

FOR A
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WORLD



NURSING PROGRAMS

FOR ADULT STUDENTS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Healthcare Systems
Leadership

Nursing Education

Family Nurse Practitioner

Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner

Adult Gerontology Acute
Care Nurse Practitioner

Adult Gerontology Primary
Care Nurse Practitioner

School Nurse

RN TO MSN

MSN/MBA DUAL DEGREE

CERTIFICATES OF ADVANCED STUDY

Family Nurse Practitioner

Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner *(online only)*

Adult Gerontology Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner *(online only)*

Adult Gerontology Primary
Care Nurse Practitioner

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Nursing Education

Healthcare Systems
Leadership

School Nurse Program

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE



DEAR PROSPECTIVE GRADUATE NURSING STUDENT

This is an exciting time for nurses to pursue advanced professional education. Nurses are developing expertise in new roles and alternative models of care. They serve in leadership positions and on interdisciplinary teams to improve the overall health of individuals, organizations, communities, and society. Lewis University prepares students to be change agents in transforming the healthcare system, addressing social determinants of health, the holistic aspect of human beings, and the inequities that impact access, quality, and health to all.

Registered nurses entering our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program may choose among a variety of specialty tracks, including Healthcare Systems Leadership, Nursing Education, School Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Lewis University also offers Post-Graduate certificate programs in some tracks for the professional nurse who already has a master's degree in nursing. Graduates in each of the advanced practice specialty areas will be eligible to sit for the certification examination within that area. Graduate students preparing for leadership can also choose the dual degree MSN/MBA program, which allows the student to earn both an MSN and MBA degree at the same time. For nurses who wish to practice at the highest level of clinical practice we offer the online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Students may choose to progress through the program on a full-time or part-time basis, with courses offered in person, online, or hybrid.

Our aim is for future graduates to apply nursing science and advanced skills to serve as innovative leaders and develop solutions that will impact access to care, promote social justice, and influence system change. I hope you decide to join us on this pursuit to be a change agent and advance our profession.

Best regards,



Pamela Taylor, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC
Chair, Graduate Department of Nursing
Lewis University



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STUDENT/
FACULTY
RATIO

30
FULL-TIME
FACULTY

96%
EMPLOYMENT
RATE

Become an **EXPERT PRACTITIONER**

PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

Modern healthcare is a complex system that's constantly changing. The industry needs professionals who can take on a leadership position and help patients navigate their healthcare needs while providing a holistic approach. At Lewis University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, our programs are designed to challenge you to **think critically**, **search for truth** and **generate new knowledge through scholarship and innovation**. Through the instruction of dedicated faculty who are scholars and practitioners in their fields, whether **online or in person**, in our state-of-the-art simulation labs, you'll gain the skills to respond decisively and ethically as a graduate of any of our graduate programs.



MORE GRADUATE STUDENTS CHOOSE LEWIS

Take a closer look at Lewis and you'll find we're more than a place to earn your degree. You will work alongside a diverse group of faculty and peers in a supportive environment to learn the latest competencies to achieve your personal and professional goals. You will leave Lewis with a passion to make a difference.

EARN YOUR DEGREE AT YOUR OWN PACE

We know that juggling work, family and education can be challenging. At Lewis, we respect your need to find the proper balance in your life. Programs are offered in multiple formats, including:

- ▶ **8-week accelerated classes**
- ▶ **Online**
- ▶ **Evening classes at Oak Brook**

We want you to have options so you can find something that works best for you.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

- ▶ All master's programs are designed specifically for the Registered Nurse and are nationally accredited by the Commission



- on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- ▶ State-of-the-art simulation nursing labs provide a safe, supportive environment to practice problem-solving and develop clinical judgment based on patient symptoms.
- ▶ Seven fully equipped patient exam rooms in Oak Brook allow nurses to advance their knowledge to become nurse practitioners and other advanced nursing experts.
- ▶ Named #1 best private college value in Illinois by Great Value Colleges.



- ▶ Acute Care Labs in Oak Brook are designed to simulate emergency room settings.
- ▶ Small, interactive classes allow nurses to grow with their peers, led by dedicated faculty who are expert practitioners in their field.
- ▶ Employer tuition discount and deferral plans make Lewis one of the more affordable private universities in the Chicago area.

MASTER OF SCIENCE Nursing (MSN)

Lewis University offers a core set of master's level courses with seven different specialized areas of practice.

