



GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY
HUNT SCHOOL *of* NURSING

Graduate and Degree Completion Programs



The Hunt School of Nursing has a rich history of graduating highly-skilled nursing professionals. Nursing education began at Gardner-Webb in 1965 by offering an associate degree program (ADN) but has now expanded to include the accelerated BSN, traditional BSN, RN to BSN, MSN program that includes education, administration and FNP tracks and the DNP program. We offer a post-baccalaureate certificate in nursing education, and post-master's certificates in nursing education, nursing administration, and family nurse practitioner.

Our Hunt School of Nursing provides excellent, high-quality, student-centered programs based on current national competencies of nursing practice. Our diverse student population is taught to meet the global healthcare needs of individuals, groups and communities. Holistic nursing practice, Christian caring, critical thinking, and professionalism are modeled by each nursing faculty member.

With over 600 students enrolled in our nursing program, the Hunt School of Nursing is one of the most prominent members of the Gardner-Webb family. Our students learn in a state-of-the-art environment that includes opportunities to participate in interprofessional as well as international practice.

The Hunt School of Nursing offers opportunities to begin your nursing career as well as advance your practice. Face-to-face classes are available for the ADN and traditional BSN students. Online and hybrid opportunities are available for the RN to BSN, MSN, and DNP students and are arranged to meet the needs of the working professional.

We would love to have you become a member of our Hunt School of Nursing family.



Dr. Sharon Starr
Dean, Hunt School of Nursing

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (post-master's entry) curriculum addresses the foundational competencies for all advanced nursing practice roles and prepares you to translate knowledge quickly and effectively to benefit nursing practice.

The program culminates in a DNP project that prepares leaders to impact their area of expertise through a focus on the practical implementation of research as well as immersion in a relevant setting. The DNP offers advanced study of the following topics.

- Nursing Leadership
 - Nursing Theory
 - Evidence-based Practice
 - Multivariate Statistics
 - Information Systems
 - Healthcare Delivery Systems
 - Healthcare Policy
 - Economics
 - Teaching
 - Epidemiology
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FAQS

- The program is 36 credit hours in two years of full-time study.
- Graduates of the Gardner-Webb University DNP program are prepared for leadership roles in a variety of healthcare practice settings including education, administration, and direct care advanced practice nursing.
- Coursework is presented in an executive format including 20-23 clock hours on campus in NC for student/faculty collaboration and student/faculty presentations, clarification of theoretical content, and course requirements.
- The remainder of the semester includes online lectures, presentations, writing assignments, and interactive class discussions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Current, unrestricted licensure as a Registered Nurse
- Official transcripts indicating an MSN degree from a regionally accredited institution with a nationally accredited program
- Certifications in practice area (if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation (professional and academic)
- Validation of the number of hours of nursing practice completed at the post-baccalaureate level as part of a supervised academic program
- Current curriculum vitae
- Written essay addressing goals related to doctoral education in nursing, including a description of a practice research interest
- Satisfactory criminal background check
- Interview with the Hunt School of Nursing Admissions Committee

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree will provide you with an advanced and comprehensive nursing education, while also preparing you for career opportunities in nursing administration, education or primary healthcare service through focused curriculum concentrations.

NURSING ADMINISTRATION

FAQS

- 30 to 36 credit hours of graduate coursework offered online
- Offered in collaboration with the Godbold School of Business
- Prepares the professional nurse for leadership roles in healthcare organizations

NURSING EDUCATION

FAQS

- 30 to 36 credit hours of graduate coursework offered online
- Prepares students to become professional educators in an academic or healthcare setting
- Allows students the opportunity to enhance their clinical expertise from a theoretical perspective and to apply nursing education and learning principles in practice settings

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution with a nationally accredited nursing program
- Current, unrestricted licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in the United States
- GPA of 2.70 or better on all undergraduate work as evidenced by transcripts of all previous college studies
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) (GRE required for the MSN/MBA program)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Current, official, satisfactory criminal background check results from the state of current residence and any other state lived in during the past ten years
- Immunizations as required by the University and Hunt School of Nursing
- Completion of a graduate or undergraduate general statistics course which included probability theory, inferential statistics, and descriptive statistics with a grade of "C" or better

RN applicants with a baccalaureate degree in another field may be accepted but must meet additional requirements.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

FAQS

- 51-credit-hour program, offered in a hybrid format
- Meets the Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies established by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and prepares students for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution with a nationally accredited nursing program
- Current, unrestricted licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse
- GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate work
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Transcripts of all previous college studies
- Three letters of reference
- Two years of full-time, active RN practice (one year = 2,040 hours) over the past three years with a Statement of Description of Work Experience
- Current, official, satisfactory criminal background check results from the state of current residence and any other state lived in during the past ten years
- Immunizations as required by the University and Hunt School of Nursing
- Satisfactory completion of a graduate or undergraduate general statistics course which included probability theory, inferential statistics, and descriptive statistics



MSN/MBA DUAL DEGREE

FAQS

- 69 credit-hour interdisciplinary program that combines nursing leadership with a working knowledge of business and managerial skills

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MSN/MBA dual-degree students must apply to the School of Graduate Studies as well as to the Graduate School of Business, follow the admission requirements of the respective programs, and be accepted to each in order to pursue both degrees. Also, when academic policies and standards differ between the two schools, the policies and standards of the appropriate school apply to the respective portion of the dual degree. Candidates for the dual degree must complete the requirements for both degrees prior to graduation.

