School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

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General Information
The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH) offers programs to prepare students for careers in nursing and dental hygiene primarily for the state of Hawai’i and the Pacific Basin. The program admits students both directly from high school and after completion of nursing pre-requisites and UH Mānoa General Education Core requirements.

The Department of Nursing offers programs leading to the bachelor of science, master of science, DNP, PhD nursing degrees, and a Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing.

The Department of Dental Hygiene offers the bachelor of science degree. The program admits students following completion of dental hygiene prerequisite courses and UH Mānoa General Education Core requirements.

Vision
The leader in nursing and dental hygiene education and research in Hawai’i with outreach to Asia and the Pacific Basin.

Mission
The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene mission is to provide an innovative, caring, and multicultural environment in which faculty, students, and staff work together to generate and transmit knowledge, wisdom, and values to promote quality of life and health for present and future generations. To better reflect Hawai’i’s unique cultural diversity and heritage, the SONDH is committed to increasing Native Hawaiian and other under-served people in all nursing and dental hygiene programs.

Degrees and Certificates
Bachelor’s Degrees: BS dental hygiene, BS nursing
Master’s Degrees: MS nursing
Doctoral Degree: PhD, DNP
Certificate: Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing

Dental Hygiene
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Faculty
C. Kuba, RDH, MEd (Chair)—dental hygiene
A. Akamine, RDH, BEd—dental hygiene
J. Ebert, DDS—periodontology
P. Fujimoto, RDH, DDS—oral pathology
G. Lau, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
M. Lau, RDH—dental hygiene
P. Lee, RDH—dental hygiene
K. Nakasone, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
M. Oishi, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
J. Omori, RDH, MPH—dental hygiene
A. Ogawa, RDH, DMD—dental anesthesia/radiology
K. Osada, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
P. Sunahara, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
W. A. Wakai, RDH, DMD—head and neck anatomy
L. Yamada, DDS, MEd—periodontology

Degree Offered: BS in dental hygiene

The Academic Program
The Department of Dental Hygiene admits students to the bachelor of science in dental hygiene program following completion of a minimum of 29 semester credit hours of prerequisite and the majority of general education courses.

The program at UH Mānoa offers the only baccalaureate dental hygiene educational program in the state. It offers the preparation required by dental hygienists to provide oral health care and education to the people of Hawai’i, the continental U.S., and the Pacific-Asia region.

Students completing the bachelor of science in dental hygiene qualify for admission to the national and regional dental hygiene examinations for licensure to practice dental hygiene in private, public health, and other dental hygiene settings.

The bachelor of science in dental hygiene provides opportunities for students to continue their education. It offers profes-
sional training to broaden and deepen knowledge and skills, as well as provides a foundation for personal and professional development and opportunities for admission to graduate work.

The school is in discussion with the UH West Oahu campus to transfer the program in Dental Hygiene at a future date. Please check our website regularly to stay updated on the planning process and timeline for the transfer.

**Accreditation**

The dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association.

Each program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation must post the Notice of Opportunity and Procedure to File Complaints with the Commission on Dental Accreditation. A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission’s policy and procedures for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at:

211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Tel: 1 (800) 621-8099, ext. 4653

**Advising**

Department of Dental Hygiene
Hemenway Hall 200-B
Honolulu, HI 96822
Tel: (808) 956-8821

Academic advising is provided by faculty of the Department of Dental Hygiene. Potential applicants as well as students in need of advising should call for appointments.

**Graduation**

All enrolled dental hygiene students are advised to meet with a faculty advisor regarding their progress toward their degree to ensure that all requirements are met at least two semesters before the scheduled graduation date.

An application for graduation must be submitted with a degree fee to the Cashier’s Office, QLCSS Room 001. This should be processed during the first three weeks of the semester the student intends to graduate.

**Honors and Awards**

**Dental Hygiene Faculty Award**

An outstanding dental hygiene student who has maintained high scholarship and made contributions to the department is recognized by the faculty of the Department of Dental Hygiene at graduation.

**Sigma Phi Alpha**

Alpha Kappa Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha is the national dental hygiene honor society at UH Mānoa. Senior dental hygiene students who rank high in scholarship and character and exhibit potential qualities for future growth are recommended by faculty members for election to membership.

**Undergraduate Study**

**Admission Requirements**

To qualify for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, applicants must complete the following requirements:

1. Admission to UH Mānoa
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; inclusion of prerequisite science courses GPA
3. Prerequisite courses or equivalents: PHYL 103/103L; BIOC 241; MICR 130/140L; FSHN 185; COMG 151; ENG 100; SOC 100; PSY 100
4. Near completion of general education courses required for UH Mānoa graduation
5. Recommend completion of PHRM 203; PSY 225 (or equivalent)
6. Interview

There is a path for those students interested in completing a baccalaureate degree, who have graduated from an associate degree or certificate program. To qualify, the applicant must complete the following requirements:

1. Admission to UH Mānoa
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; inclusion of pre-requisite science courses GPA
3. Minimum DH GPA of 3.0
4. Passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
5. Completion of courses equivalent to: DH 361, DH 370, DH 389, DH 390/391
6. Near completion of UH Mānoa general education courses
7. Interview
8. Certified in the administration of intra-oral anesthesia (including regional blocks)

**Application Period**

December 1 through **February 1** for the upcoming fall semester. Students are admitted only during the fall semester. Transfer applicants from other universities and colleges/schools must complete the UH System Application form and submit the form to UH Mānoa Office of Admissions. Students enrolled as classified day students at UH Mānoa during the semester immediately preceding the semester of desired entry must complete the Curriculum Transfer Request and the Department of Dental Hygiene application forms.

Applicants must submit transcripts, if applicable, and photocopy of grades if enrolled in courses at any community college or other university during the semester immediately preceding the semester of entry to the program.

**Health Certification and Other Requirements**

Prior to enrollment, accepted students must provide evidence of sound health and meet other requirements as follows:

1. CPR Certification (BLS for Healthcare Providers Course);
2. TB Clearance (Department approved);
3. Immunizations for Polio, Tetanus/Diptheria/Pertussis (TdaP) and annual Flu vaccine;
4. Laboratory evidence (positive titer) of immunity to Hepatitis B, Mumps, Rubella (Measles), Rubella (German Measles) and Varicella (Chicken Pox);
5. Health insurance; and
6. Malpractice insurance of $1 million per incident/$3 million aggregate

All requirements must be cleared before registration by presenting photocopies of CPR certification, health insurance policy (card), titer results, Health Clearance Form (vaccination record), and TB clearance to the Department of Dental Hygiene. Students with prerequisite deficiencies may not register for or attend laboratory or clinical classes.