CHOOSE FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT SPECIALIZATIONS

- ▶ **Healthcare Systems Leadership**
- ▶ **Nursing Education**
- ▶ **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**
- ▶ **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**
- ▶ **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)**
- ▶ **Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)**
- ▶ **School Nurse**
- ▶ **RN-MSN for all specialties**



MSN VISION

To develop nursing leaders with expertise in translating evidence into practice in order to impact health outcomes for individuals, populations and systems.

RECENT PASS RATES (2021)

MSN / FNP		MSN / AGACNP	
94%	AANPCP* (16/17)	96.7%	ANCC** (43/44)
		100%	ANCC** (14/14)

* American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCP)

** American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)



Erin Gee '16
MSN / Nursing Education

Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

"I'd been looking for a way to transition out of clinical work and into an educational role. I chose Lewis' MSN with a specialization in Education because of the school's good reputation, as well as the convenience of classes being available close to where I live, and the affordability my employer's partnership with them provided. The program is fantastic. It's small enough for the students to be seen as individuals with enough flexibility that peoples' respective needs can be met while still resulting in a well-rounded degree. I've already seen increased opportunities for transitioning into my desired role. Plus, management and my peers are looking to me as a voice of leadership for my unit. I'm really grateful for the opportunities it's given me."

92% of graduates feel well prepared for their nursing career.



Samantha Rodriguez '12 '20

BSN, MBA

System Manager of
Neurosciences Programs
and Acute Care Services

Edward-Elmhurst Health

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

“The MSN/MBA program at Lewis University diversified my experiences, allowing me to embrace and navigate the complexities of healthcare systems. The culture at Lewis fostered a growth mindset – nurses have the ability to implement large-scale changes at the local and national level. My education helped to prepare me for a role in which I am able to support and mentor other healthcare providers, as well as develop programs that impact patient outcomes and the health of my community.”

The Illinois Nurses Foundation selected Samantha as a **#40under40 Emerging Nurse Leader**.

TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR MSN DEGREE

Time to complete each specialization can vary depending on the area of specialization and whether you are working full-time or part-time. **On average, anywhere from 1 year for the School Nurse non-degree program to 3 ½ years for master’s programs.**

Degree	Credit Hours	Clinical Hours
▶ Nursing Education	40	450
▶ Healthcare Systems Leadership	36	300
▶ Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	46	540
▶ Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	46	540
▶ Family Nurse Practitioner	48	630
▶ Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	49	540
▶ School Nurse	38	300 non-degree 450 degree

Complete MSN coursework and transition seamlessly to the DNP



MSN/MBA

Increase your professional opportunities by combining your passion for nursing with the business acumen necessary for leading a healthcare organization by enrolling in Lewis University’s MSN/MBA Dual Degree program. The dual degree program is based on the MSN with Healthcare Systems Leadership specialization and MBA curricula.

EMPLOYER TUITION DISCOUNTS

We're dedicated to making your education as affordable as possible. **That's why Lewis offers transfer-friendly credit policies, employer tuition discounts and tuition deferral plans.** A list of healthcare partnerships follows. To view a complete list of discounts for partners visit lewisu.edu/admissions/financial/partnership.htm

- ▶ Advocate Aurora Health
- ▶ Alverno Laboratories
- ▶ American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- ▶ Ascension Health
- ▶ Ascension St. Joseph Medical Center
- ▶ Duly Medical Group
- ▶ Edward-Elmhurst
- ▶ Freeport Health System (FHN)
- ▶ Health Care Service Corporation
- ▶ Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders
- ▶ MacNeal Hospital
- ▶ Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
- ▶ Morris Hospital
- ▶ Northwestern Medicine
- ▶ Riverside Healthcare System
- ▶ RUSH
- ▶ Silver Cross Hospital
- ▶ Vanguard Health System
- ▶ Vista Health System

