I work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at a major metropolitan hospital. So I know something about professionalism. Robert Morris University has an excellent advanced degree program for nurses that truly connects with what is needed in the real world.

The School of Nursing and Allied Health

Foundations for Success.
“When I talked to Robert Morris about the Master of Science in Nursing Education program, they were very friendly. They responded quickly so that I had all the information I needed. As a preceptor for newly graduated nurses, I wanted a program that would help me to help new nurses get up to speed faster. The program is perfect for anyone who wants to teach in a nursing school or university.”

Pam Jackson, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N. in Nursing Education Student, Advanced Practice Nurse, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
Welcome to the graduate nursing program at Robert Morris University.

While I can think of a dozen good reasons why a practicing nurse should consider a graduate degree, one immediately rises to the top of my list.

We live in an age of remarkable medical discoveries. We also face profound challenges with regard to health care and its delivery. It will take remarkable people, well-educated and committed to change, to realize the great promise of better and more accessible care.

We’ve built a graduate nursing program that learns from the past, that values your hard-earned experience and insights, and that prepares you for the future, even one not yet imagined. Our M.S.N. program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, which confirms our commitment to providing high-quality graduate nursing education.

We need a new generation of nursing leaders and educators, willing and able to challenge conventional wisdom and apply new technology and tools to advance health care. We need nurses who move with confidence between the boardroom and the operating room. We need nurses who are passionate about reinventing themselves and their profession. Together, we can make it happen.

Regards,

Lynda J. Davidson, Ph.D., R.N.
Dean, School of Nursing and Allied Health
Smart nurses don’t take their careers for granted. They plan their futures and make sure they are prepared when opportunity knocks. The Master of Science in Nursing gives you the credentials and the confidence you need to advance your career and your satisfaction as a true professional.

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

If you are a nurse with a baccalaureate degree, your career path can be greatly enhanced with an advanced degree that prepares you for leadership positions or opportunities to educate the next generation of nurses. Robert Morris University can prepare you with our Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree program.

We offer two different specialization tracks to prepare you for a career either as a professional nurse manager or an educator in health care and academic settings. Each of these 36-credit programs is offered in a part-time, six-semester sequence with courses taught in eight-week blocks. The program utilizes a strong, interdisciplinary approach with customized practicum experiences. Courses utilize a combination of online and classroom study, and meet just three to four times per semester, or involve a four-hour lecture one evening per week.

Leadership and Management Track

At some point, many nurses realize that, in order to advance, it isn’t enough just to “do more.” They need to “be more.” That’s where the Leadership and Management track comes in. It combines nursing courses with interdisciplinary courses in business, information science and health systems management that expand your expertise beyond the bedside and increase your marketability.

Education Track

Most experts see a health care crisis developing – the shortage of new nurses to replace the current generation that will be retiring in greater numbers over the next decade. One of the biggest obstacles in educating new nurses is the availability of quality nursing faculty. The Nursing Education track is designed specifically to prepare experienced nurses to educate the next generation.

“We take a very individualized approach providing customized clinical experiences that will allow you to reach your goals. We sit down with each graduate student and map out a plan. That’s the kind of attention that students coming here can expect.”

Lynn George, Ph.D., R.N.,
Associate Dean, School of Nursing and Allied Health
“I believe Robert Morris University has the best nursing program in the area. As students, we use PDAs and computers throughout the program, learning how technology impacts both patient safety and nursing careers in general. I chose RMU because the schedule fit my personal needs, and the faculty truly care about nursing and its future. I would recommend this program to anyone.”

Susan Horvath, M.S. in Nursing Leadership and Management Student, UPMC Presbyterian

“What makes RMU’s nursing graduates attractive to employers is their work ethic and an underlying set of core communication and business skills. We equip all of our nursing and allied health students with a solid understanding of group dynamics, and train them to function in a world of highly cooperative medical care.”

Stephen Foreman, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department Head, Allied Health

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Moon Township Campus
Our suburban main campus is located on 230 acres in Moon Township, 17 miles from downtown Pittsburgh and 15 minutes from Pittsburgh International Airport.

Many graduate degree programs are also offered at our Center for Adult & Continuing Education in downtown Pittsburgh and our satellite location in Cranberry Township.

Admissions
Students are considered for acceptance as soon as all application materials are received and evaluated. Applications, official transcripts, official test scores and letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Graduate Enrollment Office.

As a nation, we face glaring shortages in critical health care professions. Our aim is to create not only the best educated, but also a far more adaptable group of health care professionals who will be prepared to provide leadership in an evolving health care environment.

Forward Looking: School of Nursing and Allied Health
RMU designed and launched its nursing programs to address a critical shortage of qualified people choosing the profession. We also addressed the need for revamped education to match the changing role of nursing in health care planning and delivery. We moved forward in careful steps, creating nursing programs with the full participation and support of the region’s major health care interests and providers.

RMU will continue to apply that model of program evaluation and design across other nursing specialties and related health fields.

Our vision is to continue designing and developing master’s- and doctoral-level programs to address areas of demand in the nursing and allied health fields.

In addition, Robert Morris University is pursuing the launch of a College of Osteopathic Medicine, with a class to enter as early as fall 2008.