

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 Department of Nursing offers programs leading to the bachelor of science, master of science, DNP, and PhD nursing degrees. The department admits students to the undergraduate program both directly from high school and after completion of nursing pre-requisites and UH Mānoa General Education Core requirements. The school admits students to the graduate program with a bachelor's degree or higher.

The Department of Dental Hygiene offers the bachelor of science degree. The program admits students following completion of dental hygiene prerequisite courses and the majority of 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 SONDH 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 underserved 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

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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 professional training to broaden and deepen knowledge and skills,

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as well as provides a foundation for personal and professional development and opportunities for admission to graduate work.

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

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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 Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) and annual Flu vaccine;
4. Laboratory evidence (positive titer) of immunity to Hepatitis B, Mumps, Rubeola (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 estimated additional cost over a period of three years in the dental hygiene program is approximately \$14,000, excluding the professional education fee. 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 281 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/.

Nursing

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J. Misola, PhD—adult health, nursing administration
*J. Mobley, PhD—statistics, psychology
P. Morrison, MS—adult health, nursing education

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*L. Wong, PhD—adult health

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J. Inouye, PhD—psychiatric mental health, psychology
B. Kooker, DrPH—nursing administration
J. Lum, PhD—pediatrics
L. Magnussen, EdD—maternal child
R. Ryburn, DrPH—pediatrics, complementary care

Clinical Faculty

The SONDH includes more than 175 clinical adjunct nursing faculty appointees with a wide range of expertise from a variety of fields. To see a complete list, please visit the school's website at: www.nursing.hawaii.edu/adjunct-clinical-faculty.html.

Degrees and Certificate Offered: BS, nursing major; MS, nursing major; DNP, PhD in nursing

The Nursing Profession

Nursing is a dynamic profession that brings many rewards and career advancement opportunities to those committed to lifelong learning. The nurse is a valuable member of the health-care team and plays a key role in addressing the increasing demand for safe, high quality, and effective healthcare.

UH Mānoa Nursing offers a continuum of academic programs with a rich nursing curriculum enhanced by innovative, technological resources such as the UH Translational Health Science Simulation Center and web-based distance learning. Highly qualified and clinically competent faculty, valuable clinical practicums, endeavors in research and scholarship, and internship and interdisciplinary study opportunities are an integral part of the UH Mānoa Nursing program experience.

The Academic Program

UH Mānoa Nursing offers multiple pathways and degrees to further one's career goals, whether you are entering the program directly from high school or as a consortium college student, choosing a second career in nursing, or advancing your nursing career with a graduate degree.

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 Licen-

sure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN), and obtain a sound basis for graduate study in nursing. (for more information about the NCLEX-RN, please visit the SONDH website: www.nursing.hawaii.edu/licenseandnclex)

The master of science (MS), nursing major degree program prepares the student for advanced practice in advanced public health or in adult-gerontology health as a clinical nurse specialist. The Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) admits the student with a bachelor's degree in non-nursing areas.

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 underrepresented student populations.

Advising

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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.

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.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at UH Mānoa are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation). UH Mānoa's nursing programs are recognized by the Hawai'i Board of Nursing.

Special Requirements

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.

Students with prerequisite course deficiencies may not register for or attend clinical courses. Students must satisfy the requirements set forth by the clinical agencies; students with course deficiencies may not attend clinical courses.

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 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.

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 inability of the student to continue in the nursing program.

Health Requirements

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

1. Health Clearance:
 - Tuberculosis Clearance (annual)
 - Record of immunity to Hepatitis-B, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap), Mumps, Rubeola, Rubella, and Varicella.

Specific programs may require additional clearances. Upon admission, each student will be contacted by the Office of Student Services to discuss the type and schedule of health clearances required for their program.

2. Health insurance

BLS CPR

Upon entrance into the program, students must have Current BLS/Healthcare Provider CPR Certification. Students must have a valid BLS/Healthcare Provider CPR card while in the program and will need to recertify as needed.

For more information regarding any of these special requirements, please visit the SONDH website at <http://www.nursing.hawaii.edu/nursingstudentresources>.

Undergraduate Study

With the BS degree, the student is prepared for graduate education and continued career development.

