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Maryville University Introduces Online Graduate Nursing Program

SAINT LOUIS, MO., August, XX, 2011 – Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Regional Universities – Midwest category, Maryville University is now offering nurses the opportunity to advance their education through three online programs. Two master's degrees are offered—Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)—as well as a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

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Part of the Maryville University's School of Health Professions, the graduate Nursing Program offers streamlined curriculum designed to provide a set of core studies and practicum experiences to better prepare nurses for daily advanced practice positions in primary healthcare.

All three programs begin with foundation principles and then advance to nurse practitioner courses—culminating in a capstone sequence. Practicum courses are supervised by preceptors (arranged by students and approved by Program Administration) and completed in healthcare facilities local to the student.

While each program focuses on the appropriate age client at various stages of wellness, in various community settings, they all share a common goal of preparing nurses to positively influence the health and well being of those in the community they serve. The Nursing Program pursues this goal by maintaining sensitivity to ongoing changes in the healthcare needs of people.

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Designed with practicing nurses in mind, the online program offers convenient, flexible courses that can be completed while continuing to work. Students can choose to take a part- or full-time course load and complete the program at their own pace. The ANP can be completed in as little as two years, the FNP in just over two years and the DNP in one-and-a-half years.

For more information about the Maryville University's Nursing Program, curriculum or requirements, visit <http://www.maryville.edu/academics-hp.htm> or contact a school representative directly at XXX-XXX-XXXX.

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About Maryville University <http://www.maryville.edu>

Founded in 1872, Maryville University is a four-year, private university located in west St. Louis County. Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Regional Universities – Midwest category, Maryville University students may choose from 50 academic programs, including degrees at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. Among recent graduates, 82 percent are employed or attending graduate school. More than 16,000 Maryville alumni work and live in the St. Louis region.

Maryville University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

About the School of Health Professions <http://www.maryville.edu/academics-hp.htm>

The School of Health Professions utilizes collaborative partnerships to educate competent, empathetic, caring and reflective practitioners who effectively and ethically address current and future health care needs in a global community.

While the School of Health Professions has multiple accreditations, those relevant to Nursing include the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

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