

# PROGRAMS

## Degree Programs offered at Franklin Pierce University

Franklin Pierce helps every student at every level discover, harness, and release their potential. Whether you're seeking a standout, small-college undergraduate experience or a graduate program that foregrounds flexibility, start here and make your future happen.

On-campus or online. Undergraduate or graduate. Liberal arts to business to the health professions. Start here to find your future--click the fields below to view the Franklin Pierce programs available in each area of study.

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### Programs & Degrees

#### Bachelor of Arts

##### Biology

Your major in Biology gives you the tools to study the living organisms and ecosystems that drive many of the most pressing issues of our time. In a world of changing climate, expanding (and aging) populations, and shrinking natural resources, understanding the living beings on our planet has never been more critical. With your B.S. or B.A. in Biology, you can seek work in laboratory, classroom, office, or field environments and look forward to consistent job and salary growth.

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##### Communication

As a Communication major at Franklin Pierce, you will develop into a successful professional in this communications-based society. Choose a concentration in Journalism and Media Production or Media and Film Studies, and begin honing the skills needed to land that high-profile job you were born to pursue. The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication, named after the former White House Press Secretary, offers hands-on experience in both online and print newspaper, radio, television, social media, and political campaign coverage. From your first day at Franklin Pierce, you'll start to develop real-world skills, while editing video footage in a personal suite and scouring the campus for breaking news. As part of the nationally recognized political polling center at Franklin Pierce, you'll have the opportunity to collect data with a professional pollster, write columns for publication in the Boston Herald, and interview live on Boston Herald Radio. You'll graduate as a trained professional with the skills and talent to embark upon the career you've always dreamed about—and the television reel, article publications, and social media following to back it up.

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##### Criminal Justice

If you are interested in law enforcement, criminal law, the court system or social justice, the Criminal Justice major will prepare you for the mental challenge and high stakes problem solving demanded by careers in these fields. You can work in any part of the country, from small towns to capital cities, doing field or office work depending on your goals. Our program will build the foundation for your success in these high demand careers.

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##### Digital Media Design

Students of Digital Media Design learn to help shape the way today's world works, learns, communicates, and plays. They gain hands-on experience using the very latest digital tools and design processes in the media arts workspace. DMD students explore the artistic and

technical aspects of visual design and create interactive systems for a wide variety of content. Digital Media Design prepares students to work in Graphic & Web Design, Mobile & App Design, UX/UI Design, Data Visualization, Image Creation, and Motion Graphics. DMD students also learn about Social Media Marketing, Ethics, Intellectual Property and Media Law, and some of the newest technologies available.

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## **Education Studies**

The Bachelor's in Education Studies prepares students to work in educational settings outside of the traditional public school classroom settings. An Education Studies major does not qualify students for recommendation for New Hampshire teaching certification.

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## **Elementary Education (K-6 or K-8)**

If you want to have an impact on young children as they begin their journey through school, an Elementary Education major may be for you. You'll learn how to create a nurturing classroom, provide consistent guidance, and instill a love of learning to last a lifetime. With a deep understanding of child development, you'll develop skills to successfully create a learning environment that works for each child. Through classroom observation and student teaching, you'll be prepared for certification in a career that promises opportunity and meaningful reward. You will study core concepts in instructional strategy, while learning to integrate technology and build inclusive learning environments. You will master methods of assessment to guide your teaching and develop an ethical understanding of a teacher's responsibility to children, parents, and the larger community.

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## **English Language Arts (5-8 or 5-12)**

Certification in English Education is for grades 5-8 or 5-12. In addition to completing the General and Liberal Education Core requirements, students in this program complete a major in English (the student must be enrolled in the Education Track) designed for certification candidates, and complete the required education courses. In order to satisfy certification requirements, students in this certification program may have requirements that non-certification students do not have. In addition to the required education courses listed below, students must meet with both the education advisor and their English major advisor to select courses. This dual advising system is critical to ensuring that they are meeting all of the relevant content certification standards within the content major.

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## **General Special Education**

You see the potential for growth in every child, and you're driven to find the key to unlock it. With your double major in General Special Education and Elementary Education, you'll gain the tools and practical experience you need to help children with learning needs or disabilities reach important academic goals. A wide variety of classrooms and care facilities in many parts of the world provide opportunities to work directly with children, train teachers and caregivers, and run programs.