The Department of Nursing's undergraduate program provides five pathways to the bachelor of science degree:

- High School Direct Entry into Nursing (HS-DEN) Program
- Hawaii Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC)
- Hawaii Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) for ADN Graduates from participating UH Community Colleges
- RN to Bachelor of Science
- Executive RN to Bachelor of Science

The Pre-Nursing designation is available for students planning to pursue program admission and enroll in prerequisite and General Education requirements at UH Mānoa. Academic advisors in the school's Office of Student Services guide pre-nursing students on courses and review program application requirements to meet the campus' mandatory advising requirement. The Pre-Nursing designation does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. A separate application and review is required for admission to the bachelor's nursing program.

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.

Bachelor's Degree

The graduate of the BS program is prepared to:

- Advocate and provide high quality care to improve and maintain the health of a diverse society
- Direct, supervise and collaborate with others to organize care
- Advance the profession through lifelong learning, participate in professional organizations and practice in a confident, competent, compassionate and accountable manner
- Develop culturally appropriate clinical knowledge by examining, processing and disseminating knowledge to improve and maintain the health of a diverse society.

UH Mānoa Nursing, together with UH Kapiolani Community College, UH Maui College, and UH Kauai Community College, offer the "Hawai'i Statewide Nursing Consortium" curriculum as a unified approach to meet Hawai'i's need for baccalaureate (BS) registered nurses. The courses were developed to ensure a seamless education pathway to the bachelor's degree for UH Mānoa students.

High School Direct Entry into Nursing (HS-DEN)–BS in Nursing Pathway

For Hawai'i high school graduates

This baccalaureate nursing pathway is designed for Hawai'i high school graduates and provides an opportunity for admission into the nursing program directly after high school graduation. The pathway includes 1 year of pre-nursing course work followed by 3 years of nursing and General Education courses required for graduation. Students who complete the degree are eligible to take the RN licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).

During their freshman year, students join an intensive learning community designed for the HS-DEN pathway. This will ensure proper registration and provides the opportunity to network with current nursing students, the department, and the nursing community. In addition, students enroll in NURS 200 (1 cr) and NURS 201 (1 cr) to fulfill the 2 credit elective

requirement.

Upon successful completion of the first year course work, students take the required nursing courses (as detailed under Hawai'i Statewide Nursing Consortium BS in Nursing Curriculum) along with remaining general education graduation requirements.

Admission Requirements

The program admits Hawai'i high school students who are eligible for admission to UH Mānoa and meet the UH Mānoa Nursing requirements noted below.

1. Department of Nursing application (available at Nursing-CAS www.nursingcas.org)
2. SAT: Critical Reading 510 and Math 510 or ACT: Reading 22 and Math 22
3. High school Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the junior year in high school.

Application Requirements

Submit a completed UH System application for UH Mānoa and declare NURSING as your major. Submit a Department of Nursing application (available at NursingCAS www.nursingcas.org). For more information, please visit the SONDH website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Application Deadline

January 2 (Fall admission only)

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, please visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Hawai'i Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC)–BS in Nursing Pathway

For current UH Mānoa and transferring college students without an RN

Students admitted directly to UH Mānoa's nursing program complete the 3 year nursing curriculum at UH Mānoa.

Required Nursing Courses /Credits

- NURS 210/210L (3/6)
- NURS 211 (2)
- NURS 212 (3)
- NURS 220/220L (3/6)
- NURS 320/320L (4/6)
- NURS 360/360L (3/6)
- NURS 363 (3)
- NURS 450/450L (2/3)
- NURS 452 (3)
- NURS 453 (3)
- NURS 460/460L (4/6)
- NURS 461 (3)
- NURS 465/465L (3/2)
- Approved nursing elective(s) (2)

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

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. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better;
 3. Department of Nursing application (available at Nursing-CAS www.nursingcas.org);
 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.

*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 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 Requirements

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 at NursingCAS www.nursingcas.org) to include an electronic copy of your exam scores and current 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 Deadline

January 5 (Fall admission only)

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, please visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Hawaii Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC)– BS in Nursing for ADN Graduates from the Consortium Pathway

For ADN graduates from a UH Consortium Program

The Hawai'i's Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing pathway 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 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 pathway 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).

Students admitted to the associate degree nursing programs at Kapiolani, Maui, or Kauai complete prerequisites and 2 years

of the nursing curriculum at their home campus. UH Mānoa senior year didactic courses are offered via distance based education, and the clinical courses are offered on Maui and Kauai. Students complete the final year of the nursing curriculum and receive the bachelor's degree from UH Mānoa.

