

**RN to Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing**

**Master of Science in  
Nursing Administration**

**Master of Science in  
Nursing Education**



**SUNY EMPIRE  
STATE COLLEGE**

**School of Nursing**

## SUNY Empire State College's Nursing Degree Programs

Empire State College, of the State University of New York, provides a flexible and affordable pathway to distinguished degrees: an RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN), a Master of Science in Nursing Administration and a Master of Science in Nursing Education. These online programs are for licensed registered nurses who reside in New York state.

The mission of the SUNY Empire State College School of Nursing is congruent with the college's mission in creating learning environments that promote critical thinking, social responsibility and lifelong learning. The School of Nursing prepares nurses as leaders and full partners on interdisciplinary teams in complex health care environments within a global community.

The goals of the School of Nursing are to:

- » provide seamless academic progression,
- » promote collaborative and dynamic learning environments through both mentoring relationships and the use of technology,
- » promote professional values, including lifelong learning and professional-role development, allowing students to reach their full potential, and
- » provide accessible, affordable and flexible programs of study to meet the academic needs of the adult learner.



### **Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing**

SUNY Empire State College School of Nursing is home to the Tau Kappa At-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The mission of STTI is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service.



**The RN to BSN and the M.S. in Nursing Education programs at Empire State College are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>

### **Accreditation**

The college is accredited by the  
Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
3624 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
267-284-5000.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Accreditation.



## About SUNY Empire State College

SUNY Empire State College is one of the 13 arts and sciences colleges within the State University of New York, awarding associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. Offices of the college can be found in more than 35 communities throughout New York state.

The college also is the largest online provider in the SUNY system. SUNY Empire State College counts more than 73,000 graduates since its founding in 1971, and annually enrolls more than 20,000 adult students.

## Resources and Academic Support

Empire State College recognizes that adult learners face the challenge of pursuing their studies while meeting work, family and community commitments. The college offers a number of ways to study, including, but not limited to, a variety of online courses and clinical learning experiences based in the student's community.

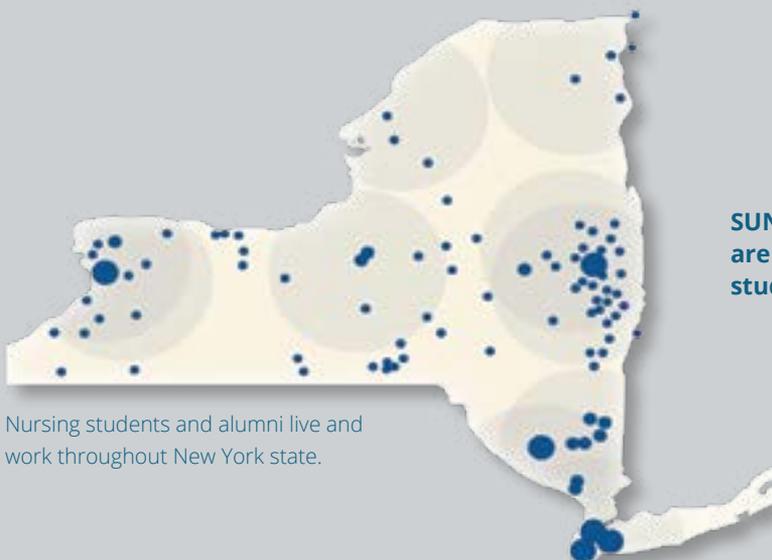
Learning resources include course information, community discussion spaces, access to library resources and academic support services. In addition to these web-based resources, students can take advantage of more than 35 physical locations across New York state, which provide local administrative support.

A master's or doctorally prepared mentor serves as a resource and guide from acceptance into the program until graduation. Students work with their mentor to define goals and identify credit options, incorporating prior college course work, as well as college-level learning gained from work and life experience.



"The Empire State College distance learning program has given me the tools and knowledge to advance in my nursing career while balancing family life and working full-time. As a student, I enjoy the unique learning experiences that I am able to apply to my everyday practice, both clinically and professionally as a business owner. The master's in nursing distance learning program at Empire State College has allowed me the flexibility to acquire new wisdom and skills that transfer into real life scenarios that improve patient care."

– David Theobald '13,  
M.S. in Nursing Education student



Nursing students and alumni live and work throughout New York state.

**SUNY Empire State College nursing programs are affordable and flexible, serving nursing students throughout New York state.**



## RN to BSN Admission Requirements

This upper-division nursing program includes online courses and two community-based precepted experiences. Most students enroll on a part-time basis and complete the program in about 24-36 months.

Admission requirements include:

- » an admissions application and essay,
- » an active, unencumbered New York state RN license, and
- » an associate degree or diploma from a New York state approved nursing program or equivalent.

## RN to BSN Curriculum

**Nursing Component 41 Credits**  
**General Learning Component 83 Credits**

The RN to BSN program requires a total of 124 credits completed through a combination of nursing component requirements, transfer credits and credits earned by meeting SUNY Empire State College general learning requirements.

