Prepare to assume a health care leadership role with a Master of Science in Nursing degree from National University. The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program is for registered nurses who possess a bachelor’s or diploma/associate degree in nursing. Candidates who are currently enrolling or recently graduated from the BSN program at National University also qualify.

The MSN program prepares students to evaluate and implement evidence-based practice in collaboration with other interdisciplinary teams to improve the health care system, in keeping with the standards for graduate education for advanced practice nursing delineated by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in the Essentials of Master’s Education for Advanced Practice Nurses. Master’s-level nursing education is the appropriate level of education for nursing professionals who are seeking roles that require advanced practice skills in order to function as providers and organizers of the health care delivery process.

Specializations Include:
- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Informatics
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-L)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Program Highlights
- Courses can be completed online, apart from practicum courses*
- Minimal on-campus requirements
- Program completion is 12-21 months, based on entry method and pathway options
- Board certification review course for nurse practitioner specialties provided
- One-on-one faculty advising and consultation with industry experts

Three Entryways to the MSN Program
- Current RNs with BSN degree
- National University BSN and RN-BSN
- RNs with an associate degree or diploma

* Program practicum is completed in faculty-approved clinical settings. Minimal on-site meetings for nurse practitioner tracks.