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 UH community college

- NURS 210 (9)
- NURS 211 (1)
- NURS 212 (3)
- NURS 220 (10)
- NURS 320 (10)
- NURS 360 (9)
- NURS 362 (1)
- NURS 363 (3)

Year 4 Courses completed at UHM

- NURS 450/450L (2/3)
- NURS 452 (3)
- NURS 453 (3)
- NURS 460/460L (4/6)
- NURS 461 (3)
- Approved nursing electives (6)

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

Admission Requirements

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

1. Documentation of graduation from associate degree HSNC program;
2. Classified status at UH Mānoa for the application term (unclassified, graduating, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better;
4. Department of Nursing application (available at NursingCAS www.nursingcas.org);
5. Minimum grade of C (not C-) in the following prerequisite courses:
 - *1 FW course, *1 FS course, *2 FG courses from different groups, *2 DA/H/L courses from different groups, *2 DS courses from different departments, *1 DP course, 11 credits of *Natural Sciences, PHRM 203, Statistics, NURS 363.

*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.

Application Requirements

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 at NursingCAS www.nursingcas.org). For more information, please visit the SONDH website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Application Deadline

January 5 (Fall admission only)

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, please visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

RN to BS in Nursing Pathway

For non-HSNC ADN or nursing diploma graduates

The RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing pathway for associate degree nursing (ADN) or diploma graduates, is a complement to the statewide HSCN consortium nursing curriculum. It is designed to provide an efficient pathway to the baccalaureate degree. The pathway 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 (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2011).

Students enter the program in the fall. Maui and Kauai students take didactic course via distance-based education; clinical courses are offered on-site.

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. Credit is provided for up to 42 credits of 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.

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 didactic courses that must be completed before beginning clinical course work.

Required Upper Division Nursing Courses/Credits

Courses Required Prior to Clinical Coursework

- NURS 301 (3)
- NURS 363 (3)

400-Level Nursing Courses

- NURS 452 (3)
- NURS 453 (3)
- NURS 460/460L (4/6)
- NURS 461 (3)
- NURS 462/462L (3/3)*
- Approved nursing electives (3)

*The student with less than 2 years of work experience as an RN at the time of entry will take NURS 450/450L (2/3), instead of NURS 462/462, AND 4 credits of nursing elective(s).

Admission Requirements

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

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

1. Documentation of graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program;
2. Current unrestricted RN license in state or jurisdiction of practice. Applicants who have not passed the NCLEX-RN exam yet must provide evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or juris-

diction of practice by the end of the first semester of the program.

3. Classified status at UH Mānoa for the application term (unclassified, graduating, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
4. 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;
5. Department of Nursing application (available at Nursing-CAS www.nursingcas.org);
6. Minimum grade of C (not C-) in the following prerequisite courses:
 - *1 FW course, *1 FS course, *2 FG courses from different groups, *2 DA/H/L courses from different groups, *2 DS courses from different departments, *1 DP course, 11 credits of *Natural Sciences, PHRM 203, Statistics.

*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.

Application Requirements

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 at NursingCAS www.nursingcas.org) and current 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 Deadline

January 5 (Fall admission only)

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, please visit our website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu.

Executive RN to BS in Nursing Pathway

For ADN graduates with 2 or more years of RN experience

The Executive RN to BS 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 pathway 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 pathway is designed for learners who thrive in a setting with guided independent study, and a collegial relationship with faculty and peer students. Students enter the program in the fall; courses are accelerated and delivered in a hybrid format.

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. Credit is provided for up to 35 credits of course work completed in the associate degree and other general elective course work. A total of 120 credits are required for the baccalaureate degree.

40 credits of prerequisites and upper division nursing course work with a grade of 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.

