SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

Health Professions Graduate Programs



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WHY SHOULD YOU EARN A **GRADUATE DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE AT SU?**

Shenandoah University prepares highly empathic and collaborative healthcare professionals across a broad spectrum of careers. Our incredible faculty teach, train and empower students to be forward-thinking and deliver an exceptional standard of care to their patients and communities. Through diverse clinical rotations and field work, our students gain multiple perspectives and insights regarding the healthcare system in which they will practice.

Our graduates have nearly perfect first-time pass rates for board certifications. They excel as practitioners and leaders in communities around the world.

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HEALTH SCIENCES

School of Health Professions

A degree in health sciences will lead the way to a satisfying career grounded in life sciences or business, natural sciences or leadership.

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► Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS)

Our 33-credit MSHS asynchronous online program provides a multidisciplinary focus on healthcare systems and offers students the opportunity to expand their career with advanced skills in research, inquiry, and leadership.

Combine your MSHS with certificates to specialize your skills; see the five options below, or turn to page 10 for the Public Health track.

Campus Location: Fully Online **Program Length:** 2 years **Start Terms:** Fall, Spring & Summer

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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▷ Anatomy & Physiology Certificate

Our 14-month, 100% online certificate program provides an understanding of human anatomy and physiology at a level required for clinical medicine.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 4 semesters **Start Term:** Summer

▷ Esports Health & Fitness Certificate
▷ Esports Medicine Certificate

Our 100% online certificates provide an understanding of the esports culture, including injury risk, ergonomic assessments, psychology, and nutrition, to improve esports athletes' health and performance.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 2 or 3 years **Start Term:** Summer

▷ Performing Arts Health & Fitness Certificate
▷ Performing Arts Medicine Certificate

Our 100% online certificates provide an understanding of the performing arts culture, including injury risk, psychology, and nutrition, to improve artists' health and performance.

Campus Locations: Online **Program Length:** 2 or 3 years **Start Term:** Summer

Healthcare Management Graduate Certificate

In cooperation with Shenandoah's School of Business, health professionals can choose to grow their leadership and critical thinking skills by completing our Healthcare Management Graduate Certificate. You'll know how to identify, anticipate, analyze and solve the complex problems facing healthcare organizations and provide indispensable, adept business guidance.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

School of Health Professions

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PAs (physician associates/physician assistants) are licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every specialty and setting.

Trusted, rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals, PAs are dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

► Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)

The Shenandoah University Physician Assistant (SUPA) program is a graduate entry-level professional course of study enabling individuals who hold baccalaureate degrees to become PAs. The program is designed to prepare graduates for practice and a team approach to the delivery of healthcare. The program integrates graduate-level critical thinking and analysis, problem solving, scientific inquiry, self-directed learning and the effective use of modern technology for professional practice that includes elements of research, leadership, education and continued enhancement of the PA profession.

Key Features:

- Ranked **first in Virginia** and **21st in the United States** by U.S. News & World Report
- Multimodal curriculum including lecture, lab, and case-based **small group learning**
- **Compassionate** and accessible faculty mentors
- **International** clinical rotation electives
- Opportunities for **student leadership** and service in surrounding communities

Campus Locations: Winchester or Loudoun
Program Length: 2.5 years
Start Term: Summer

► Doctor of Medical Science (DMS)

Our 30-credit DMS program is a doctorate made for physician assistants, providing the advanced skills needed in today's dynamic healthcare environment. By transferring 14 credits from your master's degree, the program builds upon your PA education while advancing your knowledge in healthcare science, evidence-based practice, health equity, and leadership.

Campus Location: Online
Program Length: 1 semester or part-time up to 2 years
Start Terms: Fall, Spring & Summer

DUAL DEGREES

► Physician Assistant/Master of Public Health (MS/MPH)

Our dual-degree program emphasizes a medical curriculum that prepares PA students to apply broad knowledge and basic skills in public health in as little as three additional full-time semesters. There is also an option to complete the MPH on a part-time basis.

