

# Online Master of Science in Nursing

*(Emphasis in Strategic Systems Leadership)*



## Spend Only \$17,130 on a World-class Online MS in Nursing

The Master of Science (MS) in Nursing (Emphasis in Strategic Systems Leadership) contains 30 credits. Our program prepares you to create a long-term, sustainable impact in healthcare by leading innovation to improve organizational systems and processes with a holistic management strategy. For those who already have a master's degree in nursing but are interested in strategic systems leadership, or for those who are interested in sampling the specialization prior to earning their master's degree, there is an option to enroll in the Graduate Certificate in Strategic Systems Leadership. The graduate certificate is priced at \$6,653 for 12 credits (4 classes), all of which can be transferred to the 30 credits for the master's degree. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Northern Arizona University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

# A World-class Program Created for Solving Challenges in a Post-pandemic World

It's no secret that better education for nurses has a positive impact on patient care — yet affordable education options for nurses remain notoriously inaccessible. OpusVi™ and Northern Arizona University (NAU) have now launched an affordable, unparalleled MS in Nursing (Emphasis in Strategic Systems Leadership) to combat this problem.

The 100% online format and engaging learning platform allow working professionals to gain qualifications on their own schedule. With a focus on strategic systems leadership, our program equips nurse leaders to manage complex industry challenges and develop innovative approaches that engage diverse stakeholders to advance systems and processes for better healthcare.

Managing complex and dynamic challenges such as climate, food, or health requires a departure from traditional top-down, hierarchical, and linear approaches to make a positive change. Instead, it requires an innovative and adaptive approach that engages diverse stakeholders to advance progress toward a shared vision for systemic change. This approach is called Systems Leadership.

## THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



Real-world, industry-applicable projects and assignments: Learn to make an impact



Cohort-based learning: Study independently, but not alone



High-quality video and learning content: Never a passive learning experience

**Only \$17,130  
program tuition**

Plus affordable and transparent fees. Minimize costs with tuition reimbursement



## Perspectives and Outlooks

Global healthcare spending could reach over \$10 trillion by 2022. The U.S. has the greatest healthcare spending, sitting at \$10,224 per capita — twice of other developed countries.

Professionals who are able to not only keep up with healthcare's rapid changes but actively shape health systems and improve outcomes, are in demand.

Our program can help graduates pursue roles as

- Nurse Leader, Manager, or Administrator: Chief Nursing Officer, Nurse Director, Nursing Supervisor
- Nurse Consultant

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2021 median pay for Medical and Health Services Managers was \$101,340.

# +32%

The growth for Medical and Health Service Managers is projected to increase 32% by 2029 (139,600 jobs, much faster than average)

## What You Will Earn

- Your Master of Science in Nursing (Emphasis in Strategic Systems Leadership) is awarded by Northern Arizona University (NAU).
- The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Northern Arizona University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- NAU is accredited by the HLC (Higher Learning Commission).



## A Career-focused Curriculum

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- NUR 511** Theory, Systems, and Regulatory Principles (2 credits)
- NUR 520** Applied Pathophysiology for APNs (3 credits)
- NUR 531** Evidence-Based Quality, Safety, and Practice for Nurse Leaders (2 credits)
- NUR 540** Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (3 credits)  
Course requirement: NUR 520
- NUR551** Business Finance and Economics in Practice (3 credits)
- NUR 561** Population Health, DEI, and Care Coordination (3 credits)
- NUR 606** Strategic Systems Thinking (3 credits)
- NUR 650** Advanced Nursing Assessment (3 credits)
- NUR 651** Ethical Decision-Making (3 credits)
- NUR 676** Healthcare Systems: Technology, Quality, and Economics (3 credits)
- NUR 683** Strategic Systems Leadership Application (Capstone Project, 2 credits)

**Total credits: 30**

The curriculum is currently in development and subject to change.

25% of the credits can be transferred into the program if they are not older than six years at the time of graduation from NAU.



## Program Outcomes

Created with experienced, hospital-based nurse leaders, our curriculum aligns with the standards set by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and meets the changing demands of a post-COVID workforce. Graduates will be able to:

- Design patient-centered and culturally responsive strategies in the delivery of clinical prevention, health promotion interventions, and services to individuals, families, communities, and clinical populations
- Collaborate within interprofessional teams and create partnerships that promote sustainable environmental health policies and conditions
- Advance patient education, enhance accessibility of care, analyze practice patterns, and improve outcomes by leveraging information technologies
- Integrate theory, evidence, clinical judgment, research, and interprofessional perspectives to improve outcomes for patient aggregates
- Analyze how policies influence the structure and financing of healthcare, practice, and health outcomes
- Examine the effect of legal and regulatory processes on nursing practice, healthcare delivery, and outcomes
- Advocate for patients, families, caregivers, communities, and members of the healthcare team
- Identify ethical issues arising from practice, and assist to address such issues
- Transform healthcare systems to address health equity and social justice
- Assume leadership and research roles in developing and implementing healthcare services from local to global perspectives
- Analyze and promote social, political, and economic policies that influence sustainable environments and reduce human health exposures in a global society

## Learn to Improve Healthcare Processes, Outcomes, and the Patient Experience

Hospitals and acute care are unique settings. Our program was developed with experienced nurse leaders who know what unique challenges and opportunities come with these settings. This excellent learning content is presented in an engaging learning environment because we firmly believe that affordable high-quality education, and the convenience of online learning should go hand in hand.



