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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. A pathway is available for associate degree nursing graduates to complete the baccalaureate. 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 both directly from high school and following completion of dental hygiene prerequisite courses and the majority of UH Mānoa General Education Core requirements. The department also offers an advanced professional certificate for expanded function in dental hygiene in pediatrics to expand the knowledge and skills of licensed dental hygienists.

The Department of Dental Hygiene also offers an Advanced Professional Certificate for Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics (EFDH). This program provides Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) and graduates from the UH BS Dental Hygiene Program the opportunity to expand their knowledge, improve oral health outcomes for children, and develop clinical skills in pediatrics, giving them a competitive advantage for employment.

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 the representation of 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 Degree: MS nursing
Doctoral Degrees: PhD, DNP
Certificate: Expanded Function Dental Health

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P. Fujimoto, RDH, DDS—oral pathology
N. Galarza, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
G. Lau, RDH, MEdT—dental hygiene
M. Lau, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
K. Nakasone, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
M. Oishi, DDS—dental materials, oral histology
P. Sunahara, RDH, MEd—dental hygiene
L. Yamada, DDS, MEd—periodontology

Degree Offered: BS in dental hygiene
The Academic Program

The Department of Dental Hygiene 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.

The bachelor of science in dental hygiene offers professional training, a foundation for personal and professional development, and preparation for graduate study. Students completing the degree 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.

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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.

Undergraduate Study

The Department of Dental Hygiene’s undergraduate program provides two routes to the bachelor of science degree:
- High School Direct Entry into Dental Hygiene (HS-DEDH) Pathway
- Traditional Dental Hygiene Pathway

Students Who Don’t Meet the Admission Requirements For The DEDH Program

If a student is interested in the dental hygiene program but is not eligible for the DEDH program, the student can enter UH Mānoa as a pre-dental hygiene student and apply in fall for the freshman year for admission to the traditional dental hygiene pathway.

Traditional Dental Hygiene–BS in Dental Hygiene For current UH Mānoa and transferring college students

The Pre-Dental Hygiene designation is available for students planning to pursue program admission at UH Mānoa. The Pre-Dental Hygiene designation does not guarantee admission to the dental hygiene program. A separate application and review is required for admission to the bachelor’s in dental hygiene program.

This baccalaureate dental hygiene pathway admits students to the bachelor of science program following completion of a minimum of 29 semester credit hours of prerequisite and the majority of general education courses.

Admission and Application Requirements

For detailed admission and application information, please visit the SONDH website at nursing.hawaii.edu/dentalhygiene-bachelor/how-to-apply/.

Continuation Requirements

With successful completion of the freshman year including prerequisite dental hygiene course grades the student is automatically admitted to the BS in dental hygiene program. In order to retain status as a Direct Entry Dental Hygiene Program student, the following conditions must be met:
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in all freshman year college course work
- Minimum grade of C in all program course work

*Note: Admission to DEDH will not be deferred. Students wanting to begin the dental hygiene program at a later time will follow the regular admissions requirements.

Admission and Application Requirements For high school graduates

This pathway is designed for high school seniors and provides an opportunity for admission into UH Mānoa and the Dental Hygiene program directly after high school graduation. The student admitted to the Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene (DEDH) program is given reserved seating in a cohort-based learning community of 18-19 credits of prerequisite course work and begins dental hygiene courses as a sophomore and graduates with the BS degree in 4 years. Students may add course work to their learning community, but not omit courses.

Admission and Application Requirements

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For The DEDH Program

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Advanced Professional Certificate in Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics (EFDH)

The UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene offers Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) and graduates from the Bachelor in Science Dental Hygiene Program an opportunity to expand their knowledge, improve oral health outcomes for children, and develop clinical skills in the area of pediatrics with a focus on children 0-5 years of age.

The Advanced Professional Certificate for Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics (EFDH) is a cohort-model designed to be completed in 9 months of full-time study. Didactic courses will be delivered in an online platform. Clinical experiences focus on providing hands-on oral care of to pediatric patients in the community using standard office dental equipment as well as mobile dental equipment in various community settings across the state. EFDH graduates will gain a competitive advantage for employment opportunities in pediatric dental practices, school-based health centers, and other non-traditional sites.

Students complete 405 clinical hours (360 clinical + 45 fieldwork) providing direct pediatric care in various community settings. Due to the rigor and scheduling of the program, we advise students to limit their employment during the program.

Tuition is charged at the UH Mānoa undergraduate rate. There are no fees or supply costs for the program. The program provides a tuition scholarship to students who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Admission and Application Requirements

Admission of students to the Advanced Professional Certificate in Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics program is open to Registered Dental Hygienists and graduates from the UH Mānoa Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene Program.

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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.