Campus Locations: Winchester or Loudoun (PA) & Online (MPH) **Program Length:** 5 years **Start Term:** Summer

► Physician Assistant/Performing Arts Medicine Certificate

PA students can also earn a 15-credit Performing Arts Medicine (PAM) Certificate. The certificate educates healthcare professionals on how to assess and manage injuries and disorders specific to those in the performing arts.

Campus Locations: Winchester or Loudoun (PA) & Hybrid (PAM) **Program Length:** 3-4 years **Start Term:** Summer

PHARMACY

School of Pharmacy

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Pharmacists are medication experts who enhance patient care and promote wellness. As valued members of the healthcare team, they use their knowledge to prepare and dispense prescriptions, ensure medications and doses are appropriate, prevent harmful drug interactions, and counsel patients on drug safety. They also compound personalized medications, participate in patient rounds at the hospital, reduce the spread of infections, conduct research or clinical trials, and can specialize in a specific patient population or disease state.

► Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

Our Pharm.D. program prepares students to meet the challenges of the evolving healthcare industry, effectively serve patients in a diverse range of settings, and become valued members of the healthcare team.

Campus Locations:
Winchester
or Hybrid-Online
Program Length:
4 years
Start Term:
Fall

Key Features:

- **Personalized career and postgraduate preparation**
- Various student organizations to practice networking and leadership within the profession
- Over 1,000 unique **rotation opportunities to provide real-world, hands-on training**
- 100% of students receive **scholarships**
- **Dual-degree programs** to expand skill sets and marketability in the workforce

► Post–Professional (Non-Traditional) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

Our post-professional Pharm.D. program is a pathway designed for U.S. licensed and practicing pharmacists who want to expand their education and professional opportunities. The format and delivery of this 53-credit program is designed to enable students to work full time while enrolled.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 2.5 years **Start Term:** Fall

DUAL DEGREES

► Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Science in Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine (Pharm.D./MS)

Our dual degree prepares students to apply knowledge of the human genome to clinical practice for career opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry and population health.

Campus Locations:
Winchester & Online
Program Length:
4 years
Start Term:
Fall (Pharm.D.) then Summer (MS)

► Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration (Pharm.D./MBA)

Our dual degree provides pharmacy students who are seeking leadership positions with management and entrepreneurial skills through our AACSB International-accredited MBA program.

Campus Locations:
Winchester & Online
Program Length:
4 years
Start Term:
Fall (Pharm.D.) then Summer (MBA)

► Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health (Pharm.D./MPH)

Our dual degree prepares students to enter a wide range of pharmacy and public health positions that address today's most challenging population health issues.

Campus Locations:
Winchester & Online
Program Length:
5 years
Start Term:
Fall (Pharm.D.) then Summer (MPH)

PHYSICAL THERAPY

School of Health Professions

su.edu/PT

Physical therapists are licensed professionals with a doctoral degree who work with diverse patient populations affected by disease, injury, and movement dysfunction. They optimize quality of life by maintaining, restoring, and improving a patient's ability to move, function, and live a more active lifestyle.

► Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Our 101-credit doctoral program prepares you to obtain state licensure and enter the physical therapy profession as a compassionate, ethical and evidence-based practitioner for the management of neuromusculoskeletal impairments.

Campus Locations: Winchester or Loudoun **Program Length:** 3 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- **Ranked 2nd in Virginia,** according to U.S. News & World Report for 2026
- **90% first-time NPTE pass rate & 100% employment rate** within 12 months of passing.
- **Student-centered curriculum** and 5:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Opportunities to practice clinical skills throughout all three years of the program, during a total of six clinical education experiences with **nearly 1,100 placements nationwide and internationally**
- Obtain over 240 hours of part-time and 1,280 hours of full-time supervised patient care
- Opportunities for service learning in **community-based organizations** locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- Close proximity to **major health system professionals** and **facilities**
- **State-of-the-art equipment** and Apple technology. A MacBook Air laptop and an iPad with an Apple Pencil are provided to students
- Learn from **faculty with various board-certified specialties** and participate in physical therapy research

