



NURSING

Program Objectives

This program prepares individuals to begin their nursing practice in a variety of health care settings and in specialty areas. Graduates possess the foundation needed to assume beginning leadership and management positions and to begin graduate studies. The regular B.S. in nursing and the R.N. studies option are available in both Portland and Lewiston-Auburn. The nursing programs are approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The philosophy of the School of Nursing is built on the concept of community. This community of scholarship creates an environment for reflective learning, faculty and student interactions, and partnering with persons of diverse backgrounds. The faculty are committed to facilitating progress toward current national health care goals and initiatives. Our philosophy supports multiple ways of knowing, emphasizes reflective evidence-based nursing practice, and promotes lifelong learning.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science

Major Offered: Nursing, Nursing-Accelerated Program,
RN to Bachelor of Science Degree

Minor Offered: Holistic Health

School of Nursing

Portland Campus, Masterton Hall
Lewiston-Auburn Campus, 51 LAC
(207) 780-4505, Portland Campus

Web Address: usm.maine.edu/nursing

Career Possibilities*

Acute Care Nurse
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse
Certified Nurse Midwives
Critical Care Nurse
Clinical Nurse Specialists
Critical Care Nurse
Informatics Nurse Specialists
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses
Medical and Health Service Managers
Nurse Administrators
Nurse Anesthetists
Nurse Educators
Nurse Practitioners
Registered Nurse
Social Services

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active Listening
Communication
Critical Thinking
Detail Oriented
Judgment & Decision Making
Organization
Patience
Social Perceptiveness
Workplace Flexibility

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Staff Nursing	Hospitals Physicians' offices and medical groups Nursing care facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadow nurses in different settings to learn which ones appeal to you. Externship or internship programs. Develop patience, the ability to work with both patients and families for long periods. Learn to work effectively with people from different cultures, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
Community and Public Health	State and local health departments Home healthcare agencies Education programs Social service agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop knowledge and skills in management, decision-making, motivating, teaching, counseling, speaking, and writing. Expand knowledge of health issues related to age, cultures, religions, ethics, and government policies. Some positions may require a master's degree in nursing, public health, or a related field.
Government Service	Public health service Veterans Affairs Peace Corps Armed services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a master's or doctoral degree for positions involving research, policy development, or administration.
Education	Teaching hospitals Colleges and universities Schools of Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take courses in the principles and practices of teaching. Earn an advanced degree to teach at the college or university level.

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major • © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

For more information contact the Nursing Department.
usm.maine.edu/cecd

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

Student Nurses Association
Honor Society of Nursing: Sigma Theta Tau International
For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/oooh

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

[American Association of Colleges of Nursing](http://www.aacnursing.org)

[American Nurses Association](http://www.nurses.org)

[American Association of Nurse Anesthetists](http://www.aana.org)

[Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing](http://www.sitai.org)



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