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At the Marquette University Graduate School, you'll build your nursing knowledge and practical skills. You'll also learn to focus on treating the whole patient, giving care and support that goes well beyond physical healing. With our flexible class and degree options, you can find the program that aligns with your needs and interests. Our unique specializations will increase your expertise, your marketability — and your ability to provide the most effective care for a given population.

Researchers and practitioners committed to serving students

Our faculty are widely recognized as leading experts in their fields. They are dedicated to teaching and mentoring students. This approach ensures that you'll be actively learning from, and working alongside, the top nurses in the nation.

Guaranteed clinical placement

We secure the clinical placement that's the best fit for your interests and experience.

A reputation that precedes you

Marquette students are known by employers as being well prepared and ready to enter practice with knowledge, skills and a commitment to advocacy for patients and families.

"Marquette really works with you to make the program fit your life, your schedule and your interests. I work full time and have a family so the flexibility here is amazing. And they find all your preceptors for your clinical placements for you, and they're in prestigious and well-known places. It's a real advantage for us."

STEVE ABRAMOWSKI

Post-M.S.N. Certificate
Pediatric acute care nurse practitioner

MULTIPLE PATHS, EACH WITH A SINGULAR FOCUS ON TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON.

Choose one of our unique specializations, then find the best path for you, whether that's a master's degree, a post-master's certificate or a doctoral degree.

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

Choose a master's degree program in one of our specializations if you have an undergraduate nursing degree, or apply to our direct entry program if you hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing.

Post-Master's Certificates

If you have a master's degree in nursing, this option lets you add an advanced practice or leadership specialty.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

In our D.N.P. programs, you'll develop nursing practice expertise at the highest level through translational research, epidemiology, informatics, statistics, advanced clinical practice, health policy and professional issues. Choose B.S.N. to D.N.P. or M.S.N. to D.N.P.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Prepare for a career as a nurse-scientist, focused on both research and teaching. Faculty offer expertise in community-engaged research, person-centered research and nursing education research.



Marquette's Graduate Programs in Nursing

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LEAD THE FIELD.

A Marquette University College of Nursing graduate education will prepare you to take a leadership role in nursing practice, nursing education and nursing research. Additionally, you'll gain training in critical thinking, communication, therapeutic nursing interventions, ethical practice and multicultural competence.

DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAMS

DIRECT ENTRY M.S.N. FOR NON-NURSES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

This program is designed for students who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and want to become nurses. You'll take an intense, accelerated nursing curriculum that will prepare you to take the NCLEX examination. Having a master's degree prepares you to pursue advanced practice nursing programs, like nurse practitioner, more quickly.

- Our skills and simulation labs offer hands-on learning.
- You'll take part in group clinicals at top health care facilities, starting in your first semester.
- Our cohort model encourages teamwork and community. You'll begin your program as a group, completing a sequenced curriculum through graduation.
- After you earn your master's you'll be positioned to start a career as an RN, or continue on to earn a Marquette post-master's certificate, D.N.P. with specialization or Ph.D.
- This program is offered on a full-time basis only.

Credits required: 75 credits (course work and clinicals)

Time to completion: 5 terms of full-time study to complete the program

This program is offered through our Milwaukee and Pleasant Prairie locations.

DE M.S.N. Milwaukee	DE M.S.N. Pleasant Prairie
Mostly in person Some classes may have hybrid components	All course work is completed online
Skills labs and exams are done on site in Milwaukee	Skills labs and exams are done on site in Pleasant Prairie
Cohort of 56 students	Cohort of 96 students
Clinical placements in the Milwaukee metro area	Clinical placements in the southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois regions
One start per year — summer	Two starts per year — fall and spring

Application deadlines:

November 15 for spring start (Pleasant Prairie location)
 December 15 for summer start (Milwaukee campus)
 April 15 for fall start (Pleasant Prairie location)



DIRECT ENTRY M.S.N. FOR A.D.N. NURSES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

This program is the path for students who have an associate degree in nursing (A.D.N.) and a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than nursing and want to complete a master of science in nursing degree with a specialty focus as an advanced practice nurse or nurse leader.