► Post-Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

This program is for practicing physical therapists who completed either a master's degree or bachelor's degree in physical therapy and want to advance their career by earning their doctorate. Learn from nationally recognized faculty and build on knowledge through application of evidence-based clinical decisions and critical thinking skills to prepare for current and emerging PT practice and roles in academia.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 1 or 2 years **Start Terms:** Fall & Summer

Key Features:

- Tuition **scholarships available**
- **Collaborative learning** alongside experienced peers and expert faculty
- Take up to three courses as a non-degree student before enrolling
- Internationally licensed physical therapists may apply

DUAL DEGREES

► Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Science in Athletic Training (DPT/MSAT)

Our rigorous dual degree in physical therapy and athletic training is **one of the only programs in the country** designed for students interested in joining both professions and becoming a sports medicine expert clinician. This program prepares you to meet the standards to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) and the athletic training Board of Certification (BOC) exam.

Campus Locations: Winchester & Loudoun
Program Length: 3.5 years
Start Term: Summer

► Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) to Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Bridge Program

The Bridge Program within our Division of Athletic Training is a 14-month, hybrid program designed exclusively for already licensed DPT practitioners who are seeking certification as an athletic trainer. This accelerated program recognizes the clinical foundation from the DPT program and builds upon it with focused education in injury prevention, acute and emergency care, and healthcare delivery in sports medicine environments.

This program is delivered through a flexible combination of asynchronous coursework, on-campus workshops, and immersive clinical experiences. Students engage in advanced clinical reasoning, sideline management, interprofessional collaboration, and evidence-based practice. Currently enrolled DPT students in their final year are also eligible for this bridge program but entry-level applicants should pursue the dual degree.

Campus Locations: Winchester & Online (Hybrid) **Program Length:** 1.5 years **Start Term:** Summer



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

School of Health Professions

Occupational therapists evaluate and treat people who have injuries, illnesses, or disabilities. They help clients meet goals to develop, recover, improve, and maintain skills needed for daily living and working.

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Key Features:

- The national median salary for occupational therapists is **about $98,000+**
- **High NBCOT pass rates:** 99% (OTD) and 96% (MSOT) average NBCOT overall pass rates over the past 3 years.
- **Hands-on learning** as you work with clients and engage in community and international service experiences
- **Close mentorship with faculty** including research opportunities and collaborative research projects
- **Online coursework** combined with classroom-based learning offers **flexibility**
- Students use **university-provided Apple tech:** a MacBook Air laptop and an iPad with an Apple Pencil
- Faculty are actively involved in **healthcare advocacy and clinical practice**

► Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)

Our 75-credit MSOT program prepares you to become a skilled and compassionate occupational therapist, serving a diverse range of conditions in a variety of healthcare and community-based settings.

Campus Locations: Hybrid; Winchester & Loudoun **Program Length:** 2 - 2.5 years or 6 semesters **Start Term:** Fall

The MSOT program is offered in two formats:

- Hybrid with courses on weekends (Saturday-Sunday) approximately twice a month for a total of seven weekends in a semester at our Winchester campus.
- Hybrid with courses one day each week at our Loudoun campus in Leesburg, Virginia.

► Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Our 100-credit, entry-level OTD program not only prepares you to become a skilled and compassionate occupational therapist, but it also offers additional focus on clinical practice skills, research skills, administration, leadership, policy development and advocacy. In addition, doctoral students complete a culminating capstone project.

Campus Location: Hybrid with courses one day each week in Winchester **Program Length:** 3 years or 8 semesters **Start Term:** Fall

► Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Our Post-Professional OTD program is designed for practicing, registered occupational therapists who have obtained a master's degree and want to advance in leadership and develop as evidence-based scholars.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 1 or 2 years **Start Term:** Summer

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ATHLETIC TRAINING

School of Health Professions

Certified athletic trainers are the experts in preventing, evaluating and rehabilitating injuries that result from physical activity.

