



COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

WGU is excited to announce a new MSN Family Nurse Practitioner degree program! The first students have started, and we're now accepting applications from WGU alumni of our undergraduate nursing programs from the following states: Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, and Utah. We will be accepting non-returning WGU graduate applications in Fall 2020. We anticipate opening to more states this year along with the addition of a post-MSN FNP certificate program in 2021 in the same states. We will continue to share updates.

Interested in learning more? Email msnfnpinfo@wgu.edu for the MSN FNP degree program or postmsnfnpinfo@wgu.edu for the post-MSN FNP certificate program.

In other news, **WGU has developed a partnership between the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)** and the College of Health Professions. Individuals who have earned the Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification are being offered advanced placement into the Master of Health Leadership (MHL) degree program. The certification removes two courses from the standard pathway. This affiliation agreement further enriches an already-established relationship that was created for the Master of Science in Nursing–Leadership and

What's New at WGU?



WGU Funds \$10M in Emergency Aid to Support Students Impacted by COVID-19

WGU has designated \$10 million to aid current and new students who are experiencing financial and healthcare hardships due to COVID-19. [Click here to read more.](#)

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WGU's First Virtual Commencement

We were thrilled to recognize so many at WGU's first virtual commencement. It was an amazing ceremony with our grads in the spotlight! If you'd like to view the virtual commencement, you can find all ceremony video clips by clicking [here](#). Click the button below or the image on the left to watch just one clip featuring Graduate Speaker Miranda Joseph.

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How COVID-19 Could Create Healthcare Innovation

Dr. Omar Lateef, CEO of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago discusses his experience during the pandemic, how his role changed, and the innovation he sees in healthcare.

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Like TED Talks? Check this out!

Watch this short ten-minute TED Talk titled **“The mental health benefits of storytelling for health care workers”** presented by Laurel Braitman.

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You’ve graduated. Now what?



We’ve created alumni professional development paths to help you find the next step. These paths will guide you through the resources and steps that you can take to continue your professional journey. Click here to find your path.

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From the Career & Professional Development Team

With everything going on in the world, your primary focus may not be on finding a new job or professional development—and that’s okay! We have lots of resources to assist now and in the future, including several resources in our new career management platform, [Handshake](#). From emotional [support](#) resources to assist during social distancing, to [online networking](#) and [professional development tips](#), there is something for everyone in our growing resource library.



New Webinars in Handshake

Graduate and Alumni Career Management webinars are now available in Handshake. If you haven't had a chance to attend a webinar or would like to review the recordings, visit the [Resource Page in Handshake](#). Topics include Building Your Career Community, Showcasing Academic Work on Your Resume, Interviewing with Authenticity, and Tips for Career Changers.

Looking for more webinars? Stay tuned—Career & Professional Development will be announcing new topics soon.

Stay Involved

Apply to be a WGU Alumni Ambassador

Do you consider yourself WGU's biggest fan? Then [join the WGU Alumni Ambassadors!](#) This is a leadership opportunity for alumni who are dedicated to representing the university. Members share their time and experience by engaging with potential students or other Night Owls.



Join the [Night Owl Network](#)

An exclusive professional community of Night Owls from around the world! Joining is quick and easy, and once on the inside, you'll be able to:

- Connect with professionals in your field
- Give back by sharing career advice and starting a mentorship
- Discover and join industry interest groups

Meet the new WGU Alumni Advisory Board

WGU Alumni Advisory Board members are instrumental resources and consultants for WGU's ability to provide regionally relevant and effective programs. [Get to know the members.](#)



Accountable Care Learning Collaborative (ACLC)

The ACLC is housed at WGU and brings together the top leaders in the industry. On its [site](#) there are many case study briefs available for review. This is a great resource for Night Owls who continue to study on their own!



Consider a BSHSC Degree



The College of Health Professions launched a [Bachelor of Science Health Services Coordination \(BSHSC\)](#) program in 2019. This degree offers individuals an opportunity to help others without needing to provide direct patient care. The BSHSC degree prepares an individual to assist patients and families by advocating to execute the care plans that were created by health providers, nurses, or case managers found in many environments, including: acute care hospitals, extended stay facilities such as nursing homes or assisted living facilities, ambulatory care, home care and home health companies, wellness and outreach, and behavioral health facilities.

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