Specialty focus areas available:

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Midwifery
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Dual Primary Care and Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Health Systems Leadership

Credits required: 51 – 60 credits based on specialty focus area

Application deadline: Rolling admissions

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Nursing, Post-Master's Certificate and **Doctor of Nursing Practice** programs are offered in the seven areas of specialization described below. You'll learn from expert faculty, and your adviser will work closely with you throughout your program to create a manageable and flexible schedule and support your professional development. Most programs can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Care for acutely ill patients, ages 13 and up, in a variety of settings such as acute care facilities, specialty practice offices and skilled care facilities. This specialty prepares you to apply advanced clinical assessment and management skills to complex health problems commonly encountered among ill adults and older adults in the acute care setting. After graduation, you'll be academically eligible to take a national certification examination for the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner.

- The curriculum is based on AGACNP competencies put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing with focus on the scopes and standards for ACNP practice outlined by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.
- Clinicals take place over three semesters, with two rotations per semester. Efforts are made to have students rotate in pulmonary, cardiac, neuro, neurosurgery, nephrology and gastroenterology settings.
- Students are given an opportunity to select an area of specialty for their sixth rotation.
- Students may apply for a clinical track in which all rotations are completed in an intensive care setting.

Work requirement: One year of full-time nursing experience in an acute care setting with the adult population is required prior to beginning clinical courses.

Location: M.S.N. and Post-Master's Certificate programs are offered in Milwaukee and also in Indianapolis. The D.N.P. program is offered in Milwaukee only.

Course delivery: All Milwaukee courses are offered in-person, hybrid or online. Indianapolis program course work is completed online, with skills labs and exams done on site in Indianapolis.

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 42 credits
- **D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P.)** — 69 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificates (M.S.N. to cert)** — 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadlines:

Milwaukee program has rolling admissions. Indianapolis program follows a biennial cohort model, with new cohorts beginning in the fall of odd years.



DR. MADELINE SCHMIDT

Clinical Assistant Professor
College of Nursing

Dr. Madeline Schmidt takes pride in how prepared Marquette nurses are for their clinical placements — and how much on-site preceptors appreciate having them there. This mutually beneficial arrangement allows Dr. Schmidt and her Marquette peers to develop strong relationships with clinical sites that provide a variety of experiences so when students graduate, they feel comfortable in a number of settings.

“Our preceptors know that Marquette students will bring strong leadership and patient advocacy skills to their work, and our students can feel confident that their preceptors will help them have a highly valuable clinical experience.”

Learn to handle high-risk situations in a low-stakes environment

As a Marquette nursing student, you'll have the chance to develop your skills at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Center for Clinical Simulation. This state-of-the-art facility provides a realistic health care environment where you can strengthen essential clinical competencies and develop sound clinical reasoning. The center includes:

- Six acute care hospital rooms that reflect a variety of hospital settings: medical-surgical, ICU, pediatrics, OB and operating room
- Two examination rooms
- One home health care apartment
- One clinical skills laboratory
- Two open-space, four-bed patient care rooms for clinical skills practice
- Four debrief rooms, where professors and clinical educators can review video recordings of simulation exercises with you

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAMS continued

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Care for patients ages 13 and up, in a primary care or clinic setting. You'll gain advanced knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, advanced physical assessment, diagnosis, and management of chronic and episodic health problems. After graduation, you'll be academically eligible to take the national certification examination for the adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner (AGPCNP).

- The curriculum is based on competencies put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- You'll rotate through three clinicals over the course of the program, including two in primary care and one in a specialty care area of your interest or choosing.

Work requirement: One year of full-time nursing experience with an adult population is required prior to beginning clinical courses.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 42 credits
- **D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P.)** — 69 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificates (M.S.N. to cert)** 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: Rolling admissions

"I love the focus here on care for the whole person. Our professors incorporate it into every class. It's more than just a thing the university says. It's the level of care that we're expected to bring to every single patient and everyone around us."

JULIE LAVOIE

Ph.D. student in nursing



DR. LISA HANSON left

Professor
College of Nursing

Dr. Lisa Hanson asks midwifery students to think critically about each care decision and encourages them to question everything — not just accept that “this is the way things are.” She helps them dig for the “why” behind things, because she knows it’s what’s best for the women they serve.

“Through teaching, I have the opportunity to be part of the future in a really meaningful way. I’m not just helping my students build their lives, but I’m empowering them to put every woman they serve at the center of her own birth experience.”