# Flexible & Social

## *Our Learning Experience*



“To us, online learning is not only a means to an end—it’s a valuable tool that can be used to enhance a fulfilling learning experience. We can leverage it to deliver relevant content that can be applied immediately, allow learners to network and build lasting connections, and accommodate their busy schedules as working professionals. This program is built on relevance and employs practical, proven pedagogy throughout—we carefully design every aspect of the experience so students can succeed, improve their overall well-being, and make a real difference in their careers.”

– Nicole DeJong, Director of Learning Experience Design at OpusVi

### **Here’s how we ensure that you will have an engaging, practical learning experience in this online program:**

- led by experienced business faculty and contextualized by healthcare professionals
- multimedia learning content including high-quality videos, tools that reinforce learning, and other engaging content
- cohort-based learning provides opportunities for meaningful collaboration and networking
- convenient online sessions and fireside chats allow you to connect live with peers, faculty, and industry experts
- real-world, industry-applicable projects and assignments help you make an impact on your organization right from the start

## Who Should Study This Program?

OpusVi™ and NAU's Master of Science in Nursing Administration (Emphasis in Strategic Systems Leadership) has been designed to help current and future nurse leaders who:

- Are BSN-prepared nurses or nurses with an associate's degree in nursing with a bachelor's degree in another field and want to earn an MSN to advance their careers towards leadership roles
- Want to build a strategic business background grounded in the nursing profession
- Aim to create a long-term, sustainable impact in healthcare at the team, system, and national policy levels
- Wish to improve care processes, outcomes, and patient experiences
- Want to develop strategies to drive meaningful change, lead diverse teams, and foster collaboration by generating data-driven, cost-effective solutions

As the curriculum was developed with hospital-based nurse leaders, this program is most appropriate for nurses who work in hospitals and acute care settings.

If you don't see yourself reflected in the above groups but are interested in the program, we encourage you to inquire with us today to discuss your professional aspirations and whether this program will be a good fit for you.



“With NAU, we’re creating the most relevant, engaging, and immediately applicable healthcare programs possible. Leveraging a practical, proven pedagogy, our goal is for learners to find value in every interaction, and to support the whole learner by providing tools for personal well-being throughout an insanely relevant curriculum. We take this holistic approach because we are committed to helping drive the future of nursing in an affordable, accessible, and meaningful way.”

– Kurt Hayes, Chief Learning Experience Officer at OpusVi



## How To Apply

### Applicants must fulfill certain requirements for admission:

- Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited program or an associate's degree in nursing from an accredited program with a bachelor's degree in another field.
- For applicants with an associate's degree in nursing and a bachelor's degree in another field:
  - Completion of undergraduate public health nursing (theory and clinical) course(s) and nursing research (didactic) passed with a grade of "B" or better is required.
  - And either:
    - Completion of an undergraduate introduction to statistics course from a college or university with a grade of "C" or better, or a "Pass." Another option is completion of a graduate course in statistics, passed with a "B" grade or higher, and completed prior to enrollment in NUR 530.
  - Or:
    - Completion of undergraduate courses in nursing research (didactic) and public health nursing (didactic and clinical) with grades of "B" or better.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required in all nursing coursework for the baccalaureate program or the associate degree in nursing program. If the applicant's GPA is below 3.0, students may be given provisional admission.
- Applicants must have a current RN license in good standing to practice as an RN in Arizona (or your state of residence/employment); eligibility to obtain an Arizona license; or meet the Arizona Board of Nursing regulations regarding multistate licensure.
- Due to State Board of Nursing and other legal requirements, we do not accept students into the program that live in AL, TN, WA, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, nor are we permitted to allow students to complete the program if they relocate to one of these states.

Contact Us for Questions About the  
Enrollment Process – We're Here to Help!

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At OpusVi (Latin for Workforce), we partner with healthcare organizations to build transformative workforce solutions. We have developed a workforce development platform that enables healthcare systems and organizations to upskill and retain top talents. Dedicated to providing the best client experience, we have designed custom online and hybrid programs and workforce development solutions that improve and positively impact talent retention as much as patient health and quality of care. We remain leaders in the healthcare education space by creating scalable, cutting-edge solutions through innovative technologies, clinical expertise, and evidence-based training alongside the industry's top subject matter experts and academic institutions.



Since 1899, Northern Arizona University has fostered a collaborative community and a student-centered approach that engages students in active professional growth and research. Students work closely with faculty mentors, participating in rigorous scholarly activities and hands-on experiences in business, the arts, education, the humanities, and the sciences. Steeped in a rich history, NAU has nurtured a dynamic culture of academic inquiry and excellence that permeates its programs at the university's main campus in Flagstaff, more than 20 locations across Arizona, and online.



The W. A. Franke  
College of Business

The W. A. Franke College of Business at Northern Arizona University prepares students to become leaders and make a difference in a world that is changing almost daily. Scholars hone their craft as they build a professional network filled with the best minds in business. Close collaboration with faculty mentors, immersive learning opportunities, and a shared commitment to big-picture thinking define the student experience.

## Learn More

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