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WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

Center for Professional
and Graduate Studies

The Center for Professional and Graduate Studies offers 12 professional and graduate degree programs in the health sciences, management and education fields.

- + Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)
- + Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN)
- + Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership (HCL)
- + Accelerated Certification for Teaching (ACT)
- + Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development (BOLD)
- + Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)
- + Accelerated BA/BS to BSN
- + Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- + Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA)
- + Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Post-Master's Certification
- + Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL)
- + Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)





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Congratulations. You have something to be proud of.

Really. The fact that you're even thinking about going back to school means you want to go further. You have an ultimate goal in mind, whether it's to jumpstart your career, take on a new challenge or simply get the education you always wanted. And with your drive and intelligence, you're definitely going to get there. Now all you need is a guide.

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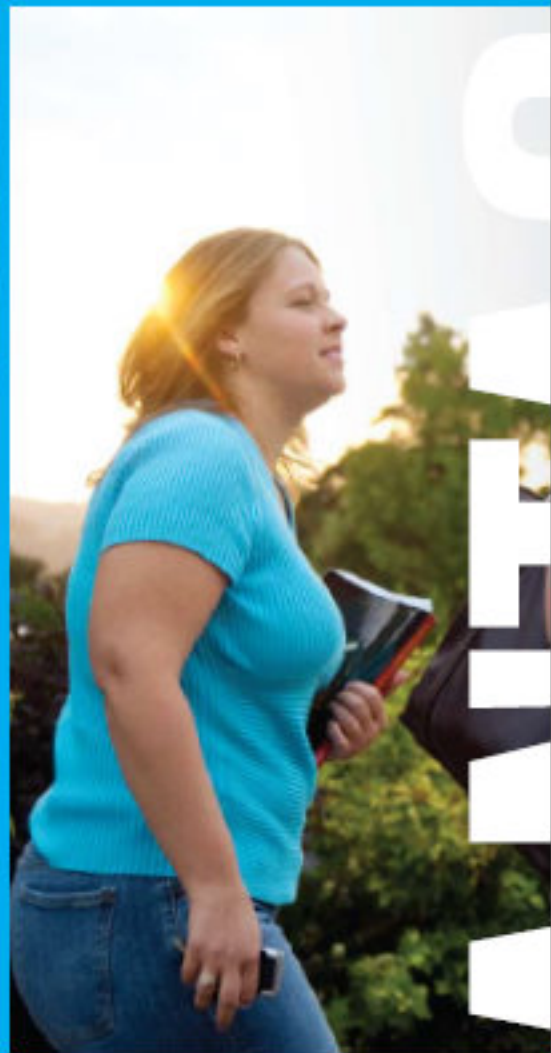
You have a real life in the real world, with real responsibility that you can't simply drop because you've reached a turning point. But somehow you know you need to find a way to fit continuing education into your full schedule. In addition to your demanding job. Or your devoted spouse. Or the kids who are your pride and joy. Maybe even all three.

Wheeling Jesuit University's Center for Professional and Graduate Studies is designed for students just like you.

We offer classes during both the daytime and evenings, as well as online. In fact, you'll discover that many of our fully accredited professional and graduate degrees are largely available via the Internet. At WJU, you'll find the flexibility you need to take care of your pressing obligations while planning a future for yourself.

We understand that each student is unique, which is why the staff of the Center for Professional and Graduate Studies works directly with you to address your needs prior to enrollment. Once you become a student at Wheeling Jesuit University, you'll discover a comprehensive support system that will guide you through your educational development and make sure you stay right on track.





UNIVERSITY



“I decided to take a quarter off college, and it ended up being a quarter century.”



Sometimes, timing really is every thing. When Pamela McCort left school temporarily to pursue a job opportunity in the newspaper business, she had no idea it would be the beginning of a fulfilling career lasting more than two decades.

Yet, even with all of the knowledge and experience she amassed, Pamela realized she was being held back financially without a college degree. She meant to return to school—at some point—but it just wasn't working with her busy schedule. “It was a personal goal of mine to get my degree, too,” she said. “I just hadn't found the right institution.” At least until Pamela found Wheeling Jesuit. “The timing was right and every thing WJU offered made me feel completely comfortable,” said Pamela.