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## **Life Sciences Education (7-12)**

Certification in Life Sciences Education is for grades 7-12. In addition to completing the General and Liberal Education Core requirements, students in this program complete a major in Biology designed for certification candidates, and complete the required

education courses listed below. Students in this certification program may have requirements that non-certification students do not have. Program completion could require overloads, summer school, or a fifth year because of the total number of credits.

In addition to the required education courses listed below, students must meet with both the education advisor and their science major advisor to select courses. This dual advising system is critical to ensuring that they are meeting all of the relevant content certification standards within the content major.

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## **Social Studies Education (5-8 or 5-12)**

Certification in Social Studies Education is for grades 5-8 or 5-12. In addition to completing the General and Liberal Education Core requirements, it is recommended that students in this program complete a major in History (Social Studies) designed for certification candidates and complete the required education courses. In order to satisfy certification requirements, students in this certification program may have requirements that non-certification students do not have.

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## **English**

We all communicate meaning through words, whether spoken or written for the page or screen. As an English major, you'll be prepared to read, analyze, write, and edit texts about people grappling with the big questions of life — from relationships to religion to philosophy and beyond. By reading the great literature of the past and the newer voices of today, you'll learn to communicate in a variety of styles and media. You'll develop perspective and empathy, and be prepared to think, analyze, and communicate in any field you choose to enter. You will acquire skills in critical thinking and problem solving, knowledge of literary genres and styles, language, and interpretation. You will develop research and presentation skills as well as the ability to express yourself clearly in writing. All English majors produce an electronic portfolio that demonstrates their achievement and preparation for graduate study and career fields. Students have pursued advanced study in English, creative writing, education, health administration, library science, business, and law.

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## **Environmental Science and Policy**

The mission of the Environmental Science and Policy program is to develop the values, knowledge and skills needed to solve environmental problems. We emphasize an experiential, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning.

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## **History**

Studying history helps you understand the world around you more fully. You'll learn more about the issues that divide us and bind us together as a people — social, political, religious, economic, gender, and environmental. Integrating the study and practice of public history, the History major builds skills for work in museums, historic sites, digital media, archives, libraries, and businesses. Equipped with historical knowledge and the lessons of history, together with the tools of research, analysis, and communication, you will be well positioned for success in a range of fields. As a History major, you'll study U.S., European, and World History, develop critical and evaluative skills through the appraisal of evidence and historical perspectives, and prepare for meaningful careers through our pioneering, experiential Public History coursework. Students have gone on to earn graduate degrees in history, museum studies, government, and law at prestigious institutions, including Boston College, American University, and Trinity College, Dublin, among many others.

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## Human Services

Do you have a passion to improve the lives of people in need? With a Human Services major, you'll be prepared to become a "helping professional." Through your coursework and internships, you will develop strong communication skills and the role of technology in health and human services. Students also learn to assess a client's needs for care, counseling, education, rehab, or other services from faculty with real world experience. In this program, you'll evaluate programs and explore how community resources and agencies can empower individuals, strengthen communities, and impact public policy. As a human services graduate, you can work with people to help them reach personal goals or with large communities to implement positive changes.

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## Music

If music is your passion and your path to personal and professional growth, our newly designed Music major will develop your artistic knowledge, practical skills, and industry savvy. Opportunities in the music industry extend beyond performance to include composing for film, television and games, sound engineering, teaching, music publishing, music administration, and music therapy.

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## Political Science

As a Political Science major at Franklin Pierce, you'll build skills, connections and experience for a career in law, government, politics, education or business. You'll study American politics and law, global security, and diplomacy, and the political processes of foreign nations. Our connections to the political scene have always been strong, and our nationally recognized Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communications provides opportunities for students to dive in to the campaign for the Oval Office that begins in this first-in-the-nation primary state. You will learn core concepts in political science and develop critical thinking skills, as you identify key questions, gather information, and analyze arguments to participate as an engaged citizen in public life or government. Our graduates are prepared for a J.D., Master's, or Ph.D. level program in the fields of law, public policy, political management, public administration, international relations, or homeland security.

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## Psychology

Psychology majors gain an understanding of behavior and mental processes through a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree that is compliant with American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines. You'll work with faculty on research and field experiences related to clinical, cognitive, forensic psychology, child development, and more. If you are fascinated by human behavior and the workings of the mind and want to explore these human topics with the discipline of a scientist, Psychology may be the perfect major for you. You will be prepared to observe, analyze, research, and design experiments with human subjects. You'll learn about models of interpersonal relationships and the field of social services. If you are interested in behavioral health, mental health, or the dynamics of relationships and groups, you will develop understanding, insight, and practical skills to help people achieve the outcomes they seek. You will study core concepts in psychology, tools for scientific inquiry, and critical thinking. Majors develop strong communication and people skills as well as a strong sense of ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world. Students are well prepared for the academic rigor of graduate school for having taken these courses. Graduates have pursued advanced degrees in psychology, social work, and marriage and family counseling at various institutions across the world.

