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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

From front-line nursing to shaping health care policy, Purdue nurses are leaders who foster systematic change in the organizations in which they work.

Undergraduate education prepares nurses to work in a variety of settings, from surgery rooms to neonatal intensive care units to community health clinics. Graduates may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a registered nurse (RN). Undergraduate programs include:

- **Bachelor of Science** — for high school graduates
- **Second Degree Bachelor of Science** — for individuals who have a bachelor’s degree in another field and want to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing

Graduate programs offer an innovative approach to advanced practice education by integrating expertise from a variety of other disciplines. Students develop leadership and practice skills necessary to shape nursing practice in a dynamic, complex and globally interdependent health care system. Students benefit from multidisciplinary study in a 630-hour preceptorship, access to two nurse-managed clinics and research opportunities on campus. Master’s programs include:

- **Master of Science, Primary Care Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (MS/AGNP)**
- **Master of Science, Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (MS/PNP)**

Post-master’s certificate programs provide an option for students who have a master’s degree to work in primary care as an adult gerontology nurse practitioner or as a pediatric nurse practitioner.
The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program graduates are equipped to engage in solving complex health care delivery problems. Students can collaborate on innovative projects with organizations such as the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering, Purdue University Homeland Security Institute, and the Center on Aging and the Life Course. A unique feature of Purdue’s DNP program is the concentration of coursework in systems engineering and public health/homeland security.

The school’s Center for Nursing Education and Simulation offers a safe and realistic environment for students to practice patient care. The Nursing Center for Family Health provides instruction in health screening, counseling, health promotion and client education. Students can also interact with a diverse, rural community through the school’s network of nurse-managed clinics.

**ADVANCING EVIDENCE-BASED CARE**

Research in the school is dedicated to developing and evaluating the highest quality evidence needed to advance care delivery. The three major areas of research are:

**HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

- Innovations to improve health care delivery in multiple settings; nurse-managed clinics, rural health care, acute and long-term care, and public health departments
- Systematic application of information technologies and analytics to improve quality care
CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT

- Innovations to improve outcomes and quality of life for those with chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, heart failure, mental health disorders and dementia
- Optimizing the aging experience

HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

- Wellness for individuals across the life span, family health care, quality of life, complementary and alternative therapies, disease prevention, physical activity, and work site health promotion
- Nursing education, including educational innovations, technology integration, and quality and safety education

IN THE COMMUNITY

Purdue is a leader in the nurse-managed clinic movement, which began with a vision to provide a safety net for those unable to obtain basic health care. The North Central Nursing Clinics, located in Delphi and Monon, Indiana, demonstrate delivery of high-quality and cost-effective care provided by advanced practice nurses. These clinics provide basic health care services and target the growing Hispanic and Latino populations in that medically underserved area.

Each clinic integrates research, practice and education. School of Nursing faculty use these sites for clinical practice and preceptorship — and the clinics provide experiential learning for nursing students as well as students from other disciplines, such as nutrition and pharmacy.

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