As a BOLD student who also serves as the communications coordinator at the County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Pamela was not only able to successfully juggle her education with her career, she also could apply the lessons she learned in class at her job immediately.

“They have such an emphasis on effective leadership,” she said. “I realized my past mistakes right away and learned how to improve upon them when I came back to work. I didn't have to wait 15 months or so like I would've at another university. And what I've learned is very useful to what I do now.”

As Pamela continues to apply the new lessons she's learned to her job, she pointed out the elements of her education that she will carry with her for a long time to come, saying, “WJU made me a much better critical thinker. I take more time to assess problems, looking at them from different angles before solving them. I've become a more effective leader and learned how to listen better. I always wanted to go out and make a difference in the world, and the Jesuit philosophy suited me. These are skills that won't just serve me in work, but in life, too.”

Talk about perfect timing.

Support Support Support



We want you to take full advantage of our fully loaded support system while you're a student here. In fact, our system is specifically designed that way. It's why we maintain a 12- to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, making sure you receive the personal attention you deserve. At Wheeling Jesuit University, each member of our expert faculty is explicitly dedicated to helping you determine where you want to go and the best way to get there.

In addition, you'll discover a refreshing atmosphere of mutual respect at WJU—one where you'll be treated like the adult and individual you are. Plus, our faculty is an eclectic mix especially suited for the non-traditional student, giving you the opportunity to learn from full-time professors and professionals with a record of proven success in their field. You'll even have access to a full slate of guest lecturers who will add to our insight into current issues that are under discussion both in the classroom and in society at large. Wheeling Jesuit University understands the concerns and fears that come along with making the decision to return to college. A personal admissions counselor will be assigned from the Center for Professional and Graduate Studies staff to help you navigate the enrollment and application process.



Nurture Your Nature

Here at Wheeling Jesuit University, it is our mission to help you develop your natural abilities. Our tradition of intellectual curiosity and deep reflection will give you the direction you need to refine your knowledge and talent so you can ascend to the next level in your career. And our emphasis on both academic rigor and practical learning will help you make yourself more marketable and pursue your lifelong passions.

More important, your education at WJU is completed on your time. We understand that family and work responsibilities limit your schedule, which is why we provide a flexible environment where you can merge your current responsibilities with your future goals.

And while we can help you receive the professional knowledge and provide you with the learning opportunities you'll need to excel in your chosen field, our Jesuit educational philosophy will also compel you to deal with the complexities of the changing world.

At WJU, you'll think critically and ethically in ways that will help you uncover your natural abilities and grow as a leader. It's a unique, highly personal education that will illuminate your path to future success.



Resource-ful

In addition to Wheeling Jesuit University's faculty and staff, the Center for Professional and Graduate Studies provides you with an abundance of resources that will enrich your interests and further your career. You will be encouraged to attend special talks and presentations in your field, as well as participate in valuable networking opportunities and service events. Finally, you are free to take full advantage of WJU's initiatives and facilities—both on and off campus—that will help you make the most of your degree. Here are just a few of WJU's offerings.

Academic Resource Center

Whether you need a little help polishing your research papers, some additional tutoring for that advanced level math course or even just a few tips for managing your time better, the Academic Resource Center offers many different one-on-one assistance initiatives. In addition to individual assistance, the Academic Resource Center also presides over a networked computer lab equipped with subject-specific tutorial software, as well as software for GRE, LSAT, GMAT, Praxis and TOEFL exams.

Career Counseling

The Career Development Center is committed to ensuring that your academic success at WJU translates effectively into the marketplace. Here, students and alumni are provided with guidance to locate suitable internship experiences and employment, polish their resumes, cover letters and interview skills and interview with companies—both on and off campus.

Bishop Hodges Library

The Bishop Hodges Library provides WJU students with access to more than 250,000 volumes, as well as an extensive network of interlibrary exchanges with other universities and institutions in the region. The library also provides students with hundreds of journals and research guides, electronic information resources and searchable databases.

The library and Academic Response Center are available to online students through the Internet and e-mail.