### Core – 37 Credits

- » NUR203014: Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing (4 credits)
- » NUR203024: Advanced Health Assessment (4 credits)
- » NUR203044: Pharmacology (4 credits)
- » NUR203064: Nursing Informatics (4 credits)
- » NUR203074: Nursing Research (4 credits)
- » NUR204034: Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy (4 credits)
- » NUR204054: Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing (4 credits)
- » NUR204084: Community Health Nursing (4 credits)
- » NUR204095: Advanced Clinical Experience (5 credits)

*Clinical practice experience requirements are embedded in the Community Health Nursing and Advanced Clinical Experience courses. The clinical experiences are designed to meet both pre-determined and personal learning objectives. Students design their clinical and capstone experiences in collaboration with a faculty member and a local preceptor, with the learning objectives in mind.*

### Elective Requirement – 4 credits

More than 50 online courses have been approved by the nursing faculty to meet the elective requirement. In addition, selected professional certifications also have been approved to meet the elective requirement. The School of Nursing catalog and website include some examples of approved courses and certifications to meet the elective requirement. Some examples are:

- » NUR203204: Multigenerational Nursing (4 credits)
- » NUR203254: Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health (4 credits)
- » American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) (2 credits)
- » American Heart Association Pediatric Life Support (PALS) (2 credits)

- » Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board: Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (4 credits)
- » AACN Certification Corporation: Certification for Adult Critical Care Nurses (4 credits)
- » American Nurses Credentialing Center: Certified Gerontological Nurse (3 credits)
- » Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing: Certified Emergency Nurse (3 credits)
- » National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses: Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (3 credits)

### General Learning Component – 83 Credits

The remaining 83 credits are obtained via the transfer of credits and by completing SUNY Empire State College general learning requirements.

## Master of Science in Nursing Education and Master of Science in Nursing Administration Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include:

- » an admissions application and essay,
- » an active, unencumbered New York state RN license,
- » a bachelor's degree in nursing or a related field from a regionally accredited institution, and
- » a resumé that clearly demonstrates clinical practice as a registered nurse.

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## Master of Science in Nursing Education Curriculum

The M.S. in Nursing Education program requires a total of 42 credits, including six core courses, three graduate-level courses, four courses within the nursing education specialty, and one graduate elective course.



“At the School of Nursing, the flexibility of online education is combined with passionate faculty and personalized mentor support. Students are challenged to grow as students and professional nurses while being supported in achieving their educational and professional goals. I never imagined that such a strong sense of community and support could exist in distance learning.”

– Jennifer Pettis,  
M.S. in Nursing Education  
student

### Core – 18 Credits

- » NUR50000: Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- » NUR50100: Professional Role Development and Ethics (3 credits)
- » NUR50200: Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)
- » NUR50300: Informatics and Health Care Technology (3 credits)
- » NUR50400: Contemporary Issues in Health Care (3 credits)
- » NUR50500: Population Health, Human Diversity and Social Issues (3 credits)

### Additional Graduate-level Courses – 9 credits

- » NUR50600: Advanced Pathophysiology (3 credits)
- » NUR50700: Advanced Pharmacological Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- » NUR50800: Advanced Health and Physical Assessment (3 credits)

### Nursing Education Specialty Courses – 12 Credits

- » NUR60000: Curriculum and Program Development (3 credits)
- » NUR60100: Instructional Design and Teaching with Technology (3 credits)
- » NUR60200: Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation of Learners and Programs (3 credits)
- » NUR60900: Nursing Education Capstone (3 credits)

### Graduate-level Elective Requirement – 3 credits



**A master's or doctorally prepared advisor serves as a resource and guide from acceptance into the program until graduation.**



## Master of Science in Nursing Administration Curriculum

The M.S. in Nursing Administration program requires a total of 33 credits, including six core courses, four courses within the nursing administration specialty, and one graduate-level elective course.

### Core – 18 Credits

- » NUR50000: Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- » NUR50100: Professional Role Development and Ethics (3 credits)
- » NUR50200: Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)
- » NUR50300: Informatics and Health Care Technology (3 credits)
- » NUR50400: Contemporary Issues in Health Care (3 credits)
- » NUR50500: Population Health, Human Diversity and Social Issues (3 credits)

### Nursing Administration Specialty Courses – 12 credits

- » NUR560300 Healthcare Finance and Budgeting (3 credits)
- » NUR560400 Organizational Theory and Human Resource Management (3 credits)
- » NUR560500 Innovative Leadership in Healthcare Organizations (3 credits)
- » NUR561000 Nursing Administration Capstone (3 credits)

### Graduate-level Elective Requirement – 3 credits

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## Application Deadlines

The School of Nursing accepts applications for the fall and spring terms only, and has limited capacity. If we are unable to accommodate you in the term that is your first choice, your application will be given preference in the next available term. All application materials must be submitted by the deadlines below:

- » **June 1** for fall class
- » **Oct. 1** for spring class

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You can earn credit for prior college-level learning and apply it toward your bachelor's degree. Your mentor will help you determine what relevant college-level learning you already have.

*PLUS*, the college accepts credits from accredited institutions if those credits are appropriate for your nursing degree program at Empire State College.

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