EARN MORE THAN THOSE WITHOUT A GRADUATE DEGREE

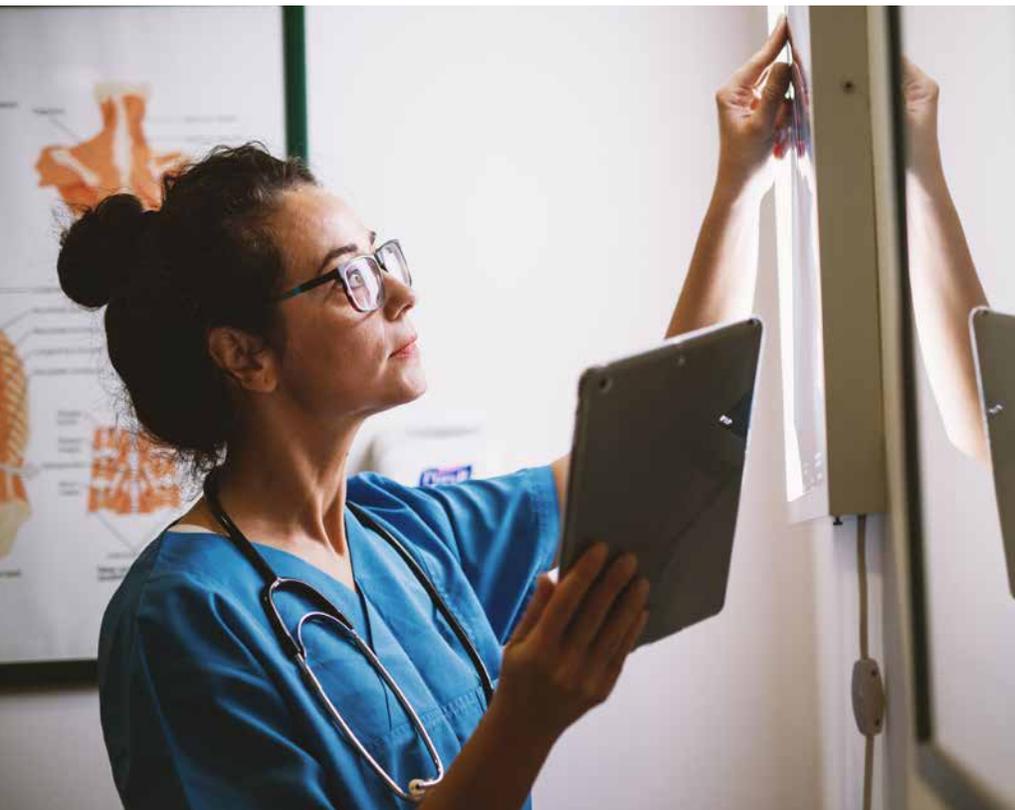
Many nurses question whether it is worth it for them to further their education by earning a Master of Science in Nursing degree. There are several reasons why an RN may choose to go back to school, including the opportunity to expand their practice, increase their impact and of course the increased MSN salary.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, **the overall employment of APRNs is expected to grow by 40% from 2020 to 2030**, much faster than the average for all occupations. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that **MSN-prepared nurses, on average, make \$42,000 more than RNs.** Salaries vary according to the specialty and region of the country.

WHERE DO OUR ALUMNI WORK?*

- ▶ Advocate Aurora Health
- ▶ Advocate Christ Medical Center
- ▶ Advocate Health Care
- ▶ AMITA Health
- ▶ Edward Hospital
- ▶ Northwestern Medicine
- ▶ RUSH Copley Medical Center
- ▶ RUSH University Medical Center
- ▶ Silver Cross Hospital
- ▶ UChicago Medicine

* *LinkedIn, January 2023*





DNP DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE & Certificates of Advanced Study



Lewis University's Doctor of Nursing Practice builds upon nurses' expert practice skills with coursework on quality improvement, evidence-based performance and systems approaches in order to **help you better meet the healthcare needs of the public**.

CERTIFICATES OF ADVANCED STUDY ARE OFFERED IN:

- ▶ **Family Nurse Practitioner**
- ▶ **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
- ▶ **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
- ▶ **Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**

APPLY NOW

- **No GRE required**
- **Rolling admission 3X/year**



APPLYING TO LEWIS UNIVERSITY IS SIMPLE

- ▶ Complete the **Graduate Application** at grad.lewisu.edu/apply.
- ▶ **Submit official transcripts** from all colleges or universities attended.
- ▶ Provide **two Recommendation Forms**.
- ▶ Send a **current resume or curriculum vitae**.
- ▶ Send copy of a **valid nursing license**.
- ▶ **Write a 500-word essay** detailing the skills and qualities you'll bring to the role you're pursuing, the most important things a student needs to learn to be successful in said role, and how Lewis' Mission integrates with your personal and professional identity.

It is expected that students will begin taking courses in the semester immediately following the date of admission. Early application is encouraged and recommended.



OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS

Lewis University participates in the National Council for State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreements. NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. As a participating institution, Lewis University may offer online programming to students in other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state. Lewis does accept students from many states beyond Illinois.

If the online program that you are considering requires a professional license in your home state, we urge you to contact the appropriate licensing agency in your state for guidance before embarking on an academic program located outside of your state. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing offers a list of clinical and licensing requirements by state/territory.

