Certificate Programs

Be the nurse tomorrow needs.

The health care landscape is constantly evolving, and organizations must find clinical staff with specialized skills for meeting today’s new challenges. The University of Phoenix® School of Nursing offers several certificate options to help you quickly build expertise in specific areas of need within the health care field.

Some of the certificates may be taken as stand-alone programs, while others may be earned while you are en route to a master’s or doctoral degree.

Post-bachelor’s certificate options:

**Gerontology:** Designed for health care professionals working in diverse areas of the industry, this certificate will provide you with the knowledge and skills to more effectively address the unique needs of the expanding older adult population. You will gain insight into the biological process of aging and its effects on physical and mental health, social and cultural aspects of aging, the existing social service and long-term care landscape, and how these many factors intersect with public policy, economics, diversity, disability and more.

**Informatics:** As the world goes digital, the health care industry is racing to move decades of medical records to an online format — and to establish high-tech solutions for efficiently managing data into the future. In this certificate, you will gain a strong foundational understanding of informatics (the science of processing data for storage and retrieval), including the essential resources and methods that can help you make effective decisions regarding the acquisition, storage, retrieval and use of information in a health care environment.

**Nursing/Health Care Education:** Designed for individuals currently working in the health care field, this program will prepare you to teach the next generation of nursing and health care professionals. You will gain a deeper understanding of the critical role and related ethical responsibilities of health care educators, as well as practical knowledge and skills in the areas of curriculum development, teaching and learning strategies, and assessment and evaluation.

**Post-master’s certificate options:**

**Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner**: This 41-credit, 32-month certificate program will help you gain the training and credentials you need to provide a range of primary care services to your patients — from assessment and diagnosis to treatment of common conditions and preventative care services. In addition to advanced coursework in areas such as anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, physical examinations and diagnosing, you will complete a series of combined theory and clinical courses through which you will gain deeper knowledge about the management of normal and common pathological conditions in various populations. Upon completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Family Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (FNP-BC) credential or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Family Nurse Practitioner-Certified (FNP-C) credential.

**Post-Master’s Nurse Administrator:** Designed specifically for registered nurses, this program will help prepare you for administrative leadership roles in a variety of health care settings. You will explore organizational and management theory, quality and performance management, human resources and financial accounting for health care organizations, informatics and more. Upon completion of the program, graduates with the required practice experience will be prepared to sit for the ANCC Nurse Executive-Board Certified (NE-BC) exam.

**Post-Master’s Nurse Education:** Prepare for a leadership role in nurse education and training in a range of educational or practice settings. In this program, you will explore the role that nurse educators play in research, education, community, service and practice — and the related rights and ethical responsibilities inherent in the profession. You will deepen your knowledge in the areas of learning theory and pedagogy, while gaining concrete skills in curriculum development and instructional design as well as assessment, measurement and evaluation. You will also have the opportunity to select a concentration in Nursing Administration or Nursing Education to develop further expertise in your particular area of interest. Upon completion of the program, you will be prepared to sit for the NLN Certified Nursing Educator (CNE) exam.

* Available only at select campus locations in Arizona and California.
Our curriculum is designed to align with leading industry organizations, such as:

- Quality & Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN)
- American Nurses Association (ANA)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN®)
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE®)
- National Center for Healthcare Leadership Competencies (NCHL)
- Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)

Benefits of being a Phoenix:

- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and aligns with industry standards
- Average class size of 14.3 students
- Taught by nursing professionals with an average of 20.3 years of experience
- Opportunities to receive credit for your prior academic and professional experience, potentially shortening your program length
- Access to the Phoenix Career Guidance System™ to help you identify career options and develop the skills and connections to help you achieve your goals
- Nursing Navigators who will help you develop an educational plan that aligns with your unique skills and career objectives

For more information, please visit phoenix.edu/nursing, or call 800.283.0166 to speak with a dedicated Enrollment Representative.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing at the University of Phoenix College of Health Professions offers graduate, undergraduate and certificate programs that prepare nurses for the new challenges and ever-expanding roles they play in today’s health care field. In an era of unprecedented change — from shifting patient demographics, to the emergence of new models like telemedicine and retail medicine, to an increasingly complex licensing and credentialing environment — the School of Nursing is committed to helping students navigate the changes and remain on the leading edge of their professions.