NURSE MIDWIFERY

Care for women during the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum periods, as well as primary and gynecologic care. You'll be prepared for collaborative management of women with risk factors. After graduation, you'll be academically eligible to take the national certification examination of the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB).

Work requirement: Students who do not have labor and delivery experience as an RN take two additional credits.

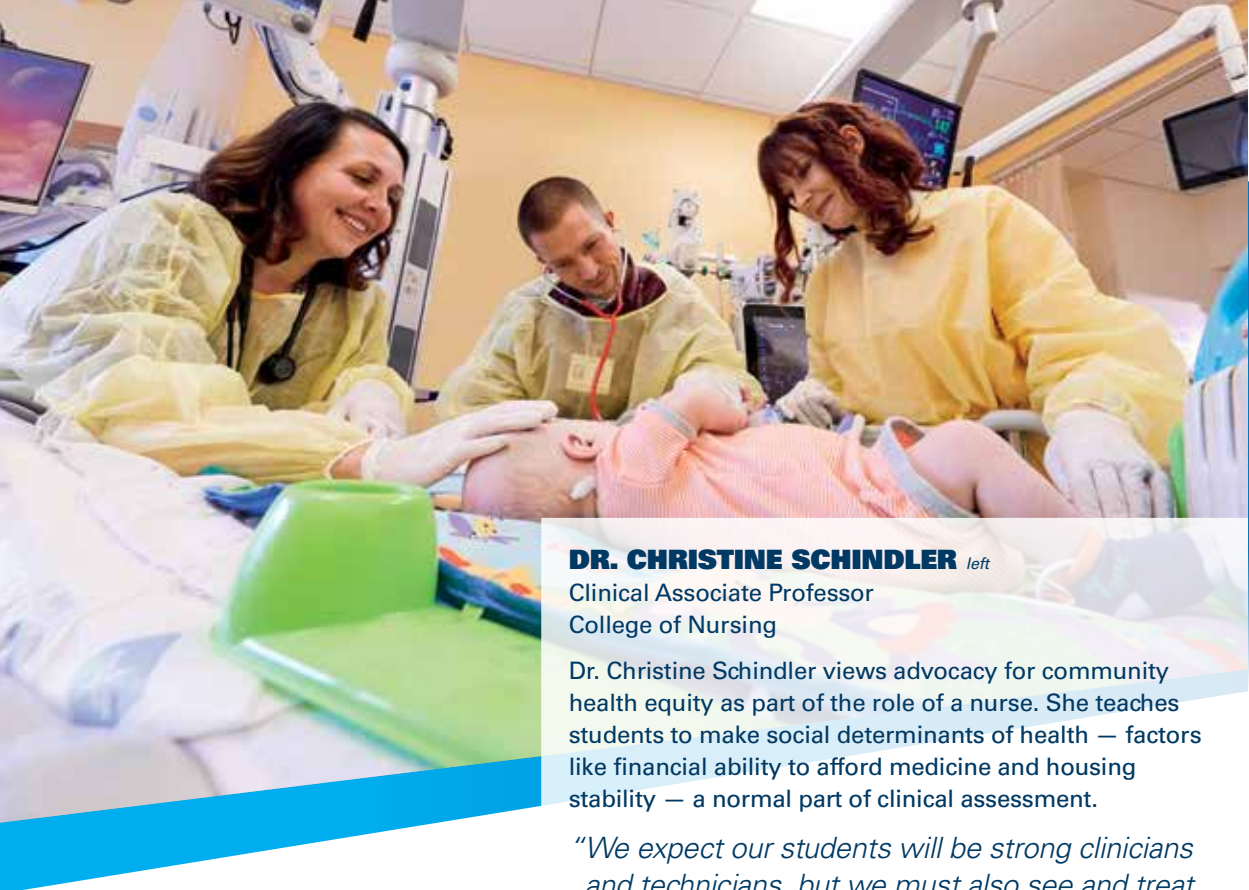
Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 49 – 51 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificate (M.S.N. to cert)** — 22 – 39 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: November 15 for spring, February 15 for fall



DR. CHRISTINE SCHINDLER *left*

Clinical Associate Professor
College of Nursing

Dr. Christine Schindler views advocacy for community health equity as part of the role of a nurse. She teaches students to make social determinants of health — factors like financial ability to afford medicine and housing stability — a normal part of clinical assessment.