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## Sports Media

As a Sports Media major, you will use your knowledge and passion for sports to develop the skills to communicate effectively on behalf of athletes, managers, advertisers, media, and fans across the world. You'll have 26 Division II varsity leagues to cover on and off campus, and broadcast technology at your disposal in the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication. Students build a knowledge base for entry-level positions in secondary sports, minor league clubs, college athletics or smaller geographic markets, and the networking

and strategy skills that can eventually lead to high-visibility careers in major markets. You will learn core concepts in media studies and marketing and deep knowledge of major and secondary sports. You'll develop expertise in writing, spoken communication and digital media production, and an understanding of the legal and ethical issues in sports media.

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## **Bachelor of Science**

### **Accounting/Finance**

Your Accounting/Finance major provides a clear career path in a field with lots of opportunities for growth. You can live anywhere and work anywhere with an organization that fits your style — large, small, formal, casual. You'll learn core accounting and finance concepts and master quantitative tools for making good business decisions. You'll make connections in the business world right away through classes, internships, and projects, and be prepared to get your Master of Business Administration (MBA), or Master of Science in Accounting (MSA), which provides preparation for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination. The Business PLUS + Program allows qualified high school students to enter a four-year accelerated bachelors and master's degree program.

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### **Environmental Science and Policy**

When you choose an Environmental Science and Policy major, you'll tackle some of the toughest environmental issues that challenge our world today. With our 1,200-acre living, learning laboratory nestled between Mt. Monadnock and Pearly Pond, you'll conduct important fieldwork on campus in the woods, wetlands, fields, lakeshores, trails, and gardens. You'll work on conserving and restoring critical habitats and finding sustainable solutions in the local community. With your knowledge of environmental policymaking and advocacy, you'll be prepared to be a key player in the "green economy."

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### **Healthcare Administration**

The mission of the Healthcare Administration program prepares students for a variety of career directions in the healthcare industry. This professional degree program will provide students with a firm academic foundation that is career relevant and establishes a viable bridge to graduate study in a variety of healthcare related fields. The curriculum develops critical thinking skills, knowledge acquisition and values clarification; key to transitioning into the complex and dynamic landscape of healthcare. An internship requirement provides for experiential learning outside the classroom and allows students to acquire the knowledge and practical skills that prepare them for positions in the field of healthcare administration.

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### **Health Sciences**

The mission of the Health Sciences major is to prepare students for entry into graduate programs including Physical Therapy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Medical School, Dental School, Veterinary School and others. The wide variety of course

offerings will also allow students to explore careers in public health agencies, research, healthcare management, science writing, elder services, health education, wellness services, human services, health insurance, and pharmaceutical sales.

The curriculum develops critical thinking skills, the ability to use the medical and basic scientific primary literature, a broad biomedical knowledge base, and a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to succeed in the application to graduate schools in healthcare related fields. Students interested in careers and graduate programs in healthcare are encouraged to meet with a member of the Health Sciences Advising Committee early in their program. Faculty members of this committee will assist the student in self-assessment, development of career goals, and construction of a realistic plan for the student's successful attainment of their goals.

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## Management

Do you dream of opening your own business or running a company? The Management major will help you be successful, as you learn the concepts of marketing, finance, accounting, economics, operations, and business administration. You will make connections in the business world through classes, internships, and projects. Franklin Pierce is the only New Hampshire university with business programs accredited by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). Franklin Pierce's Business Plus Program offers 3-year accelerated programs as well as 3+1 and 4+1 options which allows students to earn their undergraduate and master's degree in less time, entering the workforce sooner. You'll learn the essential functions of an effective business and analyze business opportunities. You'll master qualitative and quantitative tools to support decision-making and explore ethical behavior in a global context.

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## Marketing

When you major in Marketing, you'll become knowledgeable at getting people to become buyers, subscribers, or members. You'll use data analytics, creativity, and people skills to get their attention and influence their decisions. While you're learning about marketing products and services, you'll also be learning to market yourself — to land the job, management training program, or graduate degree in business that you want. Franklin Pierce is the only New Hampshire university with business programs accredited by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). Our Business PLUS+ Program allows qualified high school students to enter a four-year accelerated bachelor's and master's degree program. As a Marketing major, you'll learn core concepts of marketing and sustainable business practices and apply analytical tools and global perspectives to business decisions.