Students must take a tuberculosis screen test or chest x-ray as required. Dental hygiene students who have not taken a TB
skin test within the last year must take the two-step TB test. CPR certification must be current.

Students are required to have health insurance. Student medical insurance plan information may be obtained through the University Health Services at (808) 956-8965.

Students enrolled in dental hygiene clinical courses have the potential for exposure to communicable diseases and may sustain injuries in the clinical setting. Limited emergency care will be rendered onsite. Students are financially liable for all care received, including emergency room charges.

Note: All certifications and requirements must be kept current for the duration of program enrollment.

Financial Consideration
Significant costs (e.g., professional education fee; purchase of instruments, supplies, uniforms, and books; examination fees, etc.) not related to tuition and housing are associated with dental hygiene education. The additional cost over a period of three years in the dental hygiene program is approximately $14,000. Dental hygiene students must also enroll in one to two courses at UH-West Oahu. Students are encouraged to make appropriate financial arrangements.

Note: School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene students pay a higher fee at registration.

Varied Schedules
Dental hygiene students are expected to participate in clinical experiences at various scheduled times. Therefore, students must make time and arrangements to accommodate a modified daily schedule.

Continued Registration
The minimum academic requirements of UH Mānoa apply to all dental hygiene students. In addition, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all registered credit hours in dental hygiene courses to continue registration in the dental hygiene program.

BS in Dental Hygiene
Students must complete the following:

- General Education Core requirements (see the "Undergraduate General Education Requirements" section in the Catalog)
- Pre-major requirements
- Dental Hygiene major requirements
- Other major requirements and electives

General Education Core Requirements
- See the Catalog

Pre-Major Requirements
- BIOC 241 Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3)
- COMG 151 Personal and Public Speech (3)
- ENG 100 Composition I (3)
- FSHN 185 The Science of Human Nutrition (3)
- MICR 130 General Microbiology (3) and MICR 140L Microbiology Laboratory (2)
- PHYL 103/103L Human Physiology and Anatomy/Physiology and Anatomy Lab (5/1)
- PSY 100 Survey of Psychology (3)
- SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Major Requirements
- DH 231 Oral Anatomy and Tooth Morphology (2)
- DH 231L Oral Anatomy and Tooth Morphology Lab (2)
- DH 238 Basic Dental Hygiene I (2)
- DH 238L Basic Dental Hygiene I Lab (1)
- DH 239L Basic Dental Hygiene I Lab (1)
- DH 240 Basic Dental Hygiene II (2)
- DH 240L Basic Dental Hygiene Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 241L Basic Dental Hygiene Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 242L Basic Dental Hygiene Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 250 General and Oral Histology and Embryology (2)
- DH 251 General and Oral Histology and Embryology (1)
- DH 281L Dental Radiography (2)
- DH 281L Dental Radiography Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 361 Health Education and Promotion (2)
- DH 366 General and Oral Pathology (2)
- DH 367 General and Oral Pathology (1)
- DH 369 Dental Materials (1)
- DH 369L Dental Materials Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 370 Expanded Functions in Dental Hygiene (2)
- DH 370L Expanded Functions Lab/Clinic (1)
- DH 375 Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2)
- DH 375L Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic (1)
- DH 376L Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic (1)
- DH 377L Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic (1)
- DH 378L Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic (1)
- DH 380 Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
- DH 380L Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 381L Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 382L Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 389 Pain Control and Local Anesthesia in Dentistry (2)
- DH 390 Periodontology I (2)
- DH 391 Periodontology II (2)
- DH 473 Community Health (3)
- DH 475 Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
- DH 475L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic A (1)
- DH 476L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic B (1)
- DH 477L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic C (1)
- DH 478L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic D (1)
- DH 480 Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
- DH 480L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 481L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 482L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- DH 483L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (1)
- NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
- PHRM 203 General Pharmacology (3)
- PUBA 301 Health Care Administration (3) (UH-West Oahu)