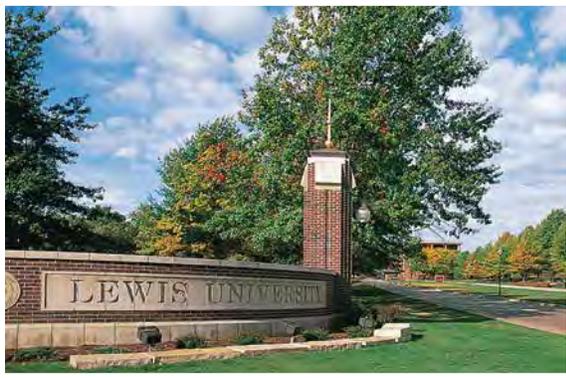
It is highly recommended that you speak with Graduate Admissions (grad@lewisu.edu) if you are an out-of-state student.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

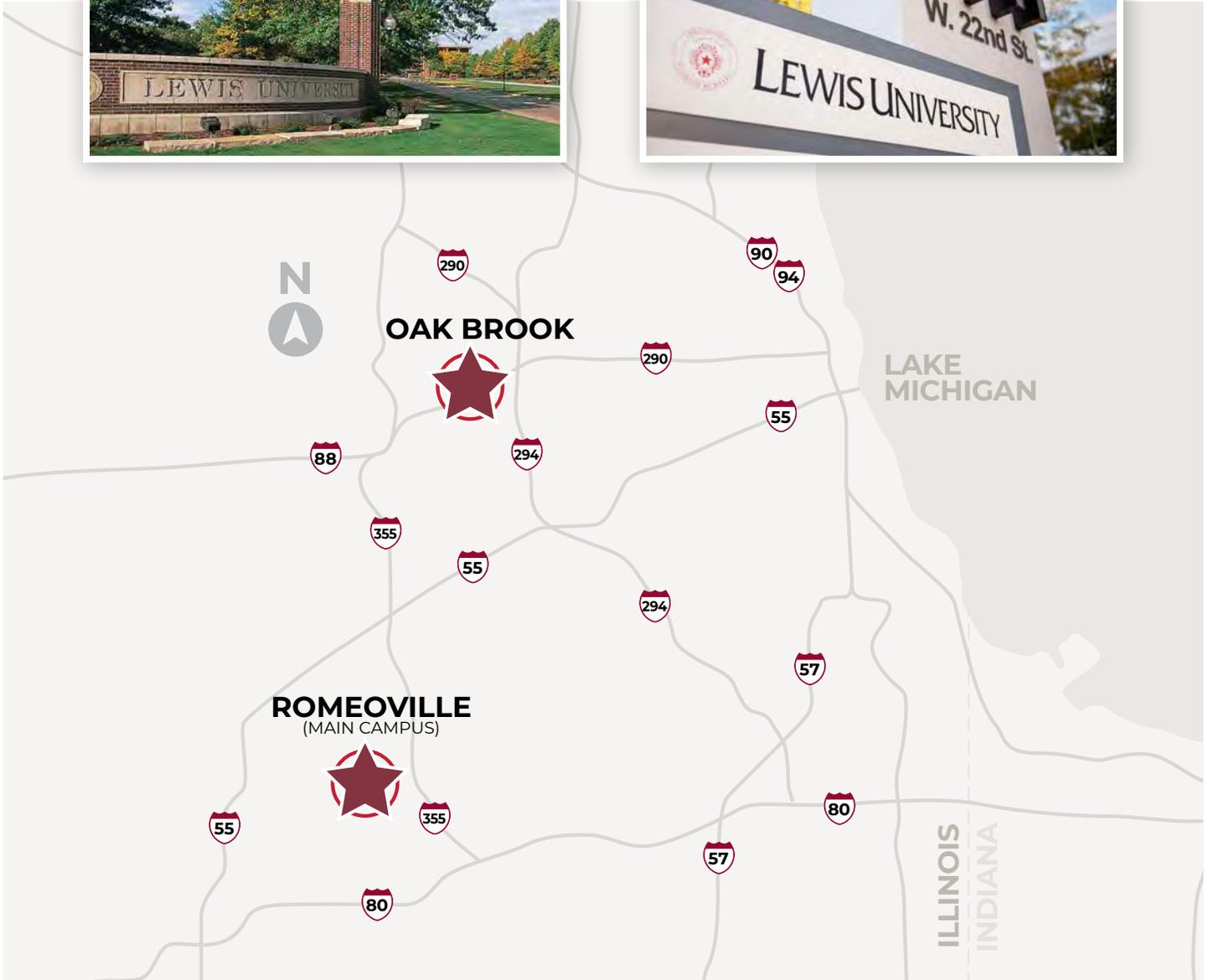
Contact the Office of Graduate Admission at (815)836-5610 or grad@lewisu.edu for further information on any of our programs. We'd love to hear from you.



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Lewis University at Oak Brook



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