McDonough Center

As a WJU student, you can also take advantage of the Alma Grace McDonough Health and Recreation Center, a 102,000-square-foot facility housing two gymnasiums, two racquetball courts, a six-lane indoor swimming pool, an indoor running/walking track and a fully equipped fitness center, complete with weight training and cardiovascular equipment.

Honor Societies and Awards

Your achievements as a Graduate or Professional Studies student may be recognized through a variety of Honors Societies, including the Omicron Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society in Business, Management and Administration, and the Physical Therapy Honor Society. Students are also recognized with departmental awards each year at Commencement, and the few who distinguish themselves in scholarly pursuits, loyalty and service to WJU and the community are eligible for membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society.

There is Here



With Wheeling Jesuit University's online curriculum, your desire to return to school to earn a degree or certification can be achieved by blending a traditional Jesuit liberal arts education with the accessibility of the Internet. And while you can attend your online class in a café or the privacy of your own home, you'll soon learn that students enrolled in WJU online learning programs benefit from the full-time support of a dedicated online education department and personal contact with WJU faculty. The only real difference is your elevated level of convenience.

“It was nice going back and seeing that some of the same instructors were still there. They’d find me and say, ‘Oh I heard you were here!’ Where else do you find that?”

Twenty years ago, Kathee Small graduated from WJU with her undergrad degree and a promising career in nursing. And while she found all she was looking for and more in the field, Kathee was ready to move up and become a nurse practitioner.

Living just a half-hour outside Pittsburgh, she had a wide range of graduate schools to choose from to get her Master of Science in Nursing. Nevertheless, Kathee felt something that kept drawing her back to her alma mater.

“I always loved the small school feel of WJU,” she said. “At Wheeling Jesuit it’s not like you’re one of a million students. In fact, with the professors, sometimes you feel like you’re the only one. They are always there to help you.”

Even though she would be earning her degree online, Kathee soon found the personal attention she received at WJU was not diminished at all. “They were always very quick to e-mail me back when I had a question. And you could call their home number or work number, and they’d get back to you right away—even on the weekends.”