For information on a Bachelor Degree Program Sheet, go to www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcaa/programsheets/.
Faculty
*M. Boland, DrPH (Dean)—nursing workforce, health policy
S. Ziehm, DNP (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs)—psychiatric mental health, academic program evaluation
*C. Ceria-Ulep, PhD (Department Chair)—adult health, administration
*M. Shannon, PhD (Graduate Chair)—family nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, women’s health, HIV/AIDS, vulnerable populations, stress and aging
C. Albright, PhD—cancer prevention and control, obesity control
S. Alzamora, MSN—medical/surgical nursing, critical care
E. Ben-Sefer, PhD—maternal child
L. Blue, MSN—maternal child health, mental health
L. Boehm, PhD(c), MSN—medical/surgical, mental health, critical care
N. Braginsky, PhD—family nurse practitioner
M. Bray, MSN—APHN, public health, critical care
P. Brooks, MS—international health, family health
*J. Casken, PhD—administration, public health
P. Clements, MS—medical/surgical nursing
*E. Codier, PhD—adult health, emotional intelligence in nursing
C. Constantin, PhD—maternal child health, genetics
C. Delnat, MSN—nursing education, critical care
M. Deutsch, MS—maternal-child health, quality management
L. Dubbs, MSN—nursing administration
B. Friedman, RN, MBA—FNP, APHN, public health
P. Gandall-Yamamoto, MS—family nurse practitioner
C. Gazmen, MS—adult health, clinical nurse specialist
P. Gendreau, MS—medical/surgical nursing
G. Glauberman, MSN—APHN, disaster preparedness
K. Green, MS—maternal-child health
C. Greywolf, DNP, MSN—geriatrics, mental health, critical care
M. Guererro, MSN—mental health
F. Hale, MS—maternal-child health, nursing education, psychiatric mental health
M. Hall-Moriyasu, MSN—oncology, critical care
V. Hanashiro, PhD—medical/surgical, geriatrics
*A. Hanberg, PhD—simulation learning
M. Hayashi, MS—medical/surgical nursing, maternal-child health
T. Higa, MS—adult health
L. Hildebrandt, MSN—medical/surgical nursing
H. Ho, MSN—maternal child health, medical/surgical nursing
D. Ing, MSN—pediatric nurse practitioner
*J. Itano, PhD—oncology/nursing education
R. Jarman, PhD—higher education administration and student services
S. Jensen, MSN—medical/surgical nursing, critical care
S. Kam, MSN—medical/surgical nursing
*M. Kataoka-Yahiro, DrPH—parent-child, family caregiving
C. Kawamura, MSN—medical/surgical nursing, critical care
M. Koury, PhD—educational planning and management
*S. LeVasseur, PhD—PhD Director
*C. Linhares, PhD—maternal child health, certified midwife
*D. Mark, PhD—evidenced-base practice, critical care
S. Marshall, MS—oncology, administration
K. Matsuyama, MS—adult health
J. McDonald, MS—medical/surgical nursing
N. McGuickin, MPH—community health, administration
G. Mikkalson, MSN—nurse midwife, women’s health
*J. Miller, EdD—maternal child health
S. Miller, MS—pediatrics
N. Minton, MA—cultural enrichment, clinical psychology
J. Misola, PhD—adult health, nursing administration
*J. Mobley, PhD—statistics, psychology
P. Morrison, MS, RN—adult health, nursing education
S. Murray, MS—clinical nurse specialist
M. Naphaa, MS—pediatrics
A. Neves, MS—psychiatric mental health
J. Niemczura, MSN—adult health
J. Nishikawa, DNP—family nurse practitioner
T. Parsons, MS—nursing administration
*K. Qureshi DNSc—emergency nursing, disaster preparedness, community health
J. Range, MSN—adult health
N. Reeves, MSN—medical/surgical nursing, critical care
*K. Richardson, PhD—maternal-child
V. Saunders, MSN—gerontological nurse practitioner
*J. Shoulzt, DrPH—community health, adult health
S. Sinclair, PhD—pediatrics
*K. Sullivan, PhD—psychiatric mental health
*A. Sy, DrPH—public health
*K. Tessier, PhD—pediatrics
C. E. Thompson, MS—adult health
*A. Tse, PhD—pediatrics
K. Unrau, MSN—medical/surgical nursing, pediatrics, critical care
*J. Uyehara, MSN—cancer prevention and control, mental health, academic program evaluation
S. Sinclair, PhD—pediatrics
*J. Shoultz, DrPH—community health, adult health
V. Saunders, MSN—gerontological nurse practitioner
*J. Takayama, PhD—community health, geriatrics
K. Richardson, PhD—maternal-child
N. Reeves, MSN—nursing education, critical care
S. Shepherd, PhD—psychiatric mental health
R. Wada, MD—pediatric hematolgy, oncology
*C. Wang, PhD—adult health
*L. Wong, PhD—adult health
Emeritus Faculty
J. Inouye, PhD—psychiatric mental health, psychology
B. Kooker, DrPH—nursing administration
J. Lum, PhD—pediatrics
L. Magnusson, EdD—maternal child
R. Ryburn, DrPH, pediatric emergency medicine
Clinical Faculty
The School of Nursing’s undergraduate program provides five bachelor of science degree pathways:
- High School Direct Entry into Nursing (HS-DEN) Program. Application Deadline: January 2 (Fall admission only)
- Executive RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing. Application Deadline: January 5 (Fall Admission only)
- RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing. Application Deadline: Fall January 5, Spring July 1
The master of science (MS) in nursing degree program prepares the student for advanced practice as a nurse practitioner in family and adult-gerontology; clinical nurse specialist in adult health; nursing executive leadership; and advanced public health. A Masters Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) admits students with bachelors degrees in non-nursing areas. The master’s program provides the foundation for doctoral study.

The Department of Nursing offers the Post-Master’s Certificate for nurses who already have a master’s degree in nursing but wish to acquire expertise in another specialty.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed as a professional (practice) doctorate integrating evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice.

The PhD in nursing prepares nursing scholars with particular strength in culturally appropriate clinical research aimed at improving the health of people in diverse societies and to teach in nursing education programs, especially those with minority student populations.

**Distance Education**

A variety of technologies are used in distance education including videoconferencing, HITS, web-based methods, or a combination of technologies. The DNP and PhD degree programs are offered online (web-based) with face-to-face intensive sessions once a year.

For further information, contact the school’s Office of Student Services at (808) 956-8939 or nursing@hawaii.edu. All policies and procedures that apply to UH Mānoa students apply to students enrolled in distance learning opportunities.

**Student and Faculty Awards**

Each graduating class recognizes an outstanding faculty educator and graduating students who have made significant contributions in service, research, leadership, and professionalism. Academic excellence is also recognized by an award to the student with the highest grade point average.

**Accreditation**

The nursing programs are accredited by the Hawai‘i State Board of Nursing, and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education\(^1\).

**Criminal Background Checks And Drug Testing**

Hospitals and other clinical agencies require a criminal background check and drug testing of students in order to meet their hospital accreditation (JCAHO) requirements. The Department of Nursing will not be collecting this information. It is the student’s responsibility to provide this information to the clinical facilities, if requested.

The following statement has been issued by the UH Legal Council:

> “It is the responsibility of the student to satisfactorily complete affiliated hospital background checks and drug testing requirements in accordance with procedures and timelines as prescribed by the affiliated hospital. Nursing students are required to complete UH prescribed academic requirements that involve clinical practice in a UH-affiliated hospital setting with no substitution allowable. Failure of a student to complete the prescribed UH nursing clinical practice in a UH-affiliated hospital shall be deemed as not satisfying nursing academic program requirements.”

If the requirements set forth by the hospital are not met by the individual student, the university is not responsible to provide a substitute clinical facility or clinical experience. Therefore, refusal of a hospital or clinical facility to allow a student in their clinical facility due to negative information will result in the student not being allowed to continue in the nursing program.

**Undergraduate Study**

**Advising**

Office of Student Services
Webster 201
Honolulu, HI 96822
Tel: (808) 956-8939
Email: nursing@hawaii.edu

Potential applicants are highly encouraged to review the program documents posted on our website. Pre-advising is available at both the graduate and undergraduate level for information on application procedures, program description, and degree requirement completion.

**Preparation for Graduation**

Students are advised to check with the academic advisor to make sure that all requirements are met at least two semesters before the scheduled graduation date.

An application for graduation form is completed and signed by the student and the advisor. The advisor submits the signed Application for Degree form to the UH Mānoa Office of the Registrar by the third week of the graduation semester. Then the student goes on-line to their MyUH portal account to pay the graduation fee.

**Diplomas**

Diplomas for graduate and undergraduate students can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar, Queen Lili‘uokalani Center for Student Services, Room 010, 10 weeks after graduation. A request to mail the diploma may be filed at the Office of the Registrar.

**National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)**

Upon graduation from the bachelor of science program, the school certifies and submits the names of graduating students to the Hawai‘i Board of Nursing, which qualifies them to take the NCLEX-RN exam. The school’s Office of Student Services is available to assist with the application process. Application forms are available at www.state.hi.us/dcca/pvl. There are no specific filing deadlines.

Students who wish to take nursing licensing boards in another state must contact that state’s board of nursing directly. Addresses of state boards of nursing are available from the Na-
The bachelor of science in nursing degree prepares beginning-level generalist professional nurses to deliver care to individuals in a variety of health-care settings, meet the state requirements for eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN), and obtain a sound basis for graduate study in nursing.