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► Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)

Our Master of Science in Athletic Training is a 70-credit degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Campus Location: Winchester **Program Length:** 2 years **Start Term:** Summer

Key Features:

- **95% first-time board exam (BOC)** pass rates last 5 years
- Small classes and interactive technology with **university-provided Apple tech:** A MacBook Air laptop and iPad with Apple Pencil
- **Innovative** blend of hands-on learning and clinical experiences
- Opportunities to **present research globally and locally**
- **Clinical placements** in professional, collegiate and high school sports, as well as sports medicine clinics, performing arts medicine and military settings

DUAL DEGREES

► Master of Science in Athletic Training/Doctor of Physical Therapy (MSAT/DPT)

Our dual degree in athletic training and physical therapy is **one of the first programs in the country** designed for students interested in joining both professions and becoming a sports medicine expert clinician. This rigorous program prepares you to meet the standards to take the physical therapy licensure exam and the athletic training Board of Certification (BOC) exam.

Campus Locations: Winchester or Loudoun

Program Length: 4 years

Start Term: Summer

► Master of Science in Athletic Training/Master of Public Health (MSAT/MPH)

Our combined MSAT/MPH dual degree enables future athletic trainers to impact population health in innovative ways. Students may apply their combined athletic training and public health skills in such areas as population or clinical research, health administration leadership, and community health promotion.

Campus Locations: Winchester (MSAT) and Online (MPH)

Program Length: 2 years

Start Term: Summer

NUTRITION & DIETETICS

School of Health Professions

su.edu/nutrition

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) are food and nutrition experts who translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living. They use their expertise to help individuals and groups manage health conditions, prevent disease, fuel performance, and optimize well-being through personalized nutrition plans and education.

► Master of Science in Nutrition & Dietetics (MS)

Our 58-credit program combines critical thinking, problem analysis and scientific inquiry to train you for the expanded scope of evidence-based dietetics practice and to understand the needs of a continually changing, complex and diverse profession. You'll be ready to meet the nutritional needs and goals of individuals and local communities upon graduation.

Key Features:

- **Capstone and supervised practice experiences** such as food experimentation labs, nutrition assessment, nutrition interviewing practice, and more
- **Individualized attention** with experienced faculty advisors
- **Collaborative experiences** with students in public health, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies, physical therapy and pharmacy programs so you can learn what your role in the healthcare team will be as you work to holistically treat patients

Campus Location:
Hybrid; Winchester & Online
Program Length:
2 years
Start Terms:
Fall



PUBLIC HEALTH

School of Health Professions

Public health professionals help keep communities healthy. They work in many settings, including nonprofits, government, and healthcare, and their work can include research, practice, and service.

su.edu/MPH

► Master of Public Health (MPH)

Through our 42-credit asynchronous online MPH program, you'll gain expertise in:

- Promoting healthy behaviors
- Understanding epidemiological linkages between specific determinants/exposures and diseases
- Developing and advocating sound health policy practices
- Implementing health and disease prevention programs

Key Features:

- Focused on **rural and underserved populations**
- **Flexible part-time and full-time** options available
- **Variety of interdisciplinary** and interprofessional viewpoints
- A wide range of career opportunities

Campus Location: Online
Program Length: 2 years
Start Terms: Every 8 weeks

CERTIFICATES

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Public Health Certificate

In our 18-credit certificate, you'll gain knowledge and skills in:

- The core principles in public health
- Disease prevention and health promotion strategies in communities and populations
- Identifying trends in health and illness
- Credits that can be used toward a Shenandoah University MPH degree

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 1 year **Start Terms:** Every 8 weeks

Population Health Certificate

In our 12-credit certificate, you'll gain knowledge and skills in:

- Analyzing current health problems from a variety of interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints
- Delivering effective population health across the continuum of care
- Addressing disease and injury prevention with approaches that engage communities and populations through integration of public health and clinical practices
- Credits that can be used toward a Shenandoah University MPH degree

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 1 year **Start Terms:** Every 8 weeks

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

School of Health Professions

su.edu/SLP

Speech-language pathologists work with patients of all ages diagnosed with communication disorders such as strokes, intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injury and autism.

► Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS SLP)

Our 60-credit MS SLP program is designed for students with a bachelor's degree in communication disorders or related fields (psychology, biology, education, etc.) and provides academic and clinical coursework needed to meet national certification and Virginia licensure requirements.

Campus Location: Hybrid; Loudoun & Online **Program Length:** 2 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- **Speech-language pathology named one of the top 10 professions** in 2026 by U.S. News and World Report
- **Clinical experiences** offered through our university-based speech, language, and hearing clinic, in addition to external placement sites
- **Small cohort** of 25 students
- **In-person program** that creates important person-to-person skill sets, **with 25% of coursework offered online**
- **Employment opportunities** in a variety of settings including schools, hospitals, performing arts venues and universities
- Opportunities to collaborate with Shenandoah Conservatory to highlight **the singing voice and voice performers**



The Master of Science (MS-SLP) education program in speech-language pathology {residential} at Shenandoah University is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700. Candidacy is a "pre-accreditation" status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum period of 5 years. *For complaints, please go to: https://caa.asha.org/programs/complaints/*

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

College of Arts & Sciences

su.edu/ABA

Applied behavior analysis (ABA) is an evidence-based approach to teaching and behavior support that involves analyzing and understanding the unique personal and environmental circumstances that influence and affect one's behavior.

Our ABA programs teach students to conduct ABA therapy from a place of compassion with an emphasis on individualized, client-centered and assent-based procedures. Students learn how to utilize ABA approaches for a variety of individuals and contexts, including supporting neurodivergent learners, students in the classroom, and employees in business and organizational settings.

Key Features:

- **Designed to accommodate individuals who are employed** full or part time
- Fully online program with classes utilizing both asynchronous and synchronous elements
- Curricula aligned with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's (BACB's) 6th Edition Test Content Outline
- **$50,000-$100,000** starting salary range for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs)
- **Nationally and regionally renowned** faculty mentors
- Programs meet behavior-analytic coursework requirements for BCBA and BCaBA certification.
- Certified by the **International Behavior Analysis Organization (IBAO)**, which allows international students to complete the academic requirements to sit for the IBAO's certification exam
- **BCBA career options include**, but are not limited to: clinical supervisor, school-support personnel, parent trainer, behavior consultant, health coach, researcher, ABA therapist, social worker, or nonprofit sector work

► Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (MS ABA)

Our program consists of 33 credit hours, including 21 credit hours of required coursework, six credit hours of electives, and six credit hours for a final capstone project. Students arrange their own fieldwork supervision with recommendations and support from SU faculty.

Campus Location:
Online
Program Length:
1.5 years or four semesters
Start Terms:
Fall & Summer

CERTIFICATE

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Our seven-course certificate is designed for students who already hold a master's degree or are currently pursuing a master's degree in another content area. The curriculum includes 21 credit hours of required coursework without an elective or capstone requirement.

Campus Location:
Online
Program Length:
1.5 years or four semesters
Start Term:
Fall

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

School of Health Professions

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Clinical mental health counselors work with clients to establish goals and develop approaches to address emotional issues, develop and strengthen skills in coping and communication, improve self-esteem, promote changes in behavior and strive for improved mental well-being.

► Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MS)

Our 60-credit MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program provides students with the knowledge and skills to deliver individual and group counseling services grounded in evidence-based practices. Students develop their theoretical orientation through coursework, practicum experiences, and internships and will learn ethical and legal foundations as well as diverse content to work with varied clientele and diagnoses. This degree fulfills the academic requirements to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Virginia.