Required Nursing Courses/Credits

- NURS 301 (3)*
- NURS 306*
- NURS 363 (3)
- NURS 452 (3)
- NURS 453 (3)
- NURS 460/460L (4/6)**
- NURS 461 (3)
- NURS 462/462L (3/3)**
- Approved nursing electives (6)

Nursing Prerequisite Courses (required prior to all other courses)

**An experiential portfolio option is available to students who believe they meet the outcomes of one of these two 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: a credit waiver is available for only one of the content areas)

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

Admission Requirements

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

1. Documentation of graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program;
2. Current unrestricted RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice.
3. A minimum of 2 years work experience as an RN at the time of application.
4. Classified status at UH Mānoa for the application term (unclassified, graduating, new, returning, and transfer students must complete the UH System Application);
5. 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;
6. Department of Nursing application (available at Nursing-CAS www.nursingcas.org)
7. Minimum grade of C (not C-) in the following prerequisite courses:

*1 FW course, *1 FS course, *2 FG courses from different groups, *2 DA/H/L courses from different groups, *2 DS courses from different departments, 7 credits of *Natural Sciences.

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Application Requirements

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 at NursingCASwww.nursingcas.org) to include a copy of your current RN license and current 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 Deadline

January 5 (Fall Admission only)

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Graduate Study

UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene offers graduate nursing education at the master’s and doctoral levels to prepare nurses with advanced skills for the dynamic nursing profession.

UH Mānoa nurses with graduate preparation provide direct and indirect patient care at an advanced level with a focus on the adult, family, geriatric, and public health areas; conduct research; teach; lead health systems; create public policy; and implement evidence-based solutions in healthcare. Nurses with master’s or doctoral degrees impact the systems level design and implementation of care.

Graduate nursing courses are offered in online, face-to-face, and hybrid formats. Programs may be part-time or full-time, depending on the pathway.

Pathways

The pathways provide a seamless, accelerated approach to a graduate nursing degree for:

- *Non-nurses with a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing:* Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) pathway to the MS, DNP, and PhD
- *RNs with a bachelor’s degree in nursing:* MS, DNP, and PhD
- *AD RNs with a bachelor’s degree in a health-related field (non-nursing):* MS, DNP, and PhD
- *RNs with a master’s degree and want to obtain a doctoral degree:* DNP and PhD

Degrees and Specialties

The school offers the following degrees and specialty focus areas:

- Master of Science: *prepares the nurse for an advanced role*
 - Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
 - Advanced Public Health Nursing (APHN)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): *provides the terminal degree in nursing practice*
 - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-PCNP)
 - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
 - Nurse Executive Leadership (NEL): A dual option is available with MBA from Shidler College of Business (NEL/MBA)
 - Advanced Nursing Practice
- PhD in Nursing: *prepares the nurse for a career in research and academic education*

For additional information about graduate program offerings, please visit the SONDH website at <http://www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate>

Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN)

The Graduate 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. This alternative entry program equips students with

entry-level professional nurse competencies as a foundation for advanced practice roles.

The program consists of a pre-licensure year of study that is delivered across three continuous semesters. Upon completion of the first year, the students will transition into their graduate specialty track and begin courses for their advanced degree.

The first year curriculum is based on a competency model appropriate for graduate level adult learners. Active learning strategies are emphasized including clinical experience and simulation based learning 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. Threaded throughout the curriculum are research, patient safety, community nursing health, and cultural diversity as well as the various contexts (i.e., historical & social) of nursing, nursing roles, and the core values of the profession.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the GEPN pre-licensure year, the student is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination—Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Upon passing the NCLEX-RN exam, the student is a licensed registered nurse.

Students immediately transition into their chosen specialty track after successful completion of the pre-licensure year. The post-licensure specialty curriculum prepares students for their chosen role in advanced nursing.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Office of Graduate Education and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.

1. Education: Baccalaureate degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or university earned by **July 15** of the year admitted to the program.
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
3. Pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C or better:
 - Two semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab (completed within 3 years of the start of the GEPN pre-licensure year)
 - One semester of an upper division or graduate level Human Physiology course (completed within 3 years of the start of the GEPN pre-licensure year)
 - One semester of General Microbiology lecture course (lab not required) (completed within 7 years of the start of the GEPN pre-licensure year)
 - One semester of an upper division or graduate level Research course (completed within 7 years of the start of the GEPN pre-licensure year).

Prerequisite courses must be completed 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.

4. English Language Proficiency: If 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

5. Licensure. By the end of the first semester of the MS, DNP, or PhD Program, GEPN students must submit evidence of having passed the NCLEX-RN exam and an active RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice. Students who do not take or pass the NCLEX-RN exam may not continue to progress in the specialty courses until the receipt of the RN license.
6. Additional Requirement for the Nursing Executive Leadership Dual Degree MBA Applicants: Applicants who wish to apply for a dual degree program with Shidler College of Business MBA must apply concurrently to Shidler College, including scoring at least 750 on the GMAT by July 15 of the year admitted to the program.

Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, please download and review the important information contained in the complete application instruction packet on the SONDH website (www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/gepn/howtoapply).

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (apply.hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. Two (2) references using the NCAS reference form and an uploaded letter of recommendation
5. YouTube video(s) responding to the questions provided
6. MS and DNP applicants must submit an essay in response to questions provided (500 word maximum)

Applicants to the GEPN to PhD pathway are required to submit the above and:

1. Exemplar of academic writing
2. Statement of research objectives (500 word maximum)

Application Deadline

February 15 (Fall admission only)

The GEPN program uses a rolling admission model. Applications are reviewed upon submission and applicants are notified as decisions are made.

Contact Information

GEPN Program
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Email: gepn@hawaii.edu

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RN to MS Program (with non-nursing baccalaureate)

The RN to MS Program (with non-nursing baccalaureate) is designed for registered nurses (RNs) who are graduates of an accredited associate degree or diploma program and have a baccalaureate degree in an area other than nursing. The admission progression and graduation requirements are the same as the master's program. In addition all applicants to the MS program in the SONDH must have successfully completed an undergraduate statistics course.

Applicants with a non-nursing baccalaureate should have evidence of baccalaureate level knowledge in research (NURS 363); community, public, and global health (NURS 450); and an integrative clinical practicum and leadership development

(NURS 460) within the last seven years. Competency in each of the three areas may have been obtained through course work, professional programs, and/or professional or life experience.

The admitted student can petition to waive the course work by submitting an experiential portfolio to demonstrate either coursework or experience in the required areas. Samples of evidence include: resume, transcripts for previous college coursework; course syllabi which outline course descriptions and learning objectives; professional training programs coursework that includes learning objectives. Guidelines for the experiential portfolio are available from the Nursing Office of Student Services.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Office of Graduate Education and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.

Prospective students may apply for admission to the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Public Health Nursing specialties.

1. Education: Baccalaureate degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or university earned by July 15 of the year admitted to the program.
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
3. Licensure: Current unrestricted RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice.
4. 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, please download and review the important information contained in the complete application instruction packet on the SONDH website (www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/rntoms/howtoapply).

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. RN license (see admission requirements)
5. Two (2) references using the NCAS reference form
6. Essay in response to question provided (500 word maximum)
7. One YouTube video responding to the questions provided

Application Deadline

April 1 (Fall admission only)

The RN to MS program uses a rolling admission model. Applications are reviewed upon submission and applicants are notified as decisions are made.

Master's Degree

The Master of Science (MS) program is designed for registered nurses who seek to expand their knowledge and clinical expertise to assume advanced practice and leadership nursing roles. We offer advanced nursing specialties for:

- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS)
- Advanced Public Health Nurse (APHN)

The total number of credits required to receive the MS degree is determined by the national standard for each specialty and ranges from 30 to 45 credits. Part-time and full-time study options are available. Faculty provide individual student advising to develop a program of study that facilitates student progression through the program.

Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS) 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).

Clinical 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 master's in nursing degree for registered nurses who wish to practice in Hawai'i, the U.S., and international settings. 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; global health, disaster nursing, health services research and health policy analysis. The aim of the program is to educate the future leaders for community and public health nursing. The course work pathway requires a minimum of 30 credits to graduate. At the conclusion of the program, the students are awarded a Master of Science degree and are prepared to submit a portfolio for certification in the advanced public health nursing specialty after one year of practice.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Office of Graduate Education and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.

GEPN to MS Pathway

Non-nurses may apply to the Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) to MS pathway. Please see the GEPN section above for pathway specific deadlines and requirements.

RN (Associate Degree) to MS Pathway

Associate degree RNs with a baccalaureate degree in another field may apply to the RN to MS pathway. Please see the RN to MS section above for pathway specific deadlines and requirements.

Bachelor's to MS Pathway

Prospective students may apply for admission to the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Public Health Nursing specialties.

