



MARYMOUNT  
UNIVERSITY

# GUIDE TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

AT MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY



# About This Guide

Whether you're a college senior looking at options for next year or a mid-career professional seeking to enhance your skills, a graduate or advanced degree can help you achieve your goals.

This resource outlines the various graduate programs that Marymount University offers, as well as the career opportunities a Marymount graduate degree can bring you.

## About Marymount University

Marymount University is an independent, coeducational Catholic university located in Northern Virginia that was founded in 1950 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM).

A Marymount education is grounded in the liberal arts, promotes career preparation, and provides opportunities for personal and professional growth. A student-centered learning community that values diversity and focuses on the education of the whole person, Marymount guides the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual development of each individual.



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# School of Design, Arts, and Humanities



# English and Humanities Program

*A degree in the English and Humanities program fosters academic excellence in the liberal arts and helps to prepare students for master's-level careers in fields such as academia, publishing, communications, grant/professional writing, government, and the nonprofit sector.*

## English and Humanities (M.A.)

Marymount's English and Humanities master's degree program is a customizable, flexible, student-centered program of study. The English and Humanities program prepares students for an array of academic and alternative futures. Students graduate prepared for further advanced study and entry into competitive doctoral programs; for career development or advancement in secondary and community college teaching; or for master's-level careers invested in research, writing, editing, and the nonprofit sector.

Students may complete the program with either a thesis, teaching practicum, or internship. The program is 33 credits and breaks into three areas of study:

- ▶ **Humanities**
- ▶ **Language & Composition**
- ▶ **Literature**

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Academics
- Publishing
- Communication
- Grant/Professional Writing
- Copywriting
- Editing

# Interior Design

*The School of Design, Arts, and Humanities offers an award-winning interior design program with internationally known faculty. The program strives to nurture your intellectual growth, independent learning, and an increased capacity to engage in interior design practice.*

## Interior Design (M.A.)

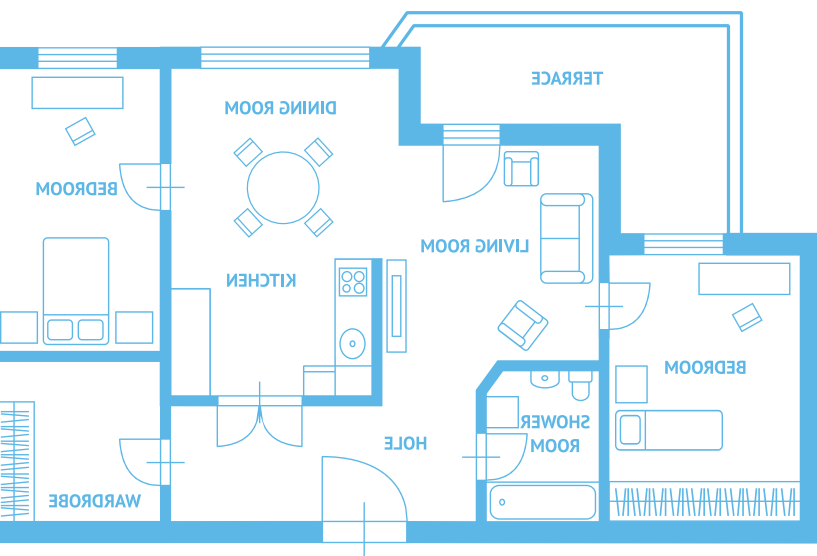
Students of the Interior Design program are expected to research and study human needs within the constructed environment, develop design programming skills, and conduct scholarly research to add to the program's pool of intelligence. Whether you are just beginning a career as an interior designer or advancing your current professional interior design knowledge and skills, Marymount University fits your needs by offering two tracks in its Interior Design program.

### ► Track One

*a post-professional degree for interior designers already working in the field.*

### ► Track Two

*a first professional degree for those with an undergraduate degree in another field. This CIDA-accredited track qualifies graduates to sit for the National Council for Interior Design Qualification Exam.*



### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Computer-Aided Designer
- Design Coordinator
- Interior Designer
- Space Planner



# School of Business and Technology



# Business Programs and Management

*Marymount offers a wide range of graduate business degree programs that allow students to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing business environment. Students refine their skills, expand their knowledge, and broaden their professional experience.*

## Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Marymount's M.B.A. program is a rigorous blend of best practices and practical application, preparing you to identify emerging business problems, think critically about options, and design, recommend and manage principled and effective solutions in an evolving global world. Students can choose to add a specialization to their M.B.A.: Data Analytics or Leadership. Marymount's M.B.A. program is flexible, allowing students to take classes in the evenings and online.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Business Analyst
- Business Consultant
- CEO
- Customer Service Manager
- General Manager
- Project Manager
- Program Analyst

## Health Care Management (M.S.)

The Health Care Management degree focuses on the fast-paced, dynamic health care field, equipping health care professionals with the skills to manage and direct within this changing environment. The program aims to prepare students to become effective managers who exhibit the highest professional and ethical standards while addressing the needs of both individuals and health care organizations in the highly competitive health services marketplace.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Hospital Administrator
- Healthcare Consultant
- Health Services Manager
- Administrative Directors and Managers in Group Practice Setting



## Human Resource Management (M.A.)

Marymount's Master of Arts in Human Resource Management prepares professionals to become strategic business partners with leaders, managers, and staff. The curriculum focuses on practical skill application in today's workplace, and it equips students with the full set of human resource competencies.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Chief Human Resource Officer
- Director of Human Resource Training and Development
- Employee Relations Manager
- Human Resource Specialist

## Leadership & Management (M.S.)

The Leadership and Management graduate program equips professionals with the key competencies necessary to enhance their capabilities and assume leadership roles in a variety of organizations. Both the classroom and the workplace become laboratories, as faculty members strive to intersect theory and application on a consistent basis. The program's curriculum enhances a student's capabilities in leadership, innovation, communication, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

Students in the M.S. in the Leadership and Management program have the option to choose from three tracks:

### ► Leadership

Focusing on the development of individuals and teams as well as ethical and global challenges on organizations.

### ► Organizations Development and Change

Focusing on the foundation, purpose, and methods of planned change in organizations.

### ► Project Management

An increasingly recognized discipline focusing on the effective management of resources.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Customer Service Manager
- Facilities Manager
- Management Consultant
- Operations Manager
- Project Manager



## Graduate Certificates in Management & Administration

- ◆ Association & Nonprofit Management
- ◆ Human Resource Management
- ◆ Management Studies
- ◆ Organization Development

## Technology Programs

*The Cybersecurity and Information Technology programs are structured to enrich students problem-solving, strategic and global thinking skills, preparing them to create, manage and lead in the technology industry.*

### Cybersecurity (M.S.)

Marymount's Cybersecurity program prepares working professionals for high-level positions in the technology and management of cybersecurity. The program also will help you meet current professional certifications requirements and equip students with hands-on practice with tools while interacting with cybersecurity experts in government. Cyber students can also choose to pursue a variety of degree tracks including Data Science and Digital Health.

### Cybersecurity (D.Sc.)

The doctorate (D.Sc.) program in cybersecurity at Marymount University prepares the most highly qualified cybersecurity professionals to lead the increasingly complex cyber challenges of the digital world in which we live and to protect the infrastructures that are critical to the nation's digital society and economy. Graduates will educate and lead the next generation of cybersecurity professionals to solve the most complex cybersecurity problems of tomorrow.

## Information Technology (M.S.)

The Information Technology graduate degree prepares individuals for leadership roles in the IT industry. The program provides knowledge and skills across the entire range of topics in the industry: systems engineering, decision-making for IT, ethics and law, computer networking, database technologies, IT governance and strategy, web development, and information assurance.

- ▶ **Track One**     Computer Security
- ▶ **Track Two**     Health Care Informatics
- ▶ **Track Three**   Project Management and Technology Leadership
- ▶ **Track Four**     Software Engineering
- ▶ **Track Five**     Data Science
- ▶ **Track Six**      Digital Transformation

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Database Administrator
- Director of Information Systems
- Information Assurance Manager
- Information Security Manager
- Information Systems Director
- Information Technology Manager



### Graduate Certificates in Technology

- ◆ Cybersecurity
  - ◆ Health Care Informatics
  - ◆ IT Project Management and Technology Leadership
- certificates are embedded into the IT graduate degree program*





# Dual Degree Master's Programs

*The dual degree programs allow students to pursue two fields at one time gaining more leverage in the business community.*

## **Business Administration/Leadership & Management (M.B.A./M.S.)**

This dual degree program is designed to meet the needs of those students desiring a strong business background in identifying emerging business problems and their principled, successful solutions with an emphasis on leadership and effective management of organizations.