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## Sports & Recreation Management

Maybe you've played sports all your life, run a fantasy league or set out no matter the weather to hike, paddle or ride. If so, the Sports & Recreation Management major at Franklin Pierce will prepare you for a career that might feel more like a passion than a job. You'll

understand the demands of managing a recreation program/facility, or working as part of a sports organization and learn the networking skills you need to be successful.

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## **Associate of Arts (Online)**

### **Business**

60-credit online degree typically completed in two years. Provides starting point for a career or further study toward a bachelor's degree.

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### **Criminal Justice**

Our AA programs designed for working adults—awards credits for experience and can be completed in as little as 18 months.

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### **General Studies**

Study a variety of occupational fields as you explore a future career. Explore coursework in social science, humanities, and art appreciation as you develop a robust academic foundation.

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### **Human Services**

Our Online AA program designed for working adults—awards credits for experience and can be completed in as little as 18 months

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## **Certificates (Online)**

### **Human Services**

In this program, you'll evaluate programs and explore how community resources and agencies can empower individuals, strengthen communities, and impact public policy.

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### **Paralegal**

Paralegals are in high demand with employment options available in law firms, corporate legal departments, and government agencies. In conjunction with your bachelor's degree, the Paralegal Certificate will prepare you to sit for the prestigious National Certification Exam, sponsored by the National Association for Legal Assistants. The Paralegal Certificate also provides an excellent foundation for further education in business, law, or other fields where legal considerations are important.

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## Women, Gender and Leadership

The mission of the interdisciplinary Women, Gender, and Leadership Certificate program is to develop students' knowledge of women's and gender issues, including the interconnections among gender, race, class, sexuality, power, and transnational issues. As critical terms of inquiry, gender and sexuality are examined as social constructs and analyzed for their impact on culture(s). The program includes courses that engage current scholarship in women's and/or gender studies, including embracing intersectionality, welcoming the LGBTQIA+ community, and eschewing biological essentialism.

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## Bachelor of Science(Online)

### Accounting/Finance

Our Online BS program designed for working adults—awards credit for experience and can be completed in as little as 18 months.

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## Emergency Medical Services

Classes are offered in both classroom and online formats, with four courses featured exclusively online. This non-clinical degree program does not lead to EMT or paramedic certification; however, you should plan to obtain an EMT certification to enhance your marketability after graduation.

You can also work on campus as a security officer, EMT, or firefighter. These experiences will position you well for connections to top-tier organizations where Franklin Pierce students have interned, including the American Red Cross, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and more.

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## Healthcare Administration

Your Healthcare Administration major prepares you for an exciting career in the fast growing, rapidly changing field of healthcare. This is the perfect major if you are interested in the business side of the U.S. healthcare system. You'll learn how leadership, economic and political factors, and ethics affect healthcare. You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Strong knowledge of data analytics
- Leadership, communication and managerial skills for business decision-making
- Ethical reasoning and critical thinking skills

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## Integrated Studies

If you already have earned an Associate degree or a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit, the Integrated Studies program offers you a skill-based curriculum. Select two areas of concentration to supplement the General and Liberal Education requirements. In small classes, you will work closely with professors who are experts in their fields and understand the unique needs of adult students. The curriculum is designed to enhance your ability to communicate effectively, think critically, and contribute to your community. Combine part-time or full-time study and six academic terms, to create a flexible and personalized college program. Your knowledge gained from life experience is also recognized. Receive college credit for accumulated certifications, professional licenses, on-the-job training, and other life experiences. You may also be eligible for grants, loans, and scholarships in the form of financial aid. As a Franklin Pierce University graduate, you will possess the technical and leadership skills to push your career to the next level.



Using our program you can work online with professors who are experts in their fields and understand the unique needs of adult students. Combine online learning, part or full-time study, and six academic terms to create a flexible and personalized college program that works for you.

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## Nursing

As a working nurse with your associate's degree or nursing diploma, you can earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing 100% online. Our faculty and staff will help you create a flexible, personalized schedule that works for you. You'll gain professional knowledge, critical thinking and leadership skills that prepare you for jobs with higher pay and more responsibility.