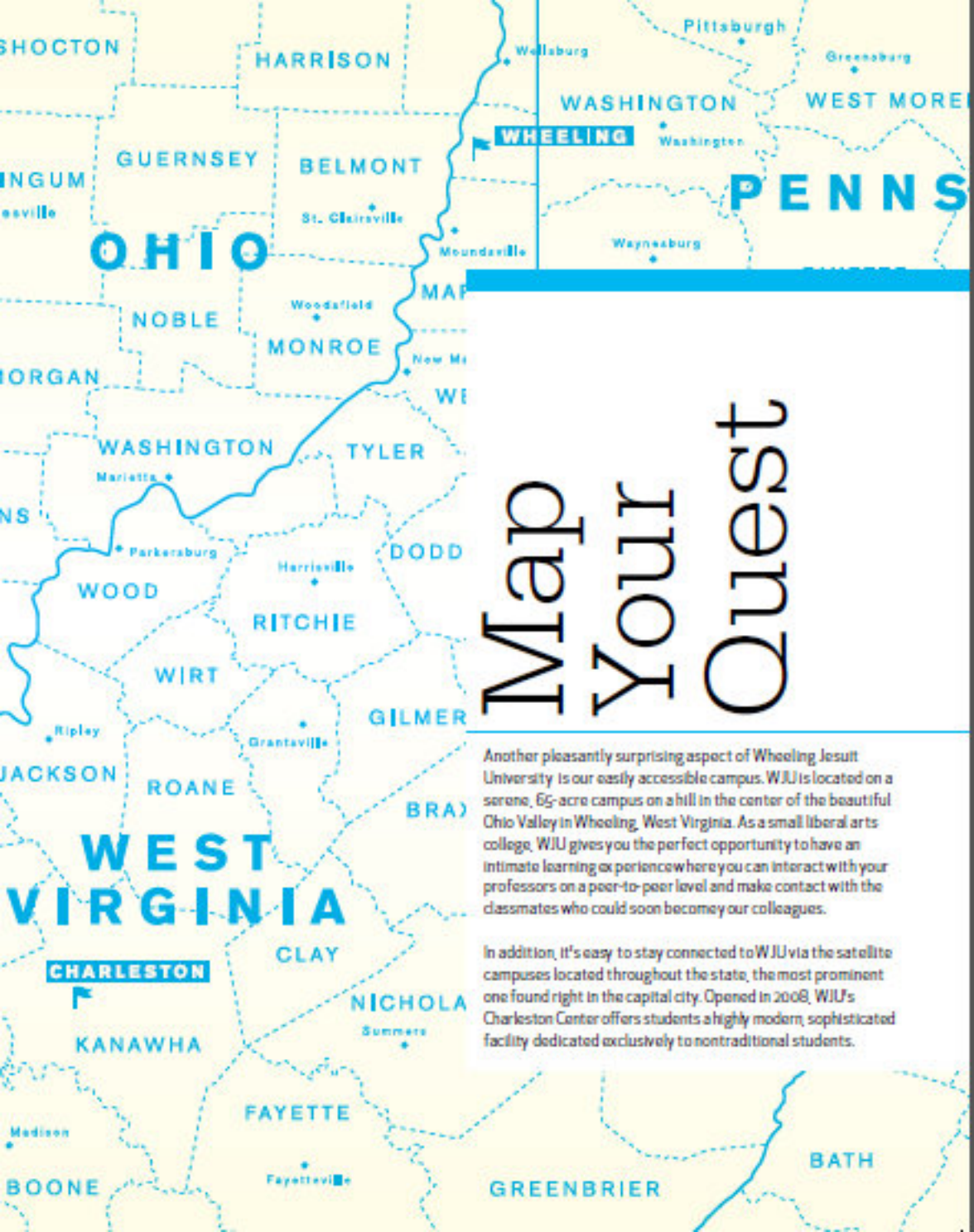
Kathee also discovered that her online program was extremely convenient, both on- and offline. “It was definitely on my own time, whether I was studying at six in the morning or six at night,” she said. “When an assignment is due today, it’s due today at midnight. I could complete it when I chose to.” It didn’t hurt that Kathee was also able to easily set up her degree’s required clinical rotations — and just five minutes from her front door at that.



Further is Deeper

Skills, knowledge and experience are necessary to succeed in your career and life. But it's the ability to stay grounded, help others and achieve wisdom that often gives us the most satisfaction. With the 450-year-old traditions and values of a Jesuit education, Wheeling Jesuit University emphasizes a search for meaning that supports the ongoing development of your imagination, conscience and intellect. At WJU it's our mission to cultivate your strengths and help you realize your potential. When you are able to look deeper into yourself and your purpose, you'll become a more well-rounded human being. Not to mention better equipped to solve problems, lead others and make a positive impact on the world.





Map Your Quest

Another pleasantly surprising aspect of Wheeling Jesuit University is our easily accessible campus. WJU is located on a serene, 65-acre campus on a hill in the center of the beautiful Ohio Valley in Wheeling, West Virginia. As a small liberal arts college, WJU gives you the perfect opportunity to have an intimate learning experience where you can interact with your professors on a peer-to-peer level and make contact with the classmates who could soon become your colleagues.

In addition, it's easy to stay connected to WJU via the satellite campuses located throughout the state, the most prominent one found right in the capital city. Opened in 2008, WJU's Charleston Center offers students a highly modern, sophisticated facility dedicated exclusively to nontraditional students.

“When the Boards came, I didn’t have to study for them, so to speak, because we had been doing it the whole way through.”

Patrick Bray had never considered earning his Ph.D. and he had never even heard of Wheeling Jesuit University. At least, until someone he respected gave him a nudge.

“I was working as a Physical Therapy tech in Louisville, Kentucky with a guy who graduated from WJU, and he was a very, very good therapist—my mentor, I guess,” said Patrick. “He pushed me to think about my career and sparked my interest in Wheeling Jesuit’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program.”

What also sparked Patrick’s interest was WJU’s problem-based learning curriculum. Instead of being lectured to, Patrick found that the professors would work with small groups of students (not the ‘sage on the stage,’ but a ‘guide on the side,’) said Patrick) and give them a variety of patient case scenarios, expecting them to figure out how to treat the patient themselves.