“We expect our students will be strong clinicians and technicians, but we must also see and treat the whole person. It allows the care we offer to help them in a much bigger way.”

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAMS *continued*

PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Independently manage care for complex chronically ill, acutely ill and critically ill children. Graduates work in pediatric intensive care units, cardiovascular intensive care units and specialty practice areas across the country in tertiary care children’s hospitals. After graduation, you’ll be eligible to take the PNCB acute care pediatrics nurse practitioner certification exam.

- The curriculum is based on competencies put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- Many of the faculty in the Acute Care PNP program are jointly appointed between Marquette University and the Medical College of Wisconsin and are in current clinical practice at Children’s Wisconsin.
- As a student in the acute care PNP program, you’ll train with the more than 200 advanced practice nurses in 33 specialties at Children’s Wisconsin. You’ll spend an entire semester in the 72-bed pediatric intensive care unit.

Work requirement: A minimum of one year of full-time work experience (or its part-time equivalent) as a registered nurse in a pediatric acute care setting is required prior to beginning clinical courses.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 42 credits
- **D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P.)** — 69 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificates (M.S.N. to cert)** — 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: Rolling admissions

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Care for children and families with simple to complex health issues, in primary care settings. You’ll focus on topics around wellness, safety and nutrition, and look at children’s health holistically. Graduates work in primary care practices, urgent and emergency care settings, and specialty practices across the country. After graduation, you’ll be academically eligible to take the primary care pediatric nurse practitioner national certification examinations.

- The curriculum is based on competencies put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- You’ll attend three clinicals over the course of your program, focused on well-child care, acute illness and chronic conditions. Clinicals are in primary care and a specialty care area of your interest.

Work requirement: A minimum of one year of full-time work experience (or its part-time equivalent) as a registered nurse is required prior to beginning clinical courses.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 42 credits
- **D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P. or M.S.N. to D.N.P.)** — 69 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificates (M.S.N. to cert)** — 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: Rolling admissions

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAMS continued

DUAL PEDIATRIC PRIMARY AND ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Care for well children, pediatric acute and episodic illnesses, complex chronically ill, acutely ill and critically ill children and their families. You'll prepare to practice as a dually trained pediatric acute care and primary care nurse practitioner, which will increase the number of jobs for which you qualify. After graduation, you'll be eligible to take the national certification examinations for the acute care and primary care pediatric nurse practitioner specialties.

- The curriculum is based on competencies put forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- You'll complete 500 primary care clinical hours and 500 acute care clinical hours.
- Primary care sites are located across southeastern Wisconsin. You'll have an opportunity to practice in a variety of clinical settings, with a special emphasis on sites serving economically disadvantaged children in the community.
- In the acute care clinicals, you'll train with more than 200 advanced practice nurses in 33 specialties at Children's Wisconsin. You'll spend an entire semester in the 72-bed pediatric intensive care unit.

Work requirement: One year of full-time nursing experience in a pediatric acute care setting is required prior to beginning acute care clinical courses.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.)** — 51 credits
- **D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P.)** — 78 credits
- **Post-M.S.N. Certificate** — 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: Rolling admissions

"At Marquette, we learn to advocate for our patients in a holistic way. We assess their physical state, but also consider cultural and social dimensions and how that might affect their health. We treat patients within their own context."

CHRYSTAL CRAFT

D.N.P. student, adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner



DR. LISA THIEMANN center

Clinical Associate Professor
College of Nursing

Dr. Lisa Thiemann is continually impressed by the culture of the university. "Everyone here really embraces Jesuit principles and wants to make a difference in people's lives. It grounds the faculty on a daily basis."

She sees it in students as well.

"I watch our students become leaders in their environment, able to use their knowledge and skills for the betterment of patients and everyone they work with."

NURSE ANESTHESIA

This program will prepare you in a variety of regional and general anesthesia techniques for every setting in which anesthesia is delivered to patients. You'll graduate as an expert clinician who understands the complexities of health care, including patient safety, advanced diagnostics and treatments, information technology, business management and health care finance.

- A cohort of 10 students is admitted each fall.
- Our program is one of only two D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesia programs in Wisconsin.
- You will complete in excess of 2,000 clinical hours and more than 600 patient care experiences.

Work requirement: A minimum of one year, preferably two, of full-time work experience (or its part-time equivalent) as a registered nurse in a critical care setting is required to apply.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- **D.N.P.** — 91 credits
This program is a three-year (36-month) full-time only program.