[Learn more about this program](#)

## Online Graduate Certificates

### Energy and Sustainability

Study energy and sustainability topics that rank highly in terms of societal importance, such as corporate social responsibility, climate change, social entrepreneurs, global energy economics, energy project financing, and renewable energy concepts. You will explore these important issues from a business and financial background in a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Energy & Sustainability Studies program. Franklin Pierce offers small classes for in-depth, personalized learning in a program that is accredited by the International Accreditation Council of Business Education (IACBE). Designed for working professionals, coursework presents concepts in concrete, quantitative, and practical terms. Develop new tools for immediate application and innovation in your workplace as you advance in the energy industry or lead your business to become an agent for social change. Combine online learning with part or full-time study to create a flexible and personalized schedule. The input of the Energy and Sustainability MBA advisory board ensures that this program covers material employers consider important and that it remains current regarding innovations and regulations. Graduates also use the board as a professional connection to gain an understanding of the skills that energy companies are currently seeking in future employees.

[Learn more about this program](#)

### Human Resource Management

This online certificate program is designed for working professionals. Through the completion of five online courses, you will develop the necessary skills and knowledge to leverage human capital in any organization. You will review organizations from a system-wide perspective, applying strategic thinking and critical analysis while learning topics such as staffing, performance, regulations, compensation, organizational behavior and diversity.

[Learn more about this program](#)

## **Health Administration**

Combine part-time or full-time study and six academic terms, to create a flexible and personalized schedule. Your knowledge gained from life experience is also recognized. Receive college credit for accumulated certifications, professional licenses, on-the-job-training, and other life experiences. You may also be eligible for grants, loans, and scholarships in the form of financial aid

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Our Graduate Certificate are designed for working professionals. Your coursework will present concepts in practical and quantitative terms, so that you can apply them to the workplace immediately.

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## **Nursing-Education**

Whether you are a nurse with a bachelor's degree, an R.N., or have a non-nursing bachelor's degree, there is path to your Master of Science in Nursing at Franklin Pierce. You can choose a concentration in Nursing Leadership or Nursing Education. Our experienced faculty are strong mentors and educators, and encourage your participation in ground-breaking, interdisciplinary research that can expand your career options.

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## **Online Masters Degrees**

### **M.Ed. Elementary (K-6 or K-8)**

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### **M.Ed. Social Studies (5-8 or 5-12)**

Develop your professional expertise in a standards-based teaching environment that stresses accountability and excellence. Review best practices research while integrating current knowledge about technology, state and federal standards, multiple ways of learning, alternate assessment, reflective practice, and more.

Select a certification concentration in Elementary Education, General Special Education or Middle/Secondary Education in Life Sciences, English, or Social Studies. You may also choose a non-certificate path while exploring curriculum and instruction.

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## **M.Ed. English Language Arts (5-8 or 5-12)**

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## **M.Ed. Leadership**

The Master of Educational Leadership program prepares educators with skills that provide the background to lead in a broad range of educational settings.

Educational leadership involves working with diverse educational communities to meet common educational goals. All coursework in this program is focused on building educational leaders who explore multiple facets of the learning environment, coaching and leadership models, evaluation techniques, and instructional design methods.

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## **Master of Science in Accounting**

Propel your accounting career to the next level with the Master of Science in Accounting at Franklin Pierce University. Coursework helps to prepare you for various professional certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). You will work directly with professors to develop content-level expertise in the areas of accounting, management, communications, and finance.

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## **Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration Dual Degree**

Take your career to the next level with a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)/ Master of Business Administration (MBA) Dual Degree. As a registered nurse looking to pursue a leadership role, you can develop your expertise in nursing and business.

Experienced nursing faculty will guide you through a curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. The MBA in Leadership curriculum will then build upon the advanced nursing concepts from your MSN studies. Explore a range of business disciplines to understand quantitative and qualitative relationships in your organization. In addition to earning two Master's degrees, students will also earn a Healthcare Administration Certificate.

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## **Master's Entry to Practice Nursing (M.E.P.N.)**

The Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) is intended for the student who has already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree in a discipline other than nursing. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) RN graduate with both a certificate in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Science in Nursing. The MEPN program will provide the student with a general foundation in nursing as well as master's level courses that will impart the necessary skills for their future success in key nursing leadership roles in healthcare.

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## **Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)**

All-online graduate degrees in Accounting, Energy and Sustainability, Healthcare Administration, Human Resource Management, Leadership, and Sports Management.