Pre-nursing students enroll in prerequisite and General Education requirements. Completion of these requirements provides the foundation for professional nursing requirements. After satisfactory completion of the pre-nursing requirements, students are eligible for admission to the Department of Nursing. Upon admission to the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, students register for the professional nursing courses, which focus on both the theoretical and practical dimensions of professional nursing.

To qualify for a BS in nursing, all undergraduate students must complete curriculum requirements with a grade of C (not C-) or higher and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. All students must also complete the UH Mānoa General Education requirements as noted in the Catalog.

Applicants are strongly advised to attend an informational session at the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene before
submitting an application to the program. For more information, please visit the SONDH website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

**Admission Requirements**

To qualify for admission to the Department of Nursing, applicants must complete the following pre-nursing requirements by the established deadlines:

1. Classified status at UH Mānoa for the application term (unclassified, graduating, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
2. Department of Nursing application (available on the SONDH website);
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better;
4. Minimum grade of C (not C-) in the following prerequisite courses**:
   - 1 FW course,* 1 FS course,* 1 FG course,* 2 DS courses* from different departments, 1 DP course,* PHYL 141/141L, PHYL 142/142L, MICR 130.

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*Designated by UH Mānoa as General Education courses. These may be found in the “Undergraduate General Education Requirements” section of this Catalog. Students already holding degrees or certificates are not exempt from these requirements.

**16 credits of prerequisites credits must be satisfactorily completed at the time of application, of which MUST include 1 PHYL lecture/lab and 1 other science lecture course (i.e., *DP course or MICR 130). Applicants must have completed or are currently enrolled in all remaining prerequisites at the time of application to be considered.

5. For Pre-Admission Exam requirements, see the website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

**Application Procedures**

Submit a completed UH System application for UH Mānoa or be a continuing classified student at UH Mānoa. Submit a Department of Nursing application (available on the SONDH website), copy of your exam scores, and transcripts or unofficial student schedule (non-UH applicants only) demonstrating current registration in any outstanding prerequisite courses. For more information, please visit the SONDH website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

**Application Deadlines**

Fall admission deadline: **January 5**. Spring admission deadline: **September 1**. All documents, including the UH System application, must be received by the Office of Student Services no later than the deadline. It is highly recommended that the UH System Application be submitted 4-6 weeks prior to the SONDH deadline in order to allow ample processing time in the Office of Admissions.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. For more information regarding program specific deadlines, please visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

**Special Requirements**

Upon entrance into the program, students must have the following:

1. Health Clearance,
2. Current BLS/Healthcare Provider CPR Certification*, and
3. Health insurance.

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*Nursing students are expected to participate in clinical experiences in many community agencies at variously scheduled times. Therefore, students must make time and transportation arrangements to accommodate an irregular academic schedule.

**Continued Registration**

All undergraduate students accepted as majors in the nursing program may register for nursing courses. Students must attain a grade of at least C (not C-) in all courses in the program to continue registration for the following semester.

Students may be dismissed from the program for failing to maintain academic and clinical experience standards of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. Students wishing to return to the program must file a petition to continue with the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee (see the Student Handbook).

**BS in Nursing (Traditional Curriculum)**

This curriculum applies to students admitted prior to Fall 2010.

**Required Nursing Courses**

- NURS 300 Introduction to the Nursing Profession (1)
- NURS 310 Psychosocial Concepts in Health Care (3)
- NURS 311 Pathophysioligic Nursing Concepts (3)
- NURS 330/330L Professional Nursing I/Lab (2/2)
- NURS 331/331L Professional Nursing II/Lab (2/3)
- NURS 370/370L Adult Health Nursing I/Lab (2/3)
- NURS 371/371L Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing/Lab (3/2)
- NURS 372/372L Maternal Newborn Nursing/Lab (2/3)
- NURS 373/373L Child Health Nursing (2/3)
- NURS 439 Management for Health Professionals (3)
- NURS 441 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
- NURS 470/470L Adult Health Nursing II/Lab (2/3)
- NURS 471/471L Community Health Nursing/Lab (2/3)
- NURS 475/475L Complex Nursing Practice/Lab (2/5)
- NURS 486 Professional Issues and Trends (2)

**Nursing Electives (at least one is offered each semester)**

- NURS 340 Contemporary Ethical Issues in Health Care (3)
- NURS 343 Gerontology: Its Nursing Implications (3)
- NURS 344 Nursing in the Multicultural Milieu (3)
- NURS 361 Health Education and Promotion (2)
- NURS 399 Directed Reading/Research (faculty approval) (V)
- NURS 420 Cooperative Education in Nursing (V)
- NURS 431 Complementary and Alternative Therapies (3)

**Hawai‘i Statewide Nursing Consortium Curriculum (HSNC) BS in Nursing Curriculum**

The Department of Nursing implemented the Hawai‘i Statewide Nursing Consortium curriculum in Fall 2010. Students preparing to enter this nursing program must complete the Admission Requirements listed above. For further information, contact the Office of Student Services at (808) 956-8939 or visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu. The deadline for completed application is **January 5** for the fall semester and **September 1** for the spring semester.
Required Nursing Courses
- NURS 210/210L Health Promotion Across the Lifespan/Lab (3/6)
- NURS 211 Professionalism in Nursing (2)
- NURS 212 Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS 220/220L Health and Illness I /Lab (4/6)
- NURS 320/320L Health and Illness II: Family Health/Lab (4/6)
- NURS 360/360L Health and Illness III/Lab (3/6)
- NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
- NURS 450/450L Community, Public, and Global Health/Lab (5/4)
- NURS 452 Cultural Aspects of Health Management in Populations Indigenous to Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia (3)
- NURS 453 Introduction to Genetics in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 460/460L Complex Nursing and Leadership/Lab (4/6)
- NURS 461 Advanced Pathophysiology and Neurobiology (3)

Required Nursing Electives (at least one is offered each semester)
- NURS 340 Contemporary Ethical Issues in Health Care (3)
- NURS 343 Gerontology: Its Nursing Implications (3)
- NURS 344 Nursing in the Multicultural Milieu (3)
- NURS 361 Health Education and Promotion (2)
- NURS 399 Directed Reading/Research (need faculty approval) (V)
- NURS 420 Cooperative Education in Nursing (V)
- NURS 421 Summer Internship (V)
- NURS 431 Complementary and Alternative Therapies (3)

For information on a Bachelor Degree Program Sheet, go to www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcaa/programsheets/.

