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by Sharon (Klopfenstein) Christman '92

We started educating Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) students in 2011 using a fully on-campus, face-to-face educational format. Over the next few years, we realized that the market demands were trending toward online education. We transitioned our M.S.N. Global Public Health Nursing track into a fully online program and developed a hybrid model (online and face-to-face) for our M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track.

While we have had great success with these two programs, we find that it is now time to transition our FNP track into a fully online program. We are also reinstating our M.S.N. Nurse Educator track as a fully online program.

Other changes we have made to our M.S.N. program include:

- Overall credit hours reduced for all tracks
- FNP track shortened by one semester
- FNP track moved to primarily online with three on-campus intensive weeks over the course of the program
- Two-semester capstone research requirement revised to a one-semester course titled Applied Scholarship in Practice

If you are interested in pursuing your M.S.N. as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, or Global Public Health Nurse, we encourage you to apply at [cedarville.edu/msn](http://cedarville.edu/msn). The Cedarville M.S.N. can be completed in five to eight semesters, depending on student preference. For Cedarville alumni, the program is shortened by three credit hours because the undergraduate Bible minor meets our M.S.N. Bible requirement.

We look forward to the continuing challenge of raising up professionally qualified, committed followers of Jesus to make a difference for Him in the ever-changing world of health care.

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