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**REGENTS ONLINE CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE**

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## The Collaborative at a Glance

Under the direction of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Regents Online Master of Science in Nursing program was launched in Fall 2004 to address the state's critical shortage of advanced practice nurses

and nursing faculty. Through extensive cooperation and collaboration among TBR colleges/schools of Nursing, students can earn Master's degrees and Post Master's certificates from:

Austin Peay State University (APSU) School of Nursing  
East Tennessee State University (ETSU) College of Nursing  
Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) School of Nursing  
Tennessee State University (TSU) School of Nursing  
Tennessee Technological University (TTU) School of Nursing  
Loewenberg School of Nursing at the University of Memphis (UoM)

Each institution offers the same curriculum, and all courses are taught by qualified faculty from the universities.

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## National and Regional Accreditation – A Quality Indicator



4 Accreditation is a process of validation in which colleges and universities of higher learning are evaluated. It's an indicator that an institution or program meets standards of quality and that there is a commitment to continuously seek ways to enhance the quality of education and training provided.

All six TBR universities offering the Master of Science in Nursing degree are fully accredited by the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and each college/school of Nursing holds full approval from the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

### **The Regents Online Master of Science in Nursing program is accredited by:**

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Telephone: 1-404-975-5000  
Website: [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)

## Degree Program Offerings with In-demand Specializations

The Regents Online Campus Collaborative offers nursing degree programs in some of the most highly sought after specializations. The programs are designed to meet the growing demand for nursing professionals expertly trained to deal with technological advances in patient care, evolving trends in healthcare preferences and treatment procedures, complexities brought on by healthcare reform, and changing demographics.

The programs are a combination of didactic courses available online followed by culminating clinical practicum experiences which are arranged for local delivery through an approved preceptor in consultation with course faculty.

**Program offerings include** →



“Caring is the essence of nursing.”  
~ Jean Watson

## Nursing Administration

### Program Overview:

The Nursing Administration concentration prepares nurses for executive leadership roles within hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, hospices and other healthcare facilities. It focuses on developing your knowledge of

management principles, human resources, finance, ethical/legal issues, communication and critical thinking skills which are becoming increasingly important as the nursing practice grows in complexity.

### Program Requirements:

Core Course Requirements	5 courses	15 credit hours
Concentration Course Requirements	5 courses	15 credit hours
Practicum Requirements	1 course	4 credit hours
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>34 credit hours</b>

## Nursing Education

### Program Overview:

Since many faculty members within postsecondary educational institutions are nearing retirement, there is strong demand for new nurse educators to fill the increasing number of open positions. This program

prepares nurse educators for responsibilities in designing course curricula, evaluating student progress and facilitating student learning in a postsecondary setting.

### Program Requirements:

Core Course Requirements	5 courses	15 credit hours
Concentration Course Requirements	4 courses	12 credit hours
Specialty Electives Clinical Focus (Adult Health, Critical Care or Pediatrics)	2 courses	6 credit hours
Nursing Education Practicum Requirements (Academia, Staff Development or Patient Education)	1 course	3 credit hours
Clinical Focus Practicum (Adult Health, Critical Care, Pediatric Nursing)	1 course	3 credit hours
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>39 credit hours</b>

## Nursing Informatics

### Program Overview:

Nursing informatics facilitates the integration of data, information and knowledge to support patients, nurses, and other providers in their decision-making in all roles and settings. This support is accomplished through a combination of nursing science, computer science and

information science. The Nursing Informatics concentration prepares students for careers in analyzing, managing and evaluating healthcare information systems and interpreting the data generated by these systems.

### Program Requirements:

Core Course Requirements	5 courses	15 credit hours
Concentration Course Requirements	7 courses	19 credit hours
Practicum Requirements	1 course	4 credit hours
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>38 credit hours</b>

## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

### Program Overview:

An outstanding future awaits registered nurses who seek to advance their careers by continuing their education and becoming a nurse practitioner. There's high demand for more nurse practitioners, particularly

in medically underserved populations residing in inner cities and rural areas. This online program focuses on the specialty areas of family practice, adult practice, women's health, pediatrics and geriatrics.

### Program Requirements:

Core Course Requirements	5 courses	15 credit hours
Concentration Course Requirements	4 courses	10 credit hours
FNP Courses	6 courses	17 credit hours
Practicum Requirements	1 course	4 credit hours
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>46 credit hours</b>





## Bridge Option

### Program Overview:

Registered nurses with Bachelor degrees in fields other than nursing now have the opportunity to be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program. RNs with non-nursing Bachelor

degrees must complete a 12 semester hour bridge of four theory courses before taking courses in the Master's degree program specialty areas.

### Bridge Core Requirements:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
NURS 4210	Healthcare Research	3
NURS 4211	Nursing Leadership & Management	3
NURS 4212	Trends & Issues in Nursing and Healthcare	3
NURS 4213	Community Health Nursing	3
<b>Total hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Family Nurse Practitioner Post Master's Certificate Program

### Program Overview:

This program provides formal study for Master's-prepared nurses interested in taking the national certification exam to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. To be eligible for the certification exam, students must successfully complete graduate didactic and clinical requirements of a Master's nurse

practitioner program through a formal graduate-level certificate or Master's-level Nurse Practitioner program in the desired area of practice. The FNP Certificate program meets the need for students who already have the Master of Science in Nursing degree without requiring them to complete a second Master's degree.

