The School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene offers programs to prepare students for careers in nursing and dental hygiene primarily for the State of Hawai‘i and the Pacific Basin. The School is committed to: 1) educating qualified men and women in the disciplines of nursing and dental hygiene; 2) using learning approaches that are appropriate to the needs of students and facilitating achievement of health outcomes within the diverse communities of the state of Hawai‘i and the Pacific Basin; 3) advancing knowledge through research; and 4) designing and implementing nursing and dental hygiene services. The Dental Hygiene Program at the UH Mānoa is the only one in the state.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**Dental Hygiene, Bachelor's Degree**
Provides the preparation required by dental hygienists to provide oral health care and education.

**Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, Ph.D., and Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing**

The undergraduate nursing program provides two options: a) the Bachelor of Science degree pathway, which admits students in the sophomore year in nursing and b) the RN to BS pathway which allows entry after completion of the AS degree or diploma in nursing.

The program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree prepares students for advanced practice nursing or clinical systems management. The Ph.D. in Nursing program prepares scholars who are capable of conducting culturally appropriate clinical scholarship and teaching in nursing educational programs.

**AREAS OF CONCENTRATION**

- Primary Health Care
- Women's and Child Health
- Geriatric Health
- Community Health
- Advanced Practice Nursing
- Clinical Systems Management
- Psychiatric Mental Health
- Clinical Scholarship on Health of Diverse Groups
- Information Technology for Nursing
- International Nursing

**KEY PROGRAMS AND CENTERS**

- Office of Faculty Practice
- Office of International Practice
- Office of Information Systems
- Clinical Research Centers

**KEY INITIATIVES**

**Distance Education**
When funding is available, distance learning opportunities at both the baccalaureate and master's level are available on the neighbor islands for the professional advancement of registered nurses. The programs are designed with part-time students in mind.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- Student Nurses Organization
- National Student Nurses’ Association
- Sigma Theta Tau (international honor society in nursing)

**PROMINENT FACULTY**

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