The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is designed for nurses with a bachelor’s degree in nursing who are ready to take on greater leadership roles in healthcare and education. Recent healthcare reforms and the ongoing shortage of nurse educators have increased the demand for nurses with master’s degrees who can help fill the gap in meeting the needs of a growing patient population.

MSN students take a variety of core courses, including content in: ethics and advocacy; advanced pathophysiology; assessment, and pharmacology; leadership for the profession; health policy; and research. The two tracks offered build on this strong foundation, with courses grounded in biblical truth.

This program will offer you a unique, distinctive online format. Students in the Master of Science in Nursing program must choose one of two emphases: Clinical Care Management in Adult and Geriatrics or Nursing Education.
Emphases for the Master of Science in Nursing

To help address the growing demand for expert nurses with a master’s degree, CCU’s online MSN program offers nursing students two opportunities for specialization. Students must choose one emphasis.

**CLINICAL CARE MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS**

The Clinical Care Management in Adult and Geriatrics emphasis prepares nurses to work in diverse settings as a clinician, consultant, and coordinator of healthcare for adult and geriatric populations. This emphasis focuses on clinical prevention and improved health outcomes for patients with acute and chronic diseases. The program emphasizes the core foundations of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in adult and geriatrics, which is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) specialty role. Students build expertise in CNS competencies, regulatory requirements, and Christian principles as a moral leader and change agent for various adult populations. Clinical practicum experiences are distributed over five courses for a total of 500 clinical hours.

**NURSING EDUCATION EMPHASIS**

The Nursing Education emphasis prepares nurses to work as nurse educators in diverse settings such as colleges and universities, hospitals, long-term care, or home health and public health. The program emphasizes faith and learning while integrating holistic teaching methods, instructional design, Christian principles, teaching/learning principles, staff development strategies, student/nurse assessment, and program evaluation. The nursing graduate will be an innovative change agent while teaching within academic or healthcare settings with experience in using best practices in teaching. Clinical practicum experiences are distributed over four courses for a total of 245 clinical hours.

**Program Features**

- The online format enables nurses to earn their Master of Science in Nursing online, right in their home community, while collaborating with other nurses throughout the country.
- Students have opportunities throughout the coursework to develop specialized nursing competency with a biblical worldview.
- The MSN program utilizes a variety of accreditation standards to help prepare graduates for national certification.
- CCU coursework integrates faith, learning, and living with emphasis on biblical principles, moral leadership, and advanced nursing roles.

Learn more about Colorado Christian University’s Master of Science in Nursing program offered through the College of Adult and Graduate Studies: [ccu.edu/msn](http://ccu.edu/msn).