1. Education: Baccalaureate degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or earned by **July 15** of the year admitted to the program.
 - a. Admission is contingent upon completion of the baccalaureate degree requirements no later than the first day of class of the first semester of master's coursework.
 - b. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
2. Licensure. Current unrestricted RN license in state or jurisdiction of practice. Applicants completing their baccalaureate degree who have not passed the NCLEX-RN exam yet, must provide evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice by the end of the first semester of the master's program.
3. Research Course Completion. Successful completion of an undergraduate research course or equivalent within 7 years.
4. 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, please download and review the important information contained in the complete application instruction packet on the SONDH website (www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/masters/howtoapply).

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (apply.hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. RN license (see admission requirements)
5. Two (2) references using the NCAS reference form
6. Essay in response to question provided (500 word maximum)
7. One YouTube video responding to the questions provided

Application Deadline

April 1 (Fall admission only)

The masters program uses a rolling admission model. Applications are reviewed upon submission and applicants are notified as decisions are made.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree

The DNP program is designed as a post-baccalaureate or higher degree program to meet the increasing demand for a highly competent nursing workforce equipped with the skills to ensure the delivery of safe, quality nursing care. The curriculum incorporates the AACN Essentials for Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice as the foundation for the curriculum, 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.

Program Outcomes

At the conclusion of the program, the graduate is awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The graduate will be competent in the eight Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006) for a leadership role in the larger healthcare system. The DNP graduate will be prepared to serve as a leader in clinical and executive positions,

translating emerging science and policy directions to improve patient and population-based care delivery.

Partnership in the Nursing Education Exchange

UH Mānoa is a member of NEXus (The Nursing Education Exchange). NEXus is a collaboration between participating doctoral programs in nursing that allows doctoral students enrolled at member colleges and universities to take courses that may not be offered at his or her home institution for a common price.

DNP Specialties

The school offers the following DNP specialty areas:

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-PCNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Nurse Executive Leadership (NEL)
Dual option available for MBA from Shidler College of Business (NEL/MBA)
- Advanced Nursing Practice

For more information about the specific curriculum for each pathway, please visit the SONDH website at www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/dnp.

The DNP curriculum is incorporated throughout each specialty program so that students can successfully complete the required course work based on the AACN Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice Essentials to develop and implement the DNP project. The student must complete 1,000 supervised hours to obtain a DNP degree, including the specialty hours.

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty

The Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) specialty prepares students to provide comprehensive primary, acute and chronic care services to young, older and elderly adult patients in a variety of community and long-term care settings.

Special emphasis is placed on the delivery of care to vulnerable populations in a changing health system. The program consists of core advanced practice registered nurse courses with specialty courses in adult-gerontology health. The specialty requires 77 credits, including 630 supervised clinical hours. It is a full-time program that cohorts students to support progression to degree in a timely manner.

Graduates of the program are prepared to take national certification exams in the adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner specialty area.

Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specialty prepares nurses to meet the primary care needs of individuals and families across the life span. Family nurse practitioners provide comprehensive, holistic health care, including a broad range of preventative, acute, and chronic disease services to patients of all ages within the context of family and community.

Special emphasis is placed on the delivery of care to vulnerable populations in a changing health system. The program consists of core advanced practice registered nurse courses with specialty courses in family health. The specialty requires 77 credits, including 630 supervised clinical hours. It is a full-time program that cohorts students to support progression to degree in a timely manner.

Graduates of the program are prepared to take national certification exams in the family nurse practitioner specialty area.

Nursing Executive Leadership (NEL) Specialty

The Nursing Executive Leadership specialty provides registered nurses with the knowledge and skill to lead complex integrated healthcare delivery systems. The program provides registered nurses the knowledge and skills to lead in the development of improvements in patient safety and quality of care to ensure clinical and financial outcomes are met. Students complete 71 credits, including 270 hours of supervised practicum. It is a full-time program that cohorts students to support progression to degree in a timely manner.

Graduates of the program are prepared to take the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) or American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) national certification exams.

Nursing Executive Leadership/MBA Specialty

The Nursing Executive Leadership (NEL)/Master of Business Administration (MBA) is a dual degree program that allows students in the NEL specialty to gain additional knowledge and skills in business. The program requires that the students apply to the Shidler College of Business MBA Program and meet the prerequisites of that program.

After completion of the first year of the program, dual degree students can enroll in the MBA courses. A total of 27 credits are required to complete the business courses.

Alternatively, the dual degree students can complete the DNP course work in its entirety and then enroll in the MBA courses.