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## **Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Education Leadership**

As a working nurse, you need a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree to take your career to the next level. Concentrate in either Nursing Education or Nursing Leadership or pursue the dual MSN/Master of Business Administration degree path. Faculty members who are experienced professionals will guide you through a curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Leadership and MSN/MBA graduates will earn a Healthcare Administration Certificate and Education graduates will be prepared to take the NLN Certified Nurse Educator Exam.

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## **Graduate Degrees**

### **Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

The FPU MA in CMHC program is a 60-credit hour program designed to provide students with the required knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve as clinical professional counselors. The program has a total of 20 courses; each course is three credit hours. Students can complete the program in as little as 24 months/8 terms. Courses will be completed online in a predominately asynchronous format. In addition the online coursework, students will be required to complete one five-day intensive per year on the Rindge, NH campus. This intensive is designed to further develop and enhance the skill sets learned during the online courses. During the second year of the program, students will complete a series of field experience courses at a site placement. The field experience courses are designed to provide students with the opportunity to provide counseling services under the supervision of both a faculty supervisor and site supervisor. In addition to providing counseling services, students will be able to gain experience in writing clinical case documentation,

developing and implementing treatment plans, and working in an interdisciplinary fashion with other professionals. Students are required to complete a total of 700 hours of field experience.

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### **Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) (offered only in West Lebanon, N.H.)**

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program is designed to train outstanding PAs who are compassionate, patient-centered providers. Explore an environment where you will engage in clinical training experiences among diverse patient populations. U.S. News & World Report (2021) named Physician Assistant the #1 Best Job, and the program was ranked #2 in the nation by the Rural Health Research Center (2016) for producing a high proportion of graduates that go on to work in rural healthcare. Your clinical training will include rotations throughout the underserved regions of New Hampshire and Vermont.

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### **Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) Hybrid Program (offered only in Goodyear, A.Z.)**

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) Hybrid Program is designed to prepare PAs to provide compassionate care with the highest level of clinical excellence and ethical standards. We develop PAs who are patient advocates, critical thinkers, and lifelong learners. We nurture the development of culturally sensitive leaders who embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion to serve patients within their communities. Explore a technology-rich environment where you will attend classes virtually. Your clinical training will include rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine, surgery, behavioral medicine, pediatrics, women's health, and two elective rotations. Develop hands-on, practical skills during scheduled immersion weeks at the Goodyear, Arizona center. In addition to online instruction, local clinical experience is a vital component to the program. Full-time courses are designed for program completion in 24 months.

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### **Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) Hybrid Program ...(offered only in Round Rock ,TX)**

Franklin Pierce University Texas has applied for Accreditation - Provisional from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Franklin Pierce University Texas anticipates matriculating its first class in March 2024, pending achieving Accreditation - Provisional status at the September 2023 ARC-PA meeting. Accreditation - Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding accreditation-provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

### **Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) (offered only in Manchester, N.H.)**

Franklin Pierce offers two full-time program formats, both fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Launch your physical therapy career with our graduate-level program available at locations in New Hampshire (full-time, on-site) and Arizona (full-time, hybrid). Combine hands-on clinical experience with courses on theory, science, and practice. Help people in hospitals, care facilities, outpatient clinics, and other settings restore and maintain optimal physical function. The on-site New Hampshire program is a two-and-a-half-year offering with 38 weeks of clinical work with courses, lectures, and seminars (117 total credits) and small classes and early clinical experience.

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## **Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Hybrid Program (offered only in Goodyear, A.Z.)**

Franklin Pierce offers two full-time program formats, both fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Launch your physical therapy career with our graduate-level program available in Arizona (full-time, hybrid). Our Hybrid program in Arizona, new for 2022, offers a two-year program format, blending online learning sessions and intensive, 3-5 day in-person labs at least twice each 12-week term and 30 weeks of clinical work. In both programs, accomplished faculty bring real-world experience and teach hands-on skills in state-of-the-art labs. Our graduates consistently achieve 98-100% pass rates on the National Physical Therapy Licensure Exam (NPTE). The CAPTE-accredited DPT program will prepare you to work in hospitals, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, outpatient clinics, wellness and sports facilities, and private homes.

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### **Program Specific Requirements**

There are a number of programs at Franklin Pierce University, including the nursing program, that have very specific program requirements in order to meet the criteria for their particular accrediting bodies and licensing boards. In the case of these programs, the requirements may differ from the requirements of the University. It is necessary that students meet all program requirements for the individual disciplines according to the policies in place for each specific program.