Campus Locations: Hybrid; Winchester & Online **Program Length:** 2.5 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- **Career growth** is expected in substance abuse, behavioral disorders, and mental health counseling, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook
- **70% of courses are online with 30% in-person** fieldwork and practicum experiences
- **5:1 student-to-faculty ratio**
- **Collaboration with graduate health professions students** in other disciplines at Shenandoah to understand biological, psychological, social and environmental factors impacting health and development
- Part-time option available for working professionals with classes primarily in the evenings

► Master of Arts in Music Therapy and Professional Counseling (MA)

The Master of Arts in Music Therapy and Professional Counseling integrates clinical mental health counseling and music therapy coursework to provide a comprehensive education emphasizing ethical and culturally responsive treatment strategies. This degree fulfills the academic requirements to become a nationally board-certified music therapist (MT-BC) and licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Virginia.

Campus Locations: Hybrid; Winchester & Online **Program Length:** 4.5 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- **A combined degree in clinical mental health counseling and music therapy** which integrates job skills for inpatient, outpatient and residential settings, and provides a diversified job outlook
- **Career growth is expected** in substance abuse, behavioral disorders, and mental health counseling, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook

We also offer a standalone Master of Music Therapy program.

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

School of Health Professions

A school counselor is a certified/licensed professional that provides academic, career, college readiness, and social-emotional support for all students. There are school counselor positions within each level of schooling.

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► Master of Science in School Counseling (MS)

Our 60-credit School Counseling program prepares students to become professional school counselors equipped to support the academic, career, and personal/social development of children and adolescents in PreK-12 educational settings. The School Counseling program is approved by the Virginia Department of Education and the degree fulfills the academic requirements to become a licensed school counselor in Virginia.

Campus Locations: Hybrid; Winchester & Online **Program Length:** 2.5 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- **Practicum and fieldwork opportunities** to apply theoretical skills developed in the curriculum
- School counseling career outlook shows **jobs increasing 5% from 2022-2032**, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Part-time option available for working professionals with classes primarily in the evenings
- Program focuses on **social justice** and working closely with schools to ensure **holistic training**
- Option to take an additional 12 credits to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC) to provide diverse career opportunities.



NURSING

School of Nursing

Nurses with an advanced degree provide high-level leadership and primary care to people of all ages. They work in collaboration with physicians and other health professionals.

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► Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Our MSN program offers three distinct specialties in cohorts that start annually in the fall semester.

Key Features:

- **Online, synchronous courses** that meet one day each week
- **Immersion experiences** in-person at our Winchester campus to ensure students expand on their person-to-person healthcare skills
- All master's and post-graduate certificate graduates had **100% board certification exam pass rates in 2025**
- **Clinical placement is a collaborative** process between the student and the faculty
- Small cohort sizes of 15-20 students per specialty
- **Experienced faculty** who are active practitioners
- Nurse-Midwifery program is first in Virginia and 30th nationwide in 2026 U.S. News & World Report

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 2 or 2.5 years (varies by specialty) **Start Term:** Fall

▷ Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

47 credits/ 600 clinical hours

The MSN FNP program is designed to provide nurses with the necessary education, competencies and experiences to assume the role of a primary health care provider in a variety of clinical settings. The program can be completed in seven semesters.

▷ Nurse-Midwifery

46 credits/ 720 clinical hours + experiences

Nurse-midwives are advanced practice nurses who provide family-centered primary healthcare to women throughout their reproductive lives, including counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum and the neonatal period. The program provides the midwifery framework to promote physiologic birth in hospitals and out-of-hospital community births focusing on rural, underserved areas. The program can be completed full-time in two years.

▷ Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

46 credits/ 600 clinical hours

The MSN PMHNP program is designed to provide nurses with the necessary education, competencies, and experiences to assume the role of a PMHNP in a variety of settings. The program consists of didactic and clinical course content essential to provide pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy to individuals, families and groups within hospitals and community settings. The program can be completed in seven semesters.