Advanced Nursing Practice

The program admits licensed RNs possessing a master's degree in nursing or related field. The program, requiring 36-53 credits, prepares students to serve as leaders in clinical and executive positions within the larger healthcare system, translating emerging science and policy directions to improve patient and population-based care delivery.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Office of Graduate Education and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.

GEPN to DNP Pathway

Non-nurses may apply to the Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) to DNP pathway. Please see the previous GEPN section for pathway specific deadlines and requirements.

Bachelor's to DNP Pathway

Prospective students may apply for admission to the AG-PCNP, FNP, and NEL specialties.

1. Education: Baccalaureate degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or university no later than the first day of class of the first semester of DNP course work.
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
3. Licensure. Current unrestricted RN license in state or jurisdiction of practice. Applicants completing their baccalaureate degree who have not passed the NCLEX-RN exam yet must provide evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice by

the end of the first semester of the DNP program.

4. 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

Master's to DNP Pathway

1. Education: Master's degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or university.
 - a. Admission is contingent upon completion of the master's degree requirements no later than the first day of class of the first semester of DNP course work.
 - b. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
2. Licensure. Current unrestricted RN license in state or jurisdiction of practice where the DNP project will be conducted.
3. National Certification. Copy of national certifications held, if applicable.
4. 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.
5. Statistics Course Completion. Successful completion of a graduate level statistics course, within seven years of admission, that is at least 3 credits must be completed before the student attends the first summer intensive.

Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, please download and review the important information contained in the complete application instruction packet on the SONDH website (www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/dnp/howtoapply).

Bachelor's to DNP Pathway

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (apply.hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. RN license, if applicable (see admission requirements)
5. One YouTube video (responding to the questions provided)
6. Essay in response to question provided (500 word maximum)

Master's to DNP Pathway

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (apply.hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. RN license (see admission requirements)
5. One YouTube Video (responding to the questions provided)
6. Statement of objectives regarding proposed DNP project (500 words maximum)

Application Deadline

February 1 (Fall admission only)

The DNP program uses a rolling admission model. Applications are reviewed upon submission and applicants are notified as decisions are made.

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PhD Degree

The PhD nursing program is designed to prepare visionary scholars with expertise in conducting research to improve the health of culturally diverse populations, especially in Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin regions and countries. The curriculum provides a strong foundation in research methodologies with each course contributing to the development of the dissertation study. The program is rigorous and requires students demonstrate strong critical thinking and writing skills that allow them to coherently and logically communicate their course assignments, and their dissertation.

Students can enter the PhD program through one of the following pathways.

- RNs that have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing or another field
- Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN)—non-nurse with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing

Program Outcomes

The goal of the program is to graduate independent nursing scholars capable of conducting research that generates new knowledge focusing on health and well being of a diverse population primarily from Hawai'i and the Asia/Pacific region.

Partnership in the Nursing Education Exchange

UH Mānoa is a member of NEXus (The Nursing Education Xchange). NEXus is a collaboration between participating doctoral programs in nursing that allows doctoral students enrolled at member colleges and universities to take courses that may not be offered at his or her home institution for a common price.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Office of Graduate Education and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.

GEPN to PhD Pathway

Non-nurses may apply to the Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) to PhD pathway. Please see the previous GEPN section for pathway specific deadlines and requirements.

Bachelor's to PhD Pathway

1. Education: Baccalaureate degree (or higher) in any field from an accredited college or university earned by July 15 of the year admitted to the program.
 - a. Admission is contingent upon completion of the baccalaureate degree requirements no later than the first day of class of the first semester of PhD coursework.

- b. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
2. Licensure. Current unrestricted license in state or jurisdiction of practice. Applicants completing their baccalaureate degree who have not passed the NCLEX-RN exam yet, must provide evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam and have a current RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice by the end of the first semester of the PhD program.
3. 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 Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, please download and review the important information contained in the complete application instruction packet on the SONDH website (www.nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate/phd/howtoapply).

1. Office of Graduate Education application and fee (hawaii.edu)
2. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee (www.nursingcas.org)
3. Resume/CV
4. RN license (see admission requirements)
5. Statement of research objectives (500 word maximum)
6. Exemplar of academic writing
7. One YouTube video (responding to the questions provided)

Application Deadline

February 1 (Fall admission only)

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