Hawaii Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) BS in Nursing Curriculum for ADN Graduates from Consortium

The Hawai‘i’s Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing program for associate degree nursing (ADN) graduates is a statewide continuing consortium nursing curriculum available to UH students from Maui College, Kaua‘i Community College, and beginning in fall 2014, Kapi‘olani Community College. The HSNC program is designed to provide an efficient pathway to the baccalaureate for the RN with an associate degree. The program builds upon initial nursing preparation with coursework to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and provide an increased understanding of the cultural, economic, and social issues that affect the delivery of safe, quality patient care (American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2011) Fact Sheet: Degree completion programs for registered nurses: RN to masters and RN to baccalaureate programs).

Students enter the program in the fall (January 5th deadline); (Students from Kapi‘olani Community College may also enter in the Spring July deadline) taking courses via the Hawai‘i Interactive Television Service (HITS) while balancing work and family responsibilities. With the BS degree, the student is prepared for graduate education and continued career development.

For further information, contact the Office of Student Services at (808) 956-8939 or visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Required Nursing Courses completed at the participating community college in Year 2 and 3
- NURS 210 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (9)
- NURS 211 Professionalism in Nursing (1)
- NURS 212 Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS 220 Health and Illness I (10)
- NURS 320 Health and Illness II: Family Health (10)
- NURS 360 Health and Illness III (9)
- NURS 362 Professionalism in Nursing II (1)
- NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)

Year 4 Courses completed at UHM
- NURS 450/450L Community, Public, and Global Health/Lab (5/4)
- NURS 452 Cultural Aspects of Health Management in Populations Indigenous to Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia (3)
- NURS 453 Introduction to Genetics in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 460/460L Integrated Clinical Practicum and Leadership Development/Lab (4/6)
- NURS 461 Advanced Pathophysiology and Neurobiology (3)
- Nursing Elective (2)

Required Nursing Electives (at least one is offered each semester)
- NURS 340 Contemporary Ethical Issues in Health Care (3)
- NURS 343 Gerontology: Its Nursing Implications (3)
- NURS 344 Nursing in the Multicultural Milieu (3)
- NURS 361 Health Education and Promotion (2)
- NURS 366 Advanced Cardiopulmonary (3)
- NURS 399 Directed Reading/Research (need faculty approval) (V)
- NURS 420 Cooperative Education in Nursing (V)
- NURS 421 Summer Internship (V)
- NURS 431 Complementary and Alternative Therapies (3)

For information on the BS in Nursing for ADN graduates Bachelor Degree Program Sheet, go to www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcaa/programsheets/#nursing.

RN to BS in Nursing Curriculum for ADN Graduates

The RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing program for associate degree nursing (ADN) graduates is a complement to the statewide continuing consortium nursing curriculum offered to UH students. The RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing program is designed to provide an efficient pathway to the baccalaureate for the nurse with less than 2 years experience with an associate degree. The program builds upon initial nursing preparation with coursework to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and provide an increased understanding of the cultural, economic, and social issues that affect the delivery of safe, quality patient care (American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2011) Fact Sheet: Degree completion programs for registered nurses: RN to masters and RN to baccalaureate programs).

Students may enter the program in the fall or spring taking courses online and via the Hawai‘i Interactive Television Service (HITS) while balancing work and family responsibilities. The
program provides access to students living on Maui and Kaua‘i. With the BS degree, the student is prepared for graduate education and continued career development.

Admission to the program requires completion of 44 credits of lower division prerequisite course work. Upon admission, each student will receive a personalized review of completed coursework to create an individualized progression plan for completion. Up to 42 credits is provided for course work completed in the associate degree (35 credits) and other general elective course work (7 credits). A total of 120 credits are required for the baccalaureate degree.

Thirty-four (34) credits of upper division nursing course work with a grade of C (not C-) is required for the program. The upper division nursing course work includes two courses that must be completed before advancing to clinical course work.

### Admission Requirements

To be admitted, applicants must complete the following requirements by the established deadlines:

1. Documentation of graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program;
2. A GPA of 2.0 or better if transferring from a UH System campus; a GPA of 2.5 or better if transferring from a non-UH System campus;
3. Submit official transcripts from all university, colleges, or post-secondary schools;
4. Acceptance to UH Mānoa (unclassified, graduated, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
5. Department of Nursing application (available on the SONDH website);

The deadline for completed application is January 5 for the fall semester and July 1 for the spring semester.

For further information, contact the Office of Student Services at (808) 956-8939 or visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

### Required Upper Division Nursing Courses

#### Nursing Courses Required Prior to Clinical Coursework

- NURS 301 Introduction to Evidence Based Practice and Health Promotion (3)
- NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)

#### 400-Level Nursing Courses

- NURS 450/450L Community, Public, and Global Health/Lab (5/4)
- NURS 452 Cultural Aspects of Health Management In Populations Indigenous to Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia (3)
- NURS 453 Introduction of Genetics in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 460/460L Complex Nursing and Leadership/Lab (4/6)
- NURS 461 Advanced Pathophysiology/Neurobiology (3)

### Executive RN to BS in Nursing (for registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing)

The Executive RN to BS program is designed to provide an efficient pathway to the baccalaureate for the RN with an associate degree and a minimum of 2 years work experience as an RN. The program builds upon initial nursing preparation with course work to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and provide an increased understanding of the cultural, economic, and social issues that affect the delivery of safe, quality patient care.

The program is designed for learners who thrive in a setting with guided independent study, professional application, and a collegial relationship with faculty and peer students. Students enter the program in the fall, taking online courses while balancing work and family responsibilities. With the BS degree, the student is prepared for graduate education and continued career development.

Admission to the program requires completion of 45 credits of lower division prerequisite course work. Upon admission, each student will receive a personalized review of completed coursework to create an individualized progression plan for completion. Up to 35 credits is provided for course work completed in the associate degree and other general elective course work. A total of 120 credits are required for the baccalaureate degree.

Forty (40) credits of prerequisites and upper division nursing course work with a grade of C (not C-) is required for the program. The upper division nursing course work includes two “prerequisite courses” that must be completed before advancing to clinical course work.

### Admission Requirements

To be admitted, applicants must complete the following requirements by the established deadlines:

1. Documentation of graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program;
2. A GPA of 2.0 or better if transferring from a UH System campus; a GPA of 2.5 or better if transferring from a non-UH System campus;
3. Submit official transcripts from all university, colleges, or post-secondary schools;
4. Acceptance to UH Mānoa (unclassified, graduated, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
5. Department of Nursing application (available on the SONDH website);
6. Current unrestricted U.S. RN license in Hawai‘i or the state of residence. Your application will be reviewed prior to taking the NCLEX-RN exam but you must have an active license to begin the upper division nursing courses (NURS 400 level courses).
7. A minimum of 2 years work experience as an RN at the time of application.