### Program Requirements:

FNP Advanced Practice Concentration Courses	7 courses	21 credit hours
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“If love can't cure it, nurses can.”  
~ Anonymous

## Faculty and Classroom Diversity – A Winning Combination



As a Regents Online Nursing student, you gain access to highly-qualified faculty members from both your “home campus” and other TBR institutions. For example, your Health Care Policy course might be taught by a faculty member from Middle Tennessee State University while your Theoretical Foundations course is delivered by a professor from Austin Peay. Our diverse pool of nurse educators from across the collaborative gives you exposure to a wide range of opinions, perspectives and experiences that you might

not otherwise receive in a traditional online setting.

Your online classmates are from all walks of life — a nurse practicing in a rural community, a staff nurse providing critical care in an inner city trauma center, a mom trying to juggle a family while working at the local hospital on the day shift, an RN looking to inject life into her career through a Bridge option. Odds are you will find someone with work experiences and personal demands similar to your own.

## No Difference between Online and On-Campus Degrees

Your transcripts and diploma will not differentiate whether your courses were taken online or on campus.

Upon program completion, your diploma will be awarded from your “home campus.”

## 24/7 Convenience on Your Terms

The Nursing program is designed to address the needs of the adult learner and full-time nurse employee through a 24/7 asynchronous online delivery model. The online didactic courses are available to you at home, at work, on the road, at the library or on vacation; any time of day or night, including weekends.

No commuting, no parking fees, no childcare arrangements, no last minute shift changes. You plan your education around your busy work and family schedule. You can register online, buy your books and visit the library anytime, anywhere!

“Nurses are the heartbeat of healthcare.”  
~ Anonymous



## Affordability and Value – A Wise Financial Choice

Why pay more and possibly incur significant student loan debt when you can go through Regents Online and earn an affordable education from a respected institution? On a comparative basis, Regents Online courses and programs can be up to half the cost of programs offered by other online education providers and private institutions. We even offer an e-Rate for

students who are not residents of Tennessee.

For a current tuition and fee schedule, visit our website at [www.rodpo.org](http://www.rodpo.org).

Financial aid may be available for those who qualify.

## Access to Virtual Support Services

Your academic success is very important to us. As a Regents Online Nursing student, you have access to a wide array of support services throughout your online learning experience.

**Virtual Bookstore** – No more waiting in line to buy books!

The Virtual Bookstore makes it easy to buy books and software online from the comfort of your home. Log on to the Virtual Bookstore website, select your course, load your shopping cart, checkout and pay with a major credit card or book voucher. It doesn't get much easier than this!

**Virtual Library** – When you need to conduct research for a term paper or are interested in learning about recent clinical trials, our Virtual Library is open 24/7 to assist you in your search for information. Instead of spending hours in vain looking for information on the Internet, turn to the Virtual Library's collection of online databases, journals, reference materials, eBooks, directories and streaming videos for the info you need. All of these resources are available at no cost to you. If you need help getting started, simply turn to our highly-trained librarians available via

email, live chat and reference desk phone support for quick and friendly assistance.

As a Nursing student, the Virtual Library provides you with access to:

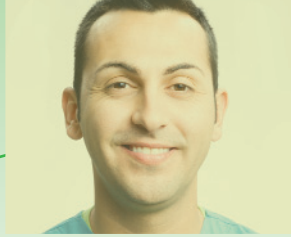
*CINAHL®*, the *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature database with full text*. Regarded as the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, it provides indexing for almost 3,000 journals, contains more than 1,000,000 records, searchable cited references for more than 1,150 journals, and full text for 329 journals, plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments and clinical trials.

*Nursing & Allied Health Collection Comprehensive database* provides full text for nearly 400 journals covering the areas of nursing, biomedicine, health sciences, consumer health and allied health disciplines.

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# Admission Requirements - MSN, FNP, Bridge and Post Master's FNP Programs

Admission Requirements	MSN/FNP	Bridge	Post Master's FNP
<b>Licensing</b>			
Eligibility to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state in which the clinical assignments are completed	✓	✓	✓
<b>Highest Degree Completion</b>			
Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited program			✓
RN with a Nursing degree	✓		
RN with a BA/BS non-nursing degree		✓	
<b>GPA Requirements</b>			
3.0 on a scale of 4.0	✓	✓	✓
<b>English Proficiency</b>			
TOEFL score of 600 (if native language is not English)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Documentation Requirements</b>			
Resume	✓	✓	✓
Document outlining professional experience, future career goals, and reasons for pursuing graduate study	✓	✓	✓
Three recommendations	✓	✓	✓
<b>Prerequisite Course Requirements</b>			
Satisfactory completion of 4 Master's-level courses			✓
12 unit RN/MSN bridge sequence		✓	

“Nurses: one of the few blessings of being ill.”  
 ~ Sara Moss-Wolfe

# Take the Next Step - Point Your Future in a New Direction

## Perform a Hardware and Software Compatibility Check

If you're concerned about how your computing resources will perform in an online learning environment, it's easy to find out by performing a simple system check. Just visit the link shown below and you'll find out how your system stacks up.



[www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu](http://www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu)



Visit <http://elearn.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu>

and log in with the following credentials:

Username: guest

Password: guest

## Getting Started – The Application Process

Application to the Nursing program is a two-step process.

### STEP ONE:

Complete an MSN application to Regents Online. This application is reviewed by the Executive Committee for admission referral and random home campus assignment.

Random home campus assignment only applies to students residing in designated Middle Tennessee counties. Applicants must wait for notification of home campus assignment before applying to the Graduate Division of a participating university.

### STEP TWO:

Upon notification from the Executive Committee, you must apply and complete the admission process to the graduate division of your assigned home campus. Official admission notification is forwarded by the graduate division of the home campus to each candidate. Following admission to the university, students may enroll in courses.





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