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 Enrollment

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 remain 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-requisite requirements
- Dental Hygiene major requirements
- Other major requirements and electives

General Education Core Requirements

- See the Catalog

Pre-requisite 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 (2)
- DH 240 Basic Dental Hygiene II (2)
- DH 240L Basic Dental Hygiene Lab/Clinic (3)
- DH 250 General Histology (2)
- DH 251 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 Pathology (2)
DH 367 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 (4)
DH 380 Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
DH 380L Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (3)
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 I (2)
DH 475L Advanced Dental Hygiene I Clinic (4)
DH 480 Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
DH 480L Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic (4)
NURS 363 Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
PFRM 203 General Pharmacology (3)
PUBA 301 Health Care Administration (3) (UH-West Oahu)

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J. Shoults, DrPH—community health, adult health

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 healthcare 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
The master of science (MS), nursing major degree program prepares the student in advanced population health. The Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) admits the student with a bachelor’s degree or higher 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 populations and to teach in nursing education programs, especially those with underrepresented student populations.

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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. All policies and procedures that apply to UH Mānoa students apply to students enrolled in distance learning programs.

**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.

**Essential Functions for Nursing**
The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH) is committed to training competent, caring nurses through quality undergraduate and graduate education. To ensure that SONDH also meets its ethical responsibility to society to protect the safety and welfare of patients and pay careful and individual attention to the needs of each student, the Department of Nursing (DON) has established a list of essential functions criteria.

In accordance with University of Hawai’i policies and federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations, reasonable accommodations will be made to facilitate the progress of the otherwise qualified candidate, where such accommodations do not require fundamental alteration of the nature of the program, significantly lower or effect substantial modifications of standards, or significantly affect the rights of other students.

**Special Requirements**
Nursing students are expected to participate in clinical and field work 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 any additional 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 may result in the inability of the student to continue in the nursing program.

**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 multiple entry routes to the bachelor of science degree:
- High School Direct Entry in Nursing (HS-DEN) Program
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Associate Degree in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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.

**High School Direct Entry into Nursing (HS-DEN)—BS in Nursing**

*For high school graduates*
This baccalaureate nursing program is designed for high school graduates and provides an opportunity for admission into the nursing program directly after high school graduation. The program 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. Students enroll in NURS 200 (1 cr) and 
NURS 201 (1 cr) during their freshman year. 

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 high school students who are eligible 
for admission to UH Mānoa and meet the UH Mānoa Nursing 
requirements.

For detailed admission and application information, please 
visit the SONDH website at nursing.hawaii.edu/nursing-bache-
lor/high-school-direct-entry-in-nursing/how-to-apply/.

BS in Nursing

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 213 (3)
- NURS 220/220L (3/6)
- NURS 321/321L (2/3)
- NURS 322/322L (2/3)
- 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)
- Approved nursing electives (4)

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Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) to BS

For Associate Degree or Diploma Graduates

The Associate Degree to BS program offers associate degree 
or diploma graduates a pathway to the BS degree. The program 
builds upon initial nursing preparation with course work to 
enhance professional development, and provide an increased 
understanding of the social and physical determinants of 
health—the cultural, economic, and equity issues that affect the 
delivery of safe, quality patient care. Included in the curriculum 
are contemporary courses on evidence-based practice, genomics, 
population health, and pandemics. With the BS degree, the 
graduate is prepared to proceed to graduate education and 
pursue career development.

The program offers maximum flexibility and students can 
progress individually at their own pace. The 30 credit nursing 
curriculum provides flexibility and can be completed in 2 
or more semesters—both part-time and full-time routes are 
available. Students take online courses available on-demand 
while balancing work and family responsibilities. The program 
includes a minimum of 30 hours of clinical and the option 
to submit an e-portfolio for academic and clinical credit. The 
in-person clinical learning experiences are available for students 
living on Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Worksite cohorts can be 
created in partnership with local agencies.

Graduates from UH Nursing Consortium Programs

The UH Maui College, Kauai Community College, and 
Kapiolani Community College AD Nursing programs (UH 
Statewide Nursing Consortium) provide a seamless bridge for 
the associate degree student to the bachelor’s degree at UH 
Mānoa. AD graduates can enroll following completion of their 
program and the RN license is not required for admission.

Required Upper Division Nursing Courses/Credits

Courses Required Prior to Clinical Course work

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

400-Level Nursing Courses

- NURS 450/450L (2/3)
- NURS 452 (3)
- NURS 453 (3)
- NURS 460/460L (4/6)
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bachelor/online-adn-to-bs.

Contact Information

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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 population 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.
Degree Entry Routes

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

- **Non-nurses with a bachelor’s degree or higher 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.
- **RNs with an associate’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field:** MS.
- **RNs with a master’s degree:** MS, 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
  - Advanced Population Health Nursing (APHN)
- **Doctor of Nursing Practice:** prepares the nurse for specialized advanced nursing practice and organizational leadership
  - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)
  - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
  - Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership
- **PhD in Nursing:** prepares the nurse for a career in research

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

Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN)

The Graduate Entry Program in Nursing offers post-baccalaureate entry to the Master of Science in Advanced Population Health Nursing (APHN) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs. It is designed for adult learners with no prior nursing experience and a baccalaureate degree or higher in a field other than nursing. This program equips students with entry-level professional nurse competencies as a foundation for advanced practice roles.

At the time of application to GEPN, the student selects a specialty area and graduate degree (i.e., MS, DNP, PhD). Once admitted to GEPN, a student may not change from the specialty track selected at the time of application. Transfer from one specialty area to another is not permitted. Transfer between the FNP or AGPCNP specialties is not permitted. Once enrolled in GEPN, a student may not apply as a new student to another graduate degree program.