Application deadline: January 15 for fall start. On-campus interviews occur in February and March.

OTHER PROGRAMS

HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

Prepare for leadership, administrative and executive roles by understanding health systems, clinical operations and strategic thinking. After graduation, you'll be academically eligible to take certification exams in nursing administration or health care executive.

Work requirement: None required

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required:

- M.S.N. (B.S.N. to M.S.N.) — 36 credits
- D.N.P. (B.S.N. to D.N.P.) — 63 credits
- Post-M.S.N. certificate (M.S.N. to cert) — 12 – 30 credits based on academic background

Application deadline: November 15 for January cohort start.

M.S.N. TO D.N.P.

This program offers a way for nurses already holding a master's degree in nursing with specialization in an advanced practice nursing role, nursing administration/ leadership, or health care policy to earn a doctor of nursing practice degree. You'll work with your adviser to create a personalized plan of study that's manageable and flexible. Nurses who have a master's degree in nursing without the above specializations are required to complete a post-master's certificate while pursuing the D.N.P.

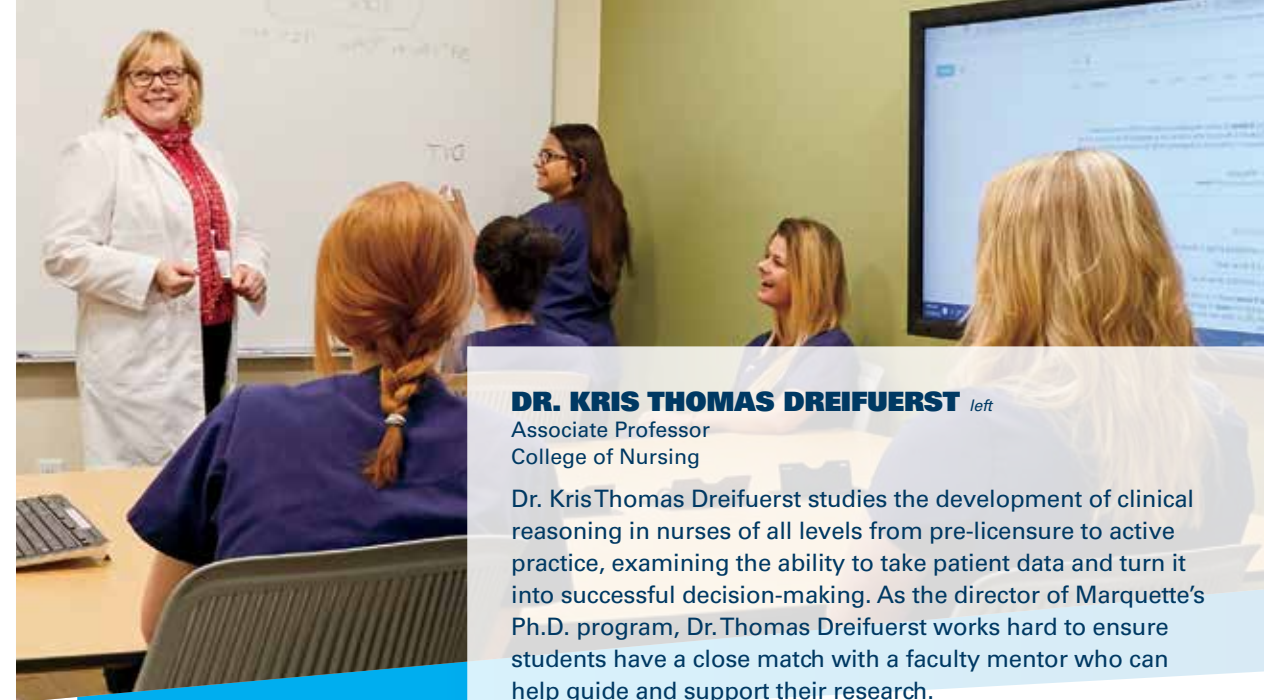
- Advanced-level residency course work allows you to practice nursing at the highest level.
- D.N.P. and Ph.D. prepared faculty will guide you through your D.N.P. scholarly project.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Blend of in person, hybrid or online

Credits required: 30 credits

Application deadline: Rolling admissions



DR. KRIS THOMAS DREIFUERST *left*

Associate Professor
College of Nursing

Dr. Kris Thomas Dreifuerst studies the development of clinical reasoning in nurses of all levels from pre-licensure to active practice, examining the ability to take patient data and turn it into successful decision-making. As the director of Marquette's Ph.D. program, Dr. Thomas Dreifuerst works hard to ensure students have a close match with a faculty mentor who can help guide and support their research.

