

# JOINT DEGREES

## JOINT DEGREES IN NURSING AND DIVINITY

In recognition of the relationship between nursing and religious studies, the Yale School of Nursing and the Yale Divinity School offer a joint-degree program in nursing and divinity. This option, established in 2003, is especially oriented to individuals who wish to combine careers in advanced nursing practice and social ministry that might involve direct practice, planning, and policy making and religious ministry in a variety of health care systems. There are two joint-degree options between the Divinity School and the School of Nursing. The first option, a joint degree leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and the Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.), requires three years of study (four years for students in the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing [GEPN]). The second option, a joint degree leading to the M.S.N. and Master of Divinity (M.Div.), requires four years of study (five years for GEPN students) and is designed for those students who wish to prepare for the lay or ordained ministries of Christian churches. Admissions decisions are made independently by the Divinity School and the School of Nursing. Students are required to apply simultaneously to both schools. Applicants must indicate on each application form that they are applying to the joint-degree program. This joint-degree program is not open to YSN students enrolled in or applying to the Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner specialty. As well, students in the Online M.S.N. Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program are not eligible to participate in the joint-degree program due to the in-person requirement of this program. All applicants must meet with the associate dean of student life and the specialty director prior to applying to discuss the feasibility of the program of study. More information, including the joint-degree agreement between the Yale School of Nursing and the Yale Divinity School, can be found at <https://nursing.yale.edu/admissions/how-apply/joint-degrees>.

## JOINT DEGREES IN NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Recognizing the relationship between nursing and public health, the Yale School of Nursing and the Yale School of Public Health offer a joint-degree program in nursing and public health. This option, established in 1997, is especially oriented to individuals who wish to combine careers in advanced nursing practice and public health that might involve direct practice, planning, and policy making in a variety of health care systems in the public health sector. The joint-degree program requires three years of study (four years for students in the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing) and awards a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.). Admissions decisions are made independently by the School of Public Health and the School of Nursing. Students are required to apply simultaneously to both schools. Applicants must indicate on each application form that they are applying to the joint-degree program. This joint-degree program is not open to YSN students enrolled in or applying to the Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner specialty due to last-semester clinical requirements. As well, students in the Online M.S.N. Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program are not eligible to participate in the joint-degree program due to the in-person requirement of this program. All students are required to begin their first academic year at the School of Public Health. More information, including the joint-degree agreement between the Yale School of Nursing

and the Yale School of Public Health, can be found at <https://nursing.yale.edu/admissions/how-apply/joint-degrees>.