ABSN - Accelerated Second Degree in Nursing

Our innovative accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing BSN allows students with non-nursing bachelor's degrees to earn a BSN degree in 15 months. ***Learn more at su.edu/absn***

► Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

33 credits/540 practicum hours

The MSN-to-DNP prepares advanced practice nurses for the highest level of clinical practice, leadership, and system-level healthcare improvement. This is an asynchronous online program.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 2 years **Start Term:** Fall

Key Features:

- Open to all advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists and certified registered nurse anesthetists) who hold a master's degree and are nationally certified as an APRN (NP, CNS), CNM or CRNA
- **Clinical placement is a collaborative** process between the student and the faculty



NURSING
School of Nursing

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Our post-graduate certificates offer nurses who already hold an MSN the opportunity to enroll in courses in three distinct specialties. Two tracks are available for all programs: one for licensed nurse practitioners and one for non-nurse practitioners with MSN degrees that focus on education or leadership.

Key Features:

- **Online, synchronous courses** that meet one day each week
- **Immersion experiences** in-person at our Winchester campus once each fall and spring semester to ensure students build critical person-to-person healthcare skills
- **Clinical placement is a collaborative** process between the student and the faculty
- **Experienced faculty** who are active practitioners
- **100% licensure exam pass rates** in all three specialty areas

► Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Our FNP Certificate provides students with the necessary education, competencies, and experiences to assume the role of a primary healthcare provider in a variety of clinical settings through both didactic and clinical courses.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 5 semesters **Start Term:** Summer

► Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Our PMHNP Certificate is designed to provide students with the necessary education, competencies, and experiences to assume the role of a PMHNP in a variety of settings.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 5 semesters **Start Term:** Summer

► Nurse-Midwifery Certificate

Our Nurse-Midwifery Certificate is designed to provide students with the tools to become a Nurse-Midwife who provides evidence-based care to women throughout their lifetime. Nurse-midwives are advanced practice nurses who provide family-centered primary healthcare to women throughout their reproductive lives, including counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum and the neonatal period.

Campus Location: Online **Program Length:** 3 semesters **Start Term:** Fall



GLOBAL TRAINING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Cultural insight is an essential component in providing high-quality healthcare. That's why Shenandoah offers immersive international opportunities designed to expand your clinical perspective.

- **Service in Nicaragua:** Join a dedicated, interprofessional team of health professionals and students to provide care to rural communities and deliver oral health preventive care to hundreds of children.
- **Global Reach:** Our nursing students regularly travel to provide care to communities along the Amazon River, while athletic training students routinely study in Ireland.
- **Experiential Learning:** In recent years, our students have expanded their skills on the ground in Belize, Cuba, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, and Morocco.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

As a student in any of our graduate-level healthcare programs, you'll learn in an interprofessional environment that prepares you to operate as an essential member of a **multidisciplinary healthcare team.**

- **Collaborative Case Studies:** Once a semester, faculty and students spanning all graduate health programs gather to share new perspectives and tackle complex patient care and treatment scenarios together.
- **Arts & Wellness Integration:** Through our Shenandoah Performing Arts Rehab Center (SPARC), you'll collaborate across disciplines to provide specialized care for performing artists from our renowned Shenandoah Conservatory.
- **Tech & Esports Innovation:** Train with virtual reality, or become a pioneer in gaming health. Shenandoah is the first institution in Virginia to offer graduate health-related certificates in esports, giving you the skills to prevent, identify, and treat injuries for esports athletes.



SHENANDOAH HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS FIRST-TIME **BOARD EXAM PASS RATES ARE EXCEPTIONAL!**

- **100%** Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, over 5 years
- **100%** Family Nurse Practitioner, over 5 years
- **100%** Nurse-Midwife Certification, within one year of graduation
- **99% (OTD) and 96% (MSOT) average National Board for Certification** in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) pass rates over the past 3 years
- **96%** Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), all-time
- **95%** Athletic Training BOC Examination, over 5 years
- **90%** Physical Therapy Licensure Exam



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