RN TO BSN

The online Davis RN-BSN Program will prepare you for leadership positions in your career as a Registered Nurse (RN). Emphasizing holistic healthcare grounded in Christian values, the curriculum focuses on clinical competence, therapeutic relationships, and social awareness. Graduates are employed at hospitals, medical centers, schools, nursing homes, rehab centers, and more.

CURRICULUM TOPICS

Concepts in Professional Nursing

Research in Nursing

Trends in Health Care

Communication Skills in Nursing

Advanced Health Assessment

Nursing Care of the Older Adult

Leadership/Management in Nursing Senior Seminar

Community and Public Health Nursing/Practicum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- An associate degree with a major in nursing or a hospital diploma nursing program (graduates of these programs may earn a maximum of 40 hours of nursing credit upon successful completion of nine hours of nursing through Gardner-Webb)
- Current, unrestricted RN licensure
- One year of nursing experience within the past five years or completion of a nursing program within the past year
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Immunizations required by the University and Hunt School of Nursing
- Proof of satisfactory criminal background check



ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) will combine your previous bachelor's degree with a nursing core for you to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Graduates are eligible for credentialing as a Registered Nurse through successful completion of the National Counsel Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) and are prepared academically to continue their education at the graduate level.

CURRICULUM TOPICS

Nursing Assessment	Essentials of Nursing Management/ Leadership
Introduction to Nursing	Research for Evidence-based Practice
Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	Nursing Care of the Older Adult
Communication Skills in Nursing	Nursing Trends and Issues
Adult Health I	Essentials of Public Health and Community Nursing
Concepts in Professional Nursing	
Maternal/Child Nursing	

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum SAT score of 1050 (with at least a 500 Critical Reading and 500 Math) if taken before 3/1/16 or minimum SAT score of 1130 (with at least a 530 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 530 Math) if taken after 3/1/16, ACT of 22, satisfactory TEAS test score, or satisfactory Kaplan Admission Test score
- CNA-I Certification
- American Heart Association BLS Certification
- Immunizations required by the University and Hunt School of Nursing
- Prerequisite courses: Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and a Religion course



NURSING CERTIFICATES

POST-BACCALAUREATE NURSING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

FAQS

- The program is 10 credit hours and allows students to meet the North Carolina Board of Nursing requirements for nurse educators teaching in pre-licensure programs.
- Students must meet all requirements for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program. Students will receive academic credit for courses taken with a grade of “B” or better, which may be applied toward their MSN degree.
- Curriculum topics include The Nurse Educator, Curriculum Theory and Application, Instructional and Evaluation Strategies, and Advanced Nursing Specialty Practicum.

POST-MASTER’S NURSING ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE

FAQS

- The program is 10 credit hours and prepares students to take a national certification examination for Nurse Executives.
- Curriculum topics include Nursing Economics and Finance, Administration of Nursing and Healthcare Organizations, Healthcare Law and Ethics, and Advanced Nursing Specialty Practicum.

POST-MASTER’S NURSING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

FAQS

- The program is 10 credit hours and prepares students to take a national certification examination for Nurse Educators.
- Curriculum topics include The Nurse Educator, Curriculum Theory and Application, Instructional and Evaluation Strategies, and Advanced Nursing Specialty Practicum.

POST-MASTER’S FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

FAQS

- The program is 36 credit hours and prepares students with the knowledge and clinical experience needed to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner national certification examination.
- The course delivery is hybrid, offering a mix of online and face-to-face learning environments.



Amber Hinson

Before she came to the Hunt School of Nursing at Gardner-Webb University, Amber Smith Hinson ('16) and her husband, Grant, began a unique ministry. Stepping out in faith, they left their jobs, packed up their children and moved into a mobile home in Lancaster, S.C.



With input from a pastor in the area, Hinson and her husband started The Connection Ministry at Countryside Mobile Home Park, which has approximately 185 trailers and over 700 residents. The local sheriff's office describes the community as one of the most crime-ridden in the area. "Our purpose in ministry is to connect our neighbors to Christ and show them that we are all equal and have a purpose in life," Hinson shared.



She has a bachelor's degree in nursing and had been applying to graduate schools before the couple came to the mobile home park. Because healthcare is one of the needs in the community, she and her husband realized that if she earned a Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certificate, it would be beneficial to their ministry. Friends recommended the program at Gardner-Webb.

"When my husband and I decided it was time for me to go back to school, we began to pray about our options," Hinson reflected. "Because of our faith background, Gardner-Webb seemed like a great option, where I could learn more about nursing while keeping my focus on Jesus Christ. In obtaining my master's in nursing, I hope to incorporate an aspect of healthcare into our ministry. This is an area of need, as well, that we can use to connect people to Christ and allow them to see His goodness."

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advance your
nursing practice.**

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