### Required Upper Division Nursing Courses

#### Nursing Prerequisite Courses* (required prior to all other courses)

- NURS 301 Introduction to Evidence Based Practice and Health Promotion (3*)
- NURS 399 Statistics in Nursing*
- NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)

#### 400-Level Nursing Courses

- NURS 450/450L Community, Public, and Global Health/Lab (5/4)**
- NURS 452 Cultural Aspects of Health Management In Populations Indigenous to Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and Asia (3)
- NURS 453 Introduction of Genetics in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 460/460L Complex Nursing and Leadership/Lab (4/6)**
- NURS 461 Advanced Pathophysiology/Neurobiology (3)
**An experiential portfolio option is available to students who believe they meet the outcomes of one of these two specific courses through prior learning and/or professional nursing experience. Through the portfolio process, you may be able to meet course requirements by documenting evidence of your nursing skills and experience. (Note: only one course may be used to receive a credit waiver)

For information on the Executive RN to BS in Nursing sheet, go to www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcaa/programsheets/#nursing.

**Graduate Study**

**Master’s Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN)**

The Master’s Entry Program in Nursing is designed for adult learners with no prior nursing experience or education and who have a baccalaureate degree or higher in a field other than nursing. The purpose of this alternative entry program is to equip students with entry-level professional nurse competencies as a foundation for advanced practice roles.

The program consists of an intensive pre-licensure year structured as three continuous semesters transitioning into one of the specialty nursing pathways. The length of time necessary to graduate at the Master’s level is dependent upon the specialty area selected by the learner.

The first year curriculum is based on a competency model appropriate for graduate level adult learners. Active learning strategies are emphasized including clinical experience, simulation based learning, and evidence-based practice to inform the actions of the nurse. A substantial amount of the curriculum is clinical practicum in community and hospital/health care settings where students are actively engaged in nursing care under the supervision and guidance of faculty.

**Admission Requirements**

To be admitted, applicants must meet the following Requirements for Entry:
1. A complete baccalaureate degree in any non-nursing field from an accredited institution by July 15 of the year admitted to the program.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
3. Completed the prerequisite courses by July 15 prior to fall admission. If you are taking courses after your application has been submitted, please send in a copy of the course registration as soon as you have registered.
   The pre-requisite courses that must be completed prior to entry are:
   - One year of Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab;
   - One semester of General Microbiology lecture (lab not required);
   - One semester of undergraduate Introduction to Research course.
4. Be admitted to both the Graduate Division AND the Department of Nursing MEPN program.

**Admission Procedures**

Two separate application forms must be completed: the Graduate Division application form and the Department of Nursing Master’s Entry Program in Nursing NCAS, Nursing Centralized Application Services application, including a copy of the applicant’s transcript. The Graduate Division application form, and official transcripts, must be sent directly to:

Graduate Student Services Office
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2540 Maile Way, Spalding Hall 354
Honolulu, HI 96822

**Documentation Requirements**

Graduate Division
1. Graduate Division application form
2. Official transcripts

Please see SONDH website for DON admission and documentation requirements.

**Master’s Degree**

**Nurse Practitioner**

The primary care option in advanced practice nursing prepares students to be family or adult/gerontology nurse practitioners. Special emphasis is placed on the delivery of care to vulnerable populations in a changing health care system.

Specialty advisors from the graduate faculty assist students in developing an individualized program of study and in monitoring progress toward program completion. Part-time study and post-master’s certificates are available for these specialties.

The total number of required credits varies depending on the clinical specialty. The program consists of graduate core courses, advance practice nursing courses, and specialty nurse practitioner courses with supervised clinical experiences. All specialty tracks require a minimum of a four semester clinical experience sequence. The number of clinical hours required ranges from 540 to 720 hours depending on the specialty. A thesis option (for a minimum of 6 credits) is available. Graduates of the nurse practitioner specialties are eligible to take national certification examinations in the area of their specialty.

**Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist**

The Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program prepares registered nurses for advanced practice in a wide variety of clinical practice areas. Generally, the practice is focused in a clinical area that may be identified in terms of a setting, diseases, or medical subspecialty (e.g. diabetes, oncology, critical care).

Charge Nurse Specialists (CNSs) are expert clinicians that work in a wide variety of health care settings. In addition to providing advanced patient care, the CNS improves patient outcomes through research, education, consultation, and program management. Students who enroll in this 42-credit program progress either part-time or full-time, and will meet the standards set forth by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Students will be required to complete 540 hours of clinical practicum in order to meet the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies and take national certification examinations.

**Advanced Public Health Nursing**

The Advanced Public Health Nursing (APHN) Program is a distance based masters in nursing degree, which targets registered nurses who wish to practice in Hawai’i, the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands or among communities with under-served populations (in the U.S. as well as abroad). Course work is
completed via online learning and fieldwork that is conducted in the student’s own local community. The APHN program focuses on population-level health, wellness, health promotion, and disease prevention. The students learn critical population health skills such as community and population assessment; complex project/program management; health services research and health policy analysis. The aim of the program is to educate the future leaders for community and public health nursing in Hawai‘i and the Pacific Region. The course work pathway is 36 credits, and designed to be completed in six semesters of part-time study over two years, (fall, spring, summer, fall, spring, and summer). At the conclusion of the program, the graduates are awarded a master’s of science (MS) in nursing and will be prepared for certification in advanced public health nursing (APHN-BC).

**Nursing Executive Leadership**

The Nursing Executive Leadership program provides registered nurses with the knowledge and skill to lead complex integrated healthcare delivery systems. This executive format hybrid program combines face-to-face learning with established on-line learning technology. The 18 month program is delivered in a cohort model designed for adult learners. Community based healthcare leaders, from a variety of settings, partner with academic faculty and complement diverse learning strategies. The program emphasizes leadership skills, healthcare economics, and finance. Courses build towards development of a professional portfolio and graduates are eligible to take American Association of Nurse Executives (AONE) or ANCC certification examinations.

**Nursing Executive Leadership/MBA**

The Master of Science in Nursing Executive Leadership/Master of Business Administration (MS/MBA) is a dual degree program jointly sponsored by the School of Nursing and Shidler College of Business. It provides extensive professional preparation in nursing executive leadership and business. It is offered as an integrated curriculum spanning three years of full-time study. Part-time study is available. The dual degree program consists of 57 credits offered in either a full-time (with completion in 3 years) or part-time schedule. The MBA program is taught in a combination of face-to-face classes offered in the evenings and on-line. Class schedules are tailored for working students. The Nursing Executive Leadership component is offered in the executive format combining face-to-face classes with distance learning technologies.

