

# OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Designed to prepare students for careers in the health care system, CHP programs combine academic education with supervised clinical experience in hospitals and community agencies. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them as members of the University community.

## College of Health Professions Graduate Nursing Programs

### Master of Science degree, Specialization

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, MS (AGACNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner, MS (FNP)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, MS (PMHNP)

### Certificate of Graduate Studies

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program, (AGACNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner Program (FNP)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program (PMHNP)

### Doctoral (Post-Master's)

- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program (PhD)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP)
- DNP Bridge Program

The programs are described in greater detail in this catalog.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The Pace University Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) program is full-time and 5-semester (2-years plus one summer). Sixty-credits of academic and clinical coursework and 400 hours of clinical practicum are required to graduate from the program. Students have access to Pace and CSD facilities, which include an on-site Speech, Language, and Hearing Center, audiology test suite, and speech lab with state-of-the-art equipment. The clinical practicum experience includes three semesters in-house and two semesters at an external placement.

The mission of the CSD program is to prepare highly competent speech-language pathologists that support mastery of necessary skills for students to lead rewarding, intellectually, and civically engaged lives. Graduates from this program will be eligible for American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certification as well as other relevant local and state credentials upon graduation.

## Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics

This is a two-year, full-time coordinated Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program, located on the Pleasantville campus, that offers students the unique opportunity to simultaneously complete both a master's degree and the 1200 hours of didactic and supervised practice (internship) requirements needed to sit for the Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist (RDN) exam.

The RD (also known as RDN) is the most widely recognized national and international credential for practice in the field of nutrition and dietetics. The RD qualifies students for employment in a variety of food and nutrition-related positions. Beginning in 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the credentialing organization for RDs, will require a master's degree for entry level practice in dietetics, also known as Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist (RDN). Graduates of Pace's Nutrition and Dietetics, MS program may immediately sit for the CDR examination.

## Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) is a graduate degree program designed to prepare competent and ethical occupational therapy practitioners who maximize clients' quality of life and occupation engagement through technology, evidence-based, client-centered, and interprofessional practice.

The MSOT program is a hybrid weekday program. Its curriculum is delivered using a blended method combining both online and face-to-face instructions. Students can complete the program within 28 months with a total of 70 credits of didactic coursework and fieldwork components. Students are engaged in two levels of clinical fieldwork, Level I and Level II. There are three Level I Fieldworks that are associated with three practice courses: Pediatrics, Mental Health, and Physical Dysfunction. Level II fieldwork consists of 24 weeks of full-time experiences in two different practice settings.

## Pace University-Lenox Hill Hospital Physician Assistant - New York

The **Pace University - Lenox Hill Hospital Physician Assistant Program** is a rigorous master of science program that fully integrates the educational components of the two institutions. Prior to admission you must have completed a bachelor's degree and meet admission criteria. Upon successful

completion of the program, students are awarded a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) degree from Pace University and a certificate of completion from Lenox Hill Hospital. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE).

### **Physician Assistant Master's Degree Completion (Online)**

Pace also offers an online master's completion program open to PA graduates with a bachelor's degree and current PA certification. This completion program provides the additional coursework needed to obtain a master's degree.

### **Physician Assistant Program - Pleasantville**

This program offers students from diverse backgrounds a rigorous course of study designed to prepare them for future roles as compassionate, ethical, primary care providers in a wide variety of clinical settings. Building upon the core competencies of the physician assistant profession, this curriculum exposes students to an interdisciplinary didactic and clinical curriculum. Students learn the process of critical thinking, a skill fundamental to the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of illnesses. This primary care program spans 27 months and includes 66 credits of didactic education and 36 credits of clinical education. The total program includes eight required clinical clerkships plus one elective. The program is 102 credits leading to a degree in Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.