduate-certificate)

**Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Certificate**

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the family nurse practitioner, consider the Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to best deliver care as a member of an interdisciplinary team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-primary-care-certificate)

**Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate**

If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge of nursing education, consider the Nurse Educator Graduate Certificate program. This certificate program allows you to build on your master's degree in nursing by completing nine courses focused on nursing education, including practicum and capstone courses.

View Program Details (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/graduate/nursing/nurse-educator-graduate-certificate)