

## Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

**Barbara A. Mark, PhD, RN, FAAN**

*Dr. Mark is the Sarah Frances Russell Distinguished Professor of Health Care Systems and a Senior Research Fellow at UNC's Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Dr. Mark has a long history of health policy research focusing on the effectiveness of acute care hospitals, particularly related to the contribution of nurse staffing to patient outcomes.*

### AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL OF NURSING

The PhD Program at the UNC School of Nursing (SON) is among the finest in the United States and **prepares exceptional nurse researchers**. World-class faculty provide individual attention and personal mentoring.

OUR VISION is to prepare a diverse group of graduates who are highly capable and driven to engage in a career devoted to research and scholarly scientific activities that:

- enhance the health of individuals, families and communities;
- increase the effectiveness of health care systems; and
- further the translation of research into practice.

As part of a **cutting-edge, research-intensive university** with top-ranked schools of nursing, medicine, public health, pharmacy, dentistry and social work located within steps of each other and adjacent to the renowned UNC Hospitals, the School of Nursing provides a diverse, energetic and collegial environment for scientific inquiry. Research at the SON attracts worldwide attention and support for its ongoing excellence and innovation. The faculty are highly successful in obtaining grants that provide rich opportunities for doctoral student training.

PhD students have the option to pursue the **Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (GCNE)** by completing 9 hours of education credits (3 courses). Additional information can be found here: <http://nursing.unc.edu/academics/graduate-certificate-in-nursing-education/>

**Scholarships and financial aid** are available to qualified full-time students. Teaching assistantships and research assistant positions are also available.

### RICH RESOURCES

#### **The Biobehavioral Laboratory**

This unique facility assists with the development of biological and behavioral measuring techniques for the study of chronic illness and nursing intervention outcomes.

#### **Research Support Center**

This center facilitates research endeavors, with particular emphasis on expanding the research base in the SON, increasing external funding, and developing new scholars and their programs of research.

#### **The Center for Lifelong Learning**

The CLL provides opportunities and resources for nurses from different educational and experiential backgrounds to maintain and expand their knowledge, skills and competencies.

### ADMISSION PROCESS

#### **Eligibility**

Bachelor's or master's in nursing degree from CCNE or NLNAC accredited School of Nursing program in the U.S. or an international equivalent are eligible to apply. Completion of all elements of the online application, found at [nursing.unc.edu/admissions/applications](http://nursing.unc.edu/admissions/applications), by the deadline is required. All completed applications are reviewed by the PhD Admissions Committee.

#### **Required Prerequisites**

A Master's level statistics course is highly recommended prior to matriculation. If you enter the program without the statistics course, you will need to take it during your first semester, in addition to your required courses.

#### **Application Deadlines**

The application becomes available each August with a final deadline in December. Please refer to the School of Nursing applications page for specific deadlines: [nursing.unc.edu/admissions/applications](http://nursing.unc.edu/admissions/applications)

**APPLY ONLINE:**  
[nursing.unc.edu](http://nursing.unc.edu)

Application Opens: August 2018

Final Deadlines: November 6 & 13

Program Begins: Fall 2019

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers bachelor's and master's prepared nurses a doctorate aimed at advanced clinical practice and executive leadership.

As part of a **cutting-edge, research-intensive university** with top-ranked schools of nursing, medicine, public health, pharmacy, dentistry and social work located within steps of each other and adjacent to the renowned UNC Hospitals, the School of Nursing provides a diverse, energetic and collegial environment for participating in **world-class interprofessional education, scientific inquiry and practice opportunities.**

Carolina's highly respected faculty are available to provide mentorship crucial to professional development for the DNP student, and partnership with UNC Hospitals and other top health care organizations ensures excellence in advanced clinical training and experience.

### RICH RESOURCES

#### **The Biobehavioral Laboratory**

This unique, on-site facility assists with the development of biological and behavioral measuring techniques for the study of chronic illness and nursing intervention outcomes.

#### **Research Support Center**

This center facilitates research endeavors, with particular emphasis on expanding the research base in the School of Nursing, increasing external funding, and developing new scholars and their programs of research. Center staff are available to assist with grant development, preparation and submission.

#### **The Center for Lifelong Learning**

The CLL provides opportunities and resources for nurses from different educational and experiential backgrounds to maintain and expand their knowledge, skills and competencies.

### FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships and financial aid are available to qualified students. Teaching assistantships and research assistant positions are also available. Find out about merit-based scholarships, student research support, employment opportunities and other sources of support at:

[nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/scholarships-financial-aid/](http://nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/scholarships-financial-aid/)

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION

DNP students have the option to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (GCNE) by completing 9 hours of education credits (3 courses). Additional information can be found here:

[nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/](http://nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/)

**APPLY ONLINE:**  
[nursing.unc.edu](http://nursing.unc.edu)

Application Opens: August 2018  
Final Deadlines: November 6 & 13  
Program Begins: Fall 2019

## Post-MSN Certificates

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing offers master's prepared nurses a variety of certificate programs designed to expand their advanced nursing knowledge and skills.

As part of a cutting-edge, research-intensive university with top-ranked schools of nursing, medicine, public health, pharmacy, dentistry and social work located within steps of each other and adjacent to the renowned UNC Hospitals, the School of Nursing provides a diverse, energetic and collegial environment for participating in world-class interprofessional education, scientific inquiry and practice opportunities.

### POST-MSN CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

#### **Nursing Leadership**

Carolina's world-class faculty prepare the Post-MSN graduate for clinical leadership roles in complex health care systems by combining knowledge and skills from both clinical and health care systems practice. The graduate is prepared to provide and manage care for patients – individually and in groups – with emphases on understanding a patient's clinical progression, care transitions and processes, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement and patient safety. Graduates will be eligible to sit for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader.