“Problem-based learning is all-encompassing and very lifelike. It makes you aware of the human element [of treating patients],” said Patrick. “When you start going through the body system and are doing problem-based learning throughout, you’re constantly being tested from day one until your last day.”

The unique curriculum not only helped Patrick ace his Boards, but also made him acutely aware that he was treating real people, not just applying concepts. Now practicing back in Louisville, Patrick has come full circle—and gained more perspective to figure out how to give the patient the best, most humane treatment possible.

“At WJU there’s such an emphasis on the human element in patient care that I don’t know if I would’ve gotten that at other universities. It was pretty invaluable.”



Do Diligence

Now's the time to harness your momentum and act. But before you do, you might need just a bit more information. Which makes perfect sense to us. After all, we believe that learning never stops at Wheeling Jesuit University. This book is simply one step toward your great leap forward.

So what's next? Come on over and meet us. WJU Professional and Graduate Studies Open Houses and Information Sessions are excellent opportunities to meet your future professors, as well as our helpful Professional and Graduate Studies staff. There, they can answer all of your questions and guide you through the enrollment process.

The Professional and Graduate Studies staff can also help arrange a visit to campus. It's worth your time to sit in on a class, meet with our faculty and even some of your future fellow students to gain a clearer picture of what makes a Wheeling Jesuit University education so unique. Plus, it definitely helps to see for yourself the abundant resources and beauty that our 65-acre campus has to offer you.

AFFORDING WJU

Finally, we want you to know that your acceptance letter comes with a commitment to helping you find financial solutions that will enable you to enroll, graduate and capitalize on your Wheeling Jesuit education investment.

There are several scholarships and financial aid options available, and WJU's experts will work with you and your family to establish a financial partnership that will make becoming a part of the Wheeling Jesuit University family a reality. Some employers will even supplement payment for employees who return to school. (Don't hesitate to ask yours.) We will work with you and your employer to set up a plan that benefits you the most.

YOU CAN ALSO APPLY TODAY

If you've already made up your mind and are ready to apply, feel free to do so. Visit www.wju.edu/graduate to get started. From there, our friendly and professional staff will assist you with tracking your application and acceptance into our degree and certification programs.

For more information on Open Houses, Information Sessions, Visits, Applications processes and financial aid options, contact the Center for Professional and Graduate Studies at:

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Online Learning Programs

Wheeling Jesuit University offers online learning degrees in the fields of nursing, healthcare and education. Here are detailed descriptions of each online degree offered at WJU:

Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Custom designed for the working professional, the RN to BSN program offers registered nurses the opportunity to earn their degree directly from within their own communities. Through this format, you can complete most of your course work online and in your local clinical experience, with minimal campus visits required.

Registered Nurse (RN) to Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Through this online program, registered nurses earn both a BSN degree and an MSN degree. In addition, you will specialize in one of three possible MSN track options: Nursing Administration, Nursing Education Specialist or Family Nurse Practitioner. Most coursework is completed through the Internet and clinical experience in your community, with minimal campus visits required.

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership

Designed for working allied health professionals with associate degrees or certifications, the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership program prepares students for leadership roles in the medical and health services fields. Students may complete the program in as little as three years while still maintaining a full-time job.

Accelerated Certification for Teaching (ACT)

ACT is designed for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree and seek to qualify for state teacher certification in grades 5 through 12. Available for state certification in West Virginia with reciprocity to 31 other states, ACT provides an accelerated path to teacher certification for both those transitioning into a second career and those who already serve in the classroom as temporary, emergency, or substitute teachers but need to earn a formal teaching credential(s). West Virginia certification earned through the ACT program has reciprocity to 31 other states. A personalized academic action plan is designed for each ACT student.

In the final semester, full-time participation will be expected as you fulfill the student teaching requirement. Those who are currently in the classroom can apply their work experience toward this important part of the certification process. Certification is available in 10 content areas: biology, chemistry, English, French, general science, mathematics, physics, social science/history, social science/political science and Spanish.