## **Business Administration/Human Resource Management (M.B.A./M.A.)**

This dual degree program will prepare students to manage HR department responsibilities, while enabling them to participate effectively in company wide discussions of broader strategic issues. The program will equip students for executive-level responsibilities in human resource departments by better enabling them to understand the business context within which human resource decisions are made.

## **Business Administration/Cybersecurity (M.B.A./M.S.)**

The dual degree program is designed for students looking to meet the growing needs of today's business and government environments where cybersecurity is now a major business consideration. This dual degree will prepare students for management and executive-level positions by enabling them to understand the context of cybersecurity in business and government.

## Business Administration/Information Technology (M.B.A./M.S.)

Many students with an interest in pursuing a degree in a specific business-related field, such as information technology, are aware of the fact that broader business issues (economics, finance, and marketing) are driving many business decisions. This dual degree allows students to gain the credentials necessary for roles requiring a blend of business and IT skills.

## Health Care Management/Business Administration (M.S./M.B.A.)

This dual degree program prepares students for middle- or senior-level management positions in hospitals or other health care organizations. Graduates will be able to identify and solve complex and integrative health care management problems, resolve health care issues using ethically sound decision making, and effectively communicate and work with a team.

## Health Care Management/Information Technology (M.S./M.S.)

This program is designed to meet the needs of those students desiring a management position in the U.S. health care industry with an increased focus on informational technology. Graduates will be able to succeed in middle- or senior-level management positions in hospitals or other health care organizations while applying information technology in order to increase access to care and decrease health care costs.

### Advantages of Getting a Dual Degree

- ▶ Gain two master's degrees by taking just seven additional courses
- ▶ Combines theory and knowledge of two correlated disciplines
- ▶ Beneficial to graduate students seeking to change career fields
- ▶ Increases career opportunities by making graduates more compelling candidates
- ▶ Provides opportunity for students to land a higher paying position

# School of Sciences, Mathematics, and Education





# Education Programs

*Marymount University offers a wide array of Education programs, which prepare students to practice their leadership and educating abilities. Students in a graduate Education program participate in dynamic field experiences in a variety of school settings and are prepared for the challenges in today's classrooms.*

## Administration and Supervision (M.Ed with PK-12 licensure)

This online program is designed to prepare students worldwide for school administration in Catholic schools, as well as public or private schools. Participants complete the course of study in a cohort, supporting each other and sharing experiences and insights. (This program includes an intensive two-week, six-credit summer residency at Marymount.)

## Elementary Education (M.Ed with teaching licensure, PK-6)

This program is designed for those who have a strong liberal arts undergraduate or graduate degree and who wish to earn licensure to teach in the elementary setting. For Virginia licensure, individuals must provide evidence of a wide range of general studies competencies in undergraduate coursework and a course in human growth and development. This program is also available through Marymount's Professional Development Schools (PDS) partnership with Fairfax county public schools.

## Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed. without licensure)

Marymount's Master of Education: Curriculum and Instruction is designed for those students who are not seeking a teaching license. Students in this program may be practicing teachers, education professionals who are not working in a classroom setting (such as an educational agency, museum, or government position) or students who intend to teach in international or private schools. Along with completing a core of professional courses intended to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions basic to the field of education, students will complete courses in one of four concentrations and a professional project designed to meet the individual needs, interests, and goals of the student.

## Secondary Education (M.Ed. with teaching licensure, 6-12)

This program is targeted at individuals who already have a B.A. or B.S. in any of the following content areas: biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, English, history and social science, mathematics, or physics.

## Special Education: General Curriculum (M.Ed. with teaching licensure, K-12)

The M.Ed in special education is designed for those who wish to earn licensure and teach children with special education needs in a K-12 classroom setting. This program is also available through Marymount's Professional Development Schools (PDS) partnership with Fairfax county public schools.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- PK-12 Principal
- PK-12 Assistant Principal
- Director of School Administration
- Director of Religious Education
- Teacher



# Counseling Programs

*Marymount University offers a variety of Counseling programs. All of which are CACREP-accredited master's degree programs, which prepares students for licensure and doctoral study.*

## Counseling (M.A.)

Marymount's M.A. in Counseling provides an opportunity to earn a degree and complete coursework needed for licensure as a professional counselor in 60 credit hours. Students are eligible to sit for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) examination at MU toward the end of their program of study. Marymount requires that students choose from one of three specializations.

- ▶ **Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)**
- ▶ **Pastoral Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)**
- ▶ **School Counseling (