**RN to MS Program (with non-nursing baccalaureate)**

The RN to MS Program (with non-nursing baccalaureate) targets registered nurses (RNs) who are graduates of an NLN accredited associate degree or diploma program and have a baccalaureate degree in an area other than nursing. The following baccalaureate nursing courses or equivalent are required in the master’s program: Research (NUR 363); Community Health (NUR 450); and Management/Leadership (NUR 460). The admission progression and graduation requirements are the same as for options within the master’s program.

Applicants to the RN to MS with a non-nursing baccalaureate should have evidence of baccalaureate level knowledge in each of the three areas noted above (research, community health, management/leadership) that may have been obtained through formal course work, professional training programs, and/or professional or life experience. An experiential portfolio will demonstrate either course work or experience in the required areas and may include, but may not be limited to: transcripts for previous college course work; resume; course syllabi which outline course descriptions and learning objectives; professional training programs’ course work that includes learning objectives; a one to two page essay which explains professional or life experience endeavors that demonstrate competence in the area(s) to be evaluated.

**Admission Requirements**

To be admitted, applicants must meet the requirements of both the Graduate Division and the Graduate Student Affairs Committee of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and other degree programs as appropriate (e.g., MS/MBA). Requirements for the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene include the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE-accredited program, except for RN to MS applicants who have a non-nursing baccalaureate degree;
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the last 60-90 credits of course work;
3. A basic research course or equivalent completed within the past seven years;
4. A current unrestricted RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice;
5. In addition, the following may be required depending on the MS specialty or program:
   1. Interview with a specialty advisor after all application documents are reviewed is optional;
   2. Experiential portfolio as indicated by MS specialty or program (see website for details);
   3. For international students, TOEFL scores must be 580/92 or above.

**Documentation Requirements (for RN-MS, MS, and PMC program applicants)**

Submit the following items to NCAS, Nursing Centralized Application Services:

1. NCAS (see website for details);
2. A curriculum vitae or résumé;
3. Two completed reference forms (one from a former faculty member and one from an agency supervisor);
4. A sample of professional writing (see website for details);
5. A copy of a current unrestricted RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice, and
6. YouTube video (see website for details).

Submit the following items to:

- Office of Graduate Education
  University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
  2540 Maile Way, Spalding Hall 354
  Honolulu, HI 96822

1. Graduate School Application (available at manoahawaii.edu/graduate)
2. Transcripts from all college or universities previously attended

For more information regarding the Graduate Division admission requirements call (808) 956-8544.
Admission Procedures (for RN-MS, MS, and PMC program applicants)

Two separate application forms must be completed: the Graduate Division application form and NCAS, Nursing Centralized Application Services online application form (see website for details). The Graduate Division application form and, official transcripts, must be sent directly to:
Office of Graduate Admissions
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2540 Maile Way, Spalding 353B
Honolulu, HI 96822
or the online application at manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate.

Applications to dual degree programs (for example, MS/MBA) also require completed application to the additional college/program (ex., Shidler College of Business/MBA). Completed applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Graduate Student Services Office; completed applications are forwarded to the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene for comprehensive review by the school’s graduate faculty. The school then makes a recommendation to the Graduate Division to either admit the student or deny admission.

Applications are accepted for the fall semester only. The application forms and supporting documents must be received at the designated offices by December 1. It is strongly recommended that all documents be submitted by November 1 to allow time for processing by the Graduate Division. Rolling admissions will be utilized by various program directors.

Application Deadlines
- Application period: September 1–December 1
- December 1–final deadline for Graduate Division application and materials (any different deadlines listed on the grad division site are not honored)
- December 1–final deadline for School of Nursing MEPN application and materials

Materials must be received, not postmarked, by the date above. Applications and/or supporting documents (e.g. recommendation letters, etc) received after the application period will NOT be accepted.

Post-Master’s Certificate (PMC)

After completing a master’s degree in nursing, or other health-related field, nurses may select to apply for the post-master’s certificate option. This program permits applicants with a current unrestricted RN license in a state or jurisdiction of practice, and a master’s degree in nursing or other health-related field, to pursue course work in a second nursing specialty.

The program director for the APRN specialty in which the nurse is planning to enroll provides individual counseling, and develops a program of study based on the nurse’s previous academic work. A minimum of 15 credits must be completed to obtain a Post-Master’s Certificate, with at least 9 of these credits taken in graduate nursing courses offered at UH Mānoa SONDH. After completion of the Post-Master’s Certificate program, the student can sit for the national certification examination in her/his specialty area.

Special Requirements

Upon entrance into the program, the student must have the following:
1. Health Clearance;
2. Current BLS/Healthcare Provider CPR Certification*; and
3. Health insurance.

*The BLS/Healthcare Provider curriculum includes training for Adult, Child, and Infant CPR; Adult, Child, and Infant Bag-Mask Technique, 2 Rescuer CPR, Rescue Breathing; Adult and Child AED protocols; and foreign object blockage removal for Adults, Children, and Infants.

Students must satisfy the requirements set forth by the clinical agencies; students with deficiencies may not attend clinical courses. Students will need to renew their health clearance for TB. Students will also need to renew their BLS CPR and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis clearance as needed. The admissions procedures and application are the same as those listed for “Masters Degree.”

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree

Building on the master’s program curriculum, the DNP is designed as a professional practice doctorate integrating evidence based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice. The DNP is targeted to nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice. Intended for working professionals, the curriculum is designed as a part-time, two-year program, including summer coursework and intensives.

Each DNP student will have two advisors: (1) an academic advisor from the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene; and (2) an external advisor from the site of the student’s Scholarly Inquiry Project (SIP). The program requires 36 credits of post-master’s course work (30 didactic credits and a minimum of six DNP Scholarly Inquiry Project credits) to meet the minimum 1000 post-baccalaureate hours of academically-supervised practicum. The online delivered core courses with face-to-face summer intensives are designed to develop leaders in clinical and executive positions who are capable of translating emerging science and develop policy to improve patient and population-based care. The Scholarly Inquiry Project has a strong applied focus, with the expectation that students will conduct projects relevant to their practice. Electives comprise six credits and will be selected by the student to complement their Scholarly Inquiry Project.

DNP graduates will be prepared for a variety of nursing practice roles. Foundational competencies that are core to all advanced nursing practice roles will be integral to the curriculum and are required by the American Association of College’s of Nursing: (1) Scientific Underpinnings for Practice; (2) Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking; (3) Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice; (4) Information Systems/Technology and Patient Care Technology for the Improvement and Transformation of Health Care; (5) Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care; (6) Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes; (7) Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving the Nation’s Health; and (8) Advanced Nursing Practice (The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice, 2006; www.aacn.nche.edu/publications/position/DNPEssentials.pdf).

