"Advanced Practice Nurses" include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists (CNS), nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and others. They are primary and acute health care providers. License depends on specialty and generally allows advanced practice nurses to conduct physical exams, order and interpret lab tests, diagnose and treat illnesses, and counsel patients. They are independent practitioners.

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN)
Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN); ANN Conferences
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Accelerated Nursing Programs: Facts and Advice
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Air Force Nurse Career Information
Allnurses.com
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American Association for Men in Nursing (AAMN); Scholarships
American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN)
American Association of Colleges of Nursing Scholarships and Financial Aid Information; Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN); Scholarships
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American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
American Nurse Practitioners (ANPF) Scholarships and Grants
American Nurses Association (ANA); Career Center
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American Nurses Foundation
American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA); Grants and Scholarships
American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (ASORN)
Army Nurse Corps
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Army Nursing Career
Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA); Scholarship
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN); AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo, March 28 - April 1, 2020; Scholarships
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Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN): Awards, Grants and Scholarships
Bureau of Health Workforce Health Resources and Services Administration Nursing Grants
CampusRN.com
Clinical Nurse Specialist Career Guide
Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
Diversity in Nursing: Males Nurses and Minorities
DNP vs PhD in Nursing: What's the Difference?
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree
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Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Interview Questions Guide
Doctoral Degrees in Nursing
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Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS)
Emergency Nurses Association (ENA); ENA Foundation Scholarship Opportunities
Exceptional Nurse.com
Family Nurse Practitioner Career
Family Nurse Practitioner Career Guide
Family Nurse Practitioner Career Information
Federal Nursing Student Loans
Financial Aid for Minority Nursing Students
Financial Aid Guide
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Financial Aid Overview and Scholarships
Flight Nurse Career Guide
Forensic Nurse Career Guide
Forensic Nurse Specialties
Frontier Nursing University Courier Program Summer Health Internships
Funding Your Nursing School Education
Gender Stereotypes in Nursing
Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)
Labor and Delivery Nurse Career Guide
Male Nurse Career Benefits
Male Nurse Demand Rising
Male Nurse Experiences
Male Nurse Growth in Health Care
Male Nurse Info
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Male Nurses Explain Why Nursing Is a Job of the Future for Men
Male Nurses: Gaining Influence and Breaking Stereotypes
Male Nurses Increasingly Entering the Workforce
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Men in Nursing
Men in Nursing and Nursing School
Men in Nursing: Being a Male Nurse
Men in Nursing Guide
Men in Nursing Opportunities
Men in Nursing Sees Big Increase
Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS)
Minorities in Nursing Guide
MinorityNurse.com; Scholarship Listing
Minority Nursing Scholarship
National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN); NAHN Nursing Scholarships
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Black Nurses Association (NBNA); NBNA Scholarship Program
National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR); NINR Links
National, International, and State Nurse Practitioner Associations List
National League for Nursing (NLN); NLN Foundation for Nursing Education Scholarship Awards
National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA); Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) Scholarships
Navy Nursing Careers
Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse Career Guide
Neonatal Nursing Schools and Careers
Nurse Anesthetist Career Guide
Nurse Anesthetist Career Information
Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners
Occupational Outlook
Nurse Career and Education News
NURSE Corps Scholarship Program; Loan Repayment Program
Nurse Educator Career Guide
NurseGroups.com
Nurse Midwife Career Information
Advanced Practice Programs are master's degree programs leading to M.S.N. Types of Advanced Practice Nurses include N.P. (Nurse Practitioner), C.N.S (Clinical Nurse Specialist), Nurse-Midwife, Nurse Anesthetist, and others.

Program Length
2 years beyond the B.S.N. Accelerated B.S.N. Programs, 1 year. Direct Entry Master's Programs, approximately 3 years.

Professional Schools' Organization
AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing); Nursing Program Search
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; Search ACEN Accredit Nursing Programs
Best Nursing Programs
Find a Nursing School
Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) into Nursing at UMass. Med.
Master's Degree in Nursing Programs
NLN Foundation for Nursing Education
Nursing Degrees and Programs
Nursing Graduate Programs
Top Nursing Schools

Application Service
NursingCAS (Nursing Centralized Application Service)
NursingCAS Participating Schools
Fee Assistance Program

Academic Admission Requirements
Direct Entry Master's Programs vary in their requirements. Some common requirements include Human Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, General Chemistry, Statistics, Psychology (Developmental, Abnormal), English.

Admission Exam
GRE

Personal Attributes & Experiences
Maturity, motivation, commitment to and interest in working closely with patients, sense of activism and interest in social justice, ability to work independently. Direct patient care experience.

Recommendation Letters
Individual letters of support.