#### **Informatics**

Equips nurses for clinical leadership roles in the design, selection, implementation and utilization of information technology systems in support of improved quality, safety and outcomes of care. Students will apply knowledge in a real world situation during a practicum. The curriculum combines content in health care informatics, systems analysis and database management.

#### **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Prepares nurses to be a clinically competent and culturally sensitive Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). The PMHNP is qualified to assess, facilitate and manage the psychiatric and mental health care needs of individuals, families, groups and communities in a variety of public, private, community, inpatient and team-based, multidisciplinary practice settings. Graduates assume an expanded scope of practice.

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION

Post-MSN students have the option to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (GCNE) by completing 9 hours of education credits (3 courses). Additional information can be found here: [nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/](http://nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/)

## Master of Science in Nursing *(BSN to MSN)*

The Master of Science in Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers Registered Nurses holding a bachelor's degree a program that will prepare them for advanced practice roles in today's complex health care systems.

As part of a **cutting-edge, research-intensive university** with top-ranked schools of nursing, medicine, public health, pharmacy, dentistry and social work located within steps of each other and adjacent to the renowned UNC Hospitals, the School of Nursing provides a diverse, energetic and collegial environment for participating in **world-class interprofessional education, scientific inquiry and practice opportunities.**

Carolina's highly sought-after faculty prepare the MSN student to provide and manage care for patients – individually and in groups – with emphases on understanding the clinical progression of patients, care transitions and processes, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement and patient safety.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- a baccalaureate degree from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program
- between December 2015 and December 2018, a minimum of one year of clinical work experience as a Registered Nurse. The following specialties have additional requirements:
  - **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)** applicants must have direct care experience in community, hospital or ambulatory settings that serve adult or geriatric patients.
  - **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** specialty applicants should have experience as a Registered Nurse in a public health/community, hospital or ambulatory setting that serves patients across the life span.
  - **Health Care Systems (HCS)** specialty applicants should have leadership experience within a health care setting (e.g., committee member, leading a service/QI project).
  - **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care (PNP-PC)**: applicants must have the equivalent of six months of full-time clinical work experience as a Registered Nurse in a neonatal or pediatric setting, or community setting that serves children and families within the past three years.
  - **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**: applicants must have the equivalent of six months of full-time clinical work experience as a Registered Nurse in an acute or community setting that serves psychiatric illness and/or substance abuse within the past three years.
- transcripts from all colleges attended
- 3 letters of recommendation
- a thoughtfully prepared professional statement
- current resume
- copy of RN license
- prerequisite course: Statistics (3 credits) with a grade of C or better taken between December 2008 and December 2018

### FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships and financial aid are available to qualified students. Find out about merit-based scholarships, student research support, employment opportunities and other sources of support at: [nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/scholarships-financial-aid/](http://nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/scholarships-financial-aid/)

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION

MSN students have the option to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (GCNE) by completing 9 hours of education credits (3 courses). Additional information can be found here: [nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/](http://nursing.unc.edu/academic-programs/graduate-certificates/)

APPLY ONLINE:  
[nursing.unc.edu](http://nursing.unc.edu)

Application Opens: August 2018  
Final Deadline: November 6 & 13  
Program Begins: Fall 2019

#### MSN OPTIONS

##### Nurse Practitioner

- Adult-Gerontology
  - Primary Care
  - Primary Care-Oncology
- Family
- Psychiatric / Mental Health
- Pediatric
  - Primary Care

##### Health Care Systems

- Administration
- Clinical Nurse Leader
- Education
- Outcomes Management
- Informatics

APPLY ONLINE:  
[nursing.unc.edu](http://nursing.unc.edu)

REQUEST AN UNOFFICIAL  
TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION:  
[nursing.unc.edu/admissions/  
transcript-evaluation/](http://nursing.unc.edu/admissions/transcript-evaluation/)

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

With teaching methods that meld the best of both **time-tested and innovative approaches, committed, caring faculty, rich opportunities for student research, and a curricular dedication to interprofessional education**, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing offers an undergraduate nursing program without peer.

From day one, the Carolina nurse is **carefully trained to lead** – applying the knowledge, skill and understanding gained at UNC to effectively advocate for the care, safety and well-being of the patient.

Carolina nurses have gone on to lead in hospital administration, nursing education, health care research, non-profit organizations, public health and policy, military and veterans affairs, and by bedsides near and far. They are **team-oriented, patient-centered professionals** who are highly sought-after in whatever field of nursing they choose to pursue.

### COURSE OF STUDY OPTIONS

**BSN** – The bachelor of science in nursing is offered to undergraduate students entering their junior year and takes place over two academic years, including one summer. Classes begin in August of the junior year, and students graduate in May of their senior year. Students who have a bachelor's degree in a subject other than nursing may also apply to this option.

Applications accepted: October – December

**Accelerated BSN** – The accelerated bachelor of science in nursing (ABSN) offers students with a previous bachelor's degree the opportunity to attain their BSN in less time. Taking slightly less than one and a half calendar years to complete, it is a demanding curriculum requiring a time commitment greater than that usually expected for full-time employment. Classes begin in May, and students graduate in August of the following year.

Applications accepted: August – October

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

**First Degree Applicants** – Undergraduate students attending UNC may apply to the School of Nursing in their sophomore year. All other students pursuing their first bachelor's degree must apply to the School of Nursing as a transfer student.

**Second Degree Applicants** – Students who have a bachelor's degree in a subject other than nursing may apply for either the BSN or Accelerated BSN options of study and will have 60 credit hours from their earlier degree(s) counted toward the BSN.