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Graduate Division and graduate admissions committee of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. To meet the minimum qualifications for consideration, applicants must have the following:
• Nursing License: A current RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice.
• Education: A master’s degree in nursing or related area with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
• English Language Proficiency: If an applicant’s native language is not English or has not obtained a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an English speaking college, then the applicant must submit official TOEFL scores with a minimum score of 600.
• Statistics Course Completion: Evidence of successful completion of a graduate-level statistics course in the past seven years or within first year of the program.

Documentation Requirements
• A current unrestricted RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice
• Official transcript from each post-secondary school attended
• ESL Applicants: Official TOEFL or IELTS exam scores for international applicants
• Evidence of graduate statistics course completion
• A statement of objectives for the Scholarly Inquiry Project
• Identification of an external advisor as mentor for the capstone project
• NCAS, Nursing Centralized Application Services online application (see website for details)
• Curriculum Vitae
• Two letters of recommendation

Requirements for Clinical Scholarship
• A current unrestricted RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice
• Liability and malpractice insurance
• Practice requirements of the Scholarly Inquiry Project Clinical Site i.e., immunizations, clinical privileges

Application Procedures
Two separate application forms and procedures must be completed: (1) the Graduate Division application; and (2) the NCAS, Nursing Centralized Application Services online application form (see website for details).

The online Graduate Division application form is available at apply.hawaii.edu. The additional required Statement of Objectives form is available at manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/sites/manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/files/documents/forms/sobj.pdf. Hard-copies of Graduate Division-required documents and official transcripts must be sent directly:
Graduate Student Services Office
University of Hawaii at Mānoa
2540 Maile Way, Spalding 353B
Honolulu, HI 96822

Completed applications are first screened by the Graduate Student Services Office. Only applications of students who meet UH Mānoa’s minimum requirements are forwarded to the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene for comprehensive review by the school’s graduate faculty. The school then makes a recommendation to the Graduate Division to either admit the student or deny admission.

Applications are accepted for the fall semester only. The application forms and supporting documents must be received by the Graduate Division Admissions Office by December 1.

PhD Degree
The PhD online nursing program prepares independent nursing scholars capable of conducting research that generates new knowledge focusing on the health and well being of diverse populations primarily from Hawai‘i and the Asia/Pacific region. Courses are offered online and communication is facilitated through e-mail and student listservs and other software programs. The PhD program requires a minimum of three years of part-time study plus completion of the dissertation. Academic advisors are selected from the graduate faculty based on students’ area of research interest and fit with faculty.

The program requires 48 credits of post-master’s course work plus a dissertation. Two core areas make up the program of study: (1) Knowledge Development and Scholarship (39 credits), and (2) Cognates (Interdisciplinary or Nursing Education) (9 credits).

The knowledge development and scholarship component of the program prepares students to conduct culturally appropriate research in nursing. Substantive nursing content is acquired through the disciplinary knowledge sequence of courses. In the research scholarship sequence, students develop skills in methods, design, and measurement in both quantitative and qualitative approaches. The knowledge development and scholarship courses (39 credits) are NURS 702 Philosophical Thoughts, NURS 739 Advanced Nursing Science, NURS 741 Quantitative Methods and Measure, NURS 742 Qualitative Methods I, NURS 743 Qualitative Methods II, NURS 751 Concept Development and Analysis, NURS 767 Culturally Competent Research Methods, NURS 721 Instruments Development and Evaluation in Research, NURS 777 Nursing Research Practicum, NURS 752 and NURS 753, two advanced statistics courses to meet the specific research focus of the student, Ethics, and NURS 699 Research Proposal Development.

Cognate courses are chosen with the assistance of the student’s advisor and may be taken after completion of the first year of doctoral courses when the student has a clearly defined research focus. Cognate courses may be taken from any department or school (within or outside of SONDH). The nursing education cognate courses prepare students to teach in nursing programs with a diverse student body. The nursing education courses (9 credits) are NURS 745 Creative Learning Strategies for Adults, NURS 747 Curriculum Development, and NURS 748 Supervised Practicum in Teaching. Doctoral students are encouraged to take graduate level courses (e.g., Masters, PhD, DNP, etc.) in fields of study that will enhance their doctoral education and research focus. These courses may be offered in other UH colleges/schools or departments (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Medicine, etc.) and/or courses offered by other universities and colleges including those available via NEXUS. The PhD faculty advisor should provide guidance about the selection of cognates based on the individual student’s needs.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Graduate Division and graduate admissions committee of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. Requirements for the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene include the following:
1. PhD Applicants are expected to have:
   – Preferred Educational Qualifications: RN License and Master of Science in Nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program (not applicable for international students).
- Minimum Education Qualifications: RN License, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program (not applicable for international students), and a Master’s Degree in a related health field;
  2. GPA of 3.0 or above;
  3. Interview with the PhD faculty (after application is complete); and
  4. A current unrestricted RN license/certification in state or jurisdiction of practice;
  5. Positive recommendation from the PhD committee; and
  6. For international students, TOEFL scores must be 580 or above.

**Documentation Requirements**
1. Department of Nursing PhD application;
2. Curriculum vitae or résumé;
3. A scholarly paper (pdf format is required);
4. Statement of research objectives; and
5. Current nursing license in state or jurisdiction of residence or practice.
6. Two professional references (names, title, and contact information).

**Requirements for Clinical Scholarship**
1. Current RN license in state or country of residence;
2. Current CPR certificate from an approved American Heart Association Basic Cardiac Life Support;
3. Liability and malpractice insurance provided by the school;
4. Immunizations and other procedures;
5. Health insurance.

**Application Procedures**
Two separate application forms must be completed: the Graduate Division application and the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene PhD program application form. The Graduate Division application form and official transcripts must be sent directly to:
Graduate Student Services Office
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
2540 Maile Way, Spalding 353B
Honolulu, HI 96822

An on-line application is available through www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate.

The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene PhD program application form is available in the Office of Student Services, Webster 201. In addition, applications can be downloaded from the web at www.nursing.hawaii.edu and mailed to the school. The completed form and all other admission materials must be sent directly to:
School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene
Office of Student Services
2528 McCarthy Mall, Webster 201
Honolulu, HI 96822

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Applications are accepted for the fall semester only. The application forms and supporting documents must be received at the designated office by **February 1**. All documents be submitted by **December 1** to allow time for processing by the Graduate Division.

**UH Translational Health Science Simulation Center (UH THSSC)**
Web: hawaiicenterfornursing.org/

Please see the information in the “Instructional Support, Research, and Service Units” section

**Hawai‘i State Center for Nursing**
Web: www.hawaiicenterfornursing.org/

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