The program uses a cohort model that consists of a pre-licensure year of rigorous and intensive 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. Depending on the selected specialty area, students may graduate with the MS, DNP, or PhD 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 evidence-based principles, 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.

Upon successful completion of the GEPN pre-licensure year, the student is required to take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination—Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Students immediately transition into their chosen specialty track after successful completion of the pre-licensure year. In order to progress beyond the first semester of specialty study, students must obtain a registered nurse license. The post-licensure specialty curriculum prepares students for their chosen role in advanced nursing.

Admission and Application Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Graduate Division and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the chosen pathway and degree. For detailed information, please visit the SONDH website at nursing.hawaii.edu/graduate-entry-program-in-nursing/how-to-apply/.

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Master’s Degree in Advanced Population Health Nursing

The Master of Science (MS) program is designed for registered nurses who seek to expand their knowledge and expertise to assume leadership roles in population health nursing.

A total of 30 credits is required to receive the MS degree in Advanced Population Health Nursing. 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.

The Advanced Population 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 population 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.

Admission and Application Requirements

Applicants must meet the requirements of both the Graduate Division and the Department of Nursing for admission to the program. Admission and application requirements vary by the pathway.
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**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree**

The DNP program offers the terminal degree in Nursing Practice and is designed as a post-baccalaureate or higher degree program to meet our statewide demand for 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.

**DNP Project**

Graduates of the program meet the accreditation requirement of a minimum of 1,000 post-baccalaureate supervised practice hours. The required NURS 776 DNP Project hours will vary dependent on the student’s documented post-baccalaureate practicum hours; 1 credit hour = 3 hours per week or 45 hours per semester.

**Unofficial Transcript Review**

A free unofficial transcript review is available to prospective students to determine the possible length of study. The transcript review is unofficial and is offered as a guidance tool for prospective students. The official transcript review occurs once a prospective student applies to the program and submits all required documentation and fees.

**Partnership in the Nursing Education Exchange**

UH Mānoa is a member of NEXus (The Nursing Education Xchange), 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 tuition cost.

**DNP Degree Specialties**

**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 720 supervised clinical hours.

**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, primary care 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 720 supervised clinical hours.

**Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership**

The Post-Master’s in Organizational Leadership program is a part-time, online cohort program. The amount of time and number of credits required to complete the program will vary with the student’s previous education and professional experience. The post-master’s program is designed to meet the statewide demand for a highly competent nursing workforce equipped with the skills to ensure the delivery of safe, quality nursing care in Hawai‘i.

Special emphasis is placed on leadership and implementation of evidence-based practice in nursing and healthcare. The program consists of courses that develop the skills needed to lead teams and develop systems of care that influence health outcomes. The required NURS 776 DNP Project hours will vary dependent on the student’s documented post-baccalaureate practicum hours; 1 credit hour = 3 hours per week or 45 hours per semester. Students may receive course credit by submitting a portfolio demonstrating achievement of the learning outcomes. The supervised clinical hours with the DNP project hours complete the 1,000 supervised hours required to obtain the DNP degree.

**Master’s to DNP**

This pathway prepares students to serve as leaders in clinical and executive positions within the larger healthcare system, translating emerging science to improve patient and population-based care, and inform health policy. Students complete 36-53 credits (30 didactic credits and a minimum of 6 credits for the DNP project) in two years including summer sessions.

**UH Mānoa Shidler College of Business, Distance Learning EMBA - Health Care Management Track to DNP**

This pathway begins with a program of study that allows students to obtain an MBA degree through the UH Mānoa Shidler College of Business. The EMBA-HC is a two-year program. For information about the application process, please refer to UH Mānoa Shidler Business College’s website at shidler.hawaii.edu/ distance-emb/healthcare.

Shidler EMBA-HC graduates can enroll in UH Mānoa Nursing to obtain their DNP degree. The curriculum includes the completion of a minimum of 8 credits/360 supervised project hours. However, additional hours may be required depending on the entering student’s documentation of previously completed post-baccalaureate practicum/fieldwork. Documentation of post-bachelor’s credit hours for students who complete healthcare practicum/fieldwork in the Shidler MBA curriculum includes submission of an electronic portfolio for review to the DNP program to ensure DNP Essentials and completion of the 1,000 post-bachelor’s supervised hours required for the DNP degree.

**Admission and Application Requirements**

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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 full-time on-campus program is rigorous and requires students demonstrate strong critical thinking and writing skills that are required to complete their course work and PhD dissertation.

Students can enter the PhD program through one of the following routes.
- RNs that have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing
- Graduate Entry Program in Nursing (GEPN) Non-nurses with a bachelor’s degree or higher in a field other than nursing (after completing all GEPN course work)
- RNs with an associate’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field
- RNs with a Master’s degree in nursing or other health related field

Program Outcomes
The goal of the program is to graduate independent nursing scholars capable of conducting research that generates new knowledge with a focus on health and well being of diverse populations.

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

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