Evening Cohort Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development (BOLD)

From decision-making curriculum to systems management and negotiation skills, BOLD's accelerated degree-completion program teaches you how to lead effectively and effect positive change in organizations while preparing for management and leadership positions in healthcare, business and industry, and government agencies.

BOLD students meet in class one night per week on a 15-month schedule. You advance through the entire program with the same cohesive learning group. In addition, you will design and develop an applied research project within your occupational field or area of interest. To qualify for BOLD, you need to transfer at least 60 semester hours of college credit and be at least 25 years of age. The BOLD program is offered in several off-campus locations, including our Charleston Center.

Evening Degrees

Bachelor of Liberal Arts

The Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) degree accommodates the experience, circumstances and needs of adult learners. Students complete the 51-credit liberal arts core by enrolling in either evening or online courses at Wheeling Jesuit University. Students meet for class one night per week for each course. Classes are typically offered Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. In addition, students may attend classes year-round through Wheeling Jesuit University Summer Sessions. Courses from other regionally accredited schools may also transfer toward the degree program.

Other means for earning credit through the BLA program may include internships, special projects, a portfolio of professional and technical competencies, and life learning essays. A final project related to the student's academic goal must also be completed.

Daytime Programs

Accelerated BA/BS to BSN

Designed as an opportunity for people changing their entire career path, this accelerated, intensive 18-month curriculum allows individuals with a four-year degree to enter the field of nursing. Coursework is completed on the Wheeling campus, with clinical work conducted in the local area. Graduates of the Accelerated BSN Program not only complete the program an entire year earlier than people enrolled in traditional nursing programs, but also graduate at a time (December) when other nursing majors are still in school and not competing in the job market.



Graduate Programs

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

As the area's most established business degree program, the MBA program's ultimate objective is to help students develop the capacity to make and implement successful leadership decisions in an increasingly complex and fast-paced business environment. The MBA program focuses on applying business concepts by exploring the internal and external forces that strengthen and limit businesses, as well as understanding the ethical implications of organizational behavior. Open to both part-time and full-time study, students meet in class one night per week.

Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA)

The MSA program is a professional non-thesis program designed for individuals who have attained an order graduate degree in accounting, as well as those who need to complete their 150-hour education requirement in order to sit for the CPA exam. The MSA is designed to expand the student's knowledge base, provide additional background useful to pass the CPA, and, if successfully completed, provide each student with its graduate-level credentials. Open to both part-time and full-time study, students meet in class one night per week.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Designed to accommodate the BSN graduate student who wishes to attend school while working, the online MSN program offers three specific tracks in which to earn a Master's: Nursing Administration, Nursing Education Specialist and Family Nurse Practitioner. Students are required to come periodically to the main campus each semester, with the number of campus visits depending on the student's specific MSN program track.

A Post-Master's certificate is also available.

Nursing Administration

By integrating concepts from nursing, business and management, graduates of the MSN with a major in nursing administration are prepared to assume leadership and management positions in a variety of healthcare settings.

Nursing Education Specialist

This program integrates concepts from nursing, science and education to prepare graduates to assume educational positions in schools of nursing, community health education and various other healthcare settings.

Family Nurse Practitioner

This program integrates concepts from nursing, science and family practice to give the experienced nurse an advanced, in-depth body of knowledge necessary to practice in the expanded/registered nurse role of the managed care environment. In addition, this program prepares nurses to practice in rural/Appalachian and underserved communities.

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL)

The MSOL program facilitates a rigorous examination of historical and current theory and then applies it to real-world situations in order to develop graduates with the intellectual and personal skills required



of today's executives and managers. Graduates will understand how to conduct positive organizational change, implement effective interpersonal communication and develop the flexibility necessary to adapt leadership styles and theories to various settings. This 22-month program is offered once a week in the evening in a cohort format.

The MSOL program is also offered at our Charleston Center.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Using a problem-based learning (PBL) model, as opposed to traditional lecture method, Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates learn how to provide direct patient care, supervision, management, research, teaching and consultation. Students are assigned to tutorial groups of five to eight students and guided by a faculty tutor through independent study. Supervised laboratory sessions and physical therapy clinical experience are used for the practice of clinical skills. Program participants are expected to enroll as full-time students for the program's two-year duration.



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