"We're preparing our students for success in both research and academia, so it's critical we give them open access to faculty who fill those roles successfully themselves."

PH.D. PROGRAM

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program will prepare you as a nurse-scientist who takes the role of a teacher and scholar. Your studies will emphasize nursing knowledge development in a substantive research area of science aimed to improve health and health care. The program includes course work in nursing science, research and statistics, teaching, cognates and a dissertation. You'll work with your adviser to create a personalized plan of study that's manageable and flexible.

- The curriculum focuses on vulnerable populations, including patients at high risk for adverse health outcomes.
- Faculty offer research expertise in community-engaged research, person-centered research and nursing education research.
- There is a high demand nationally for Ph.D. prepared nurses, and the job outlook is very strong.
- Funding in the form of teaching assistantships, research assistantships and grants is available.

Location: Milwaukee

Course delivery: Some in-person classes are offered, but the program is largely online using synchronous and asynchronous technology with required in-person days on campus each semester.

Credits required:

- Post-bachelor's curriculum — 69 credits
- Post-master's curriculum — 51 credits

These programs can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis (3 – 6 credits per term) while students are working.

Application deadline: November 15 for spring, December 15 for summer (preferred), February 15 for fall



CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

GIVE YOUR FULL FOCUS TO YOUR STUDIES — AND YOUR PATIENTS.

Unlike other programs where students must take sole responsibility for finding and securing clinical placements, at Marquette you'll have our clinical placement team working on your behalf. Our strong established partnerships — including those with every major health system in southeast Wisconsin — offer a unique chance to work in a variety of settings throughout Wisconsin and in some programs in northern Illinois. Pre-arranged preceptor assignments foster lasting connections and personal learning experiences.



MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

WHO WE ARE

We serve something greater than ourselves.

Excellence. Faith. Leadership. Service.

These four words form the foundation of our mission and guide every decision we make. You'll hear them often and see them in action every day.

3,000+

GRAD/PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

53%
WOMEN

47%
MEN

69%
FULL-TIME

31%
PART-TIME

STUDENTS COME FROM

**47 STATES &
32 COUNTRIES**



OUR HOMETOWN:

MILWAUKEE

Marquette is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a beautiful city on the shore of Lake Michigan. We have all the big-city amenities you expect, like restaurants, shopping and entertainment, and even though it's one of the top U.S. cities by population, you'll still find a friendly, Midwestern vibe. Milwaukee is not only an excellent place to study — it's a perfect place to live.

Two of our recent community partnerships with the surrounding Milwaukee area include:

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH

A research team of Marquette professors was honored with the Community Engaged Research Partnership Development Grant at the 2019 Sickle Cell Empowerment Conference. This cross-college team included professors in the College of Nursing and College of Education. The grant allows them to partner with the World Outreach Center to develop an intervention with adults living with sickle cell disease.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR LIFE FOR SENIORS

The Marquette University College of Nursing partners with St. Camillus Life Plan Community on a functional fitness project called **Physical Activity for Life for Seniors (PALS)**. The project gives the residents at St. Camillus a way to help maintain their physical function and independence. Nursing students get an opportunity to conduct research and interact with an older adult population.

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U.S. CITIES BY
POPULATION**

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RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING, ARTS, 10.2 MILES OF
SHORELINE, 15,000 ACRES OF PARKS**

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APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLY ONLINE.

You can find a detailed description of everything you'll need to do to apply, including requirements and deadlines, at marquette.edu/grad/apply. Here are the basic steps:

Start your application online at graduate.admissions.marquette.edu/apply.

Request your transcripts from the colleges you attended.

Ask professors and employers for letters of recommendation.

Take standardized tests (if required) early. Submit official scores. Score reporting can take up to six weeks from exam date.

Draft your statement of purpose.

Put together your academic resume. Upload copies of RN license and certification if required.

International students submit official TOEFL or IELTS exam scores or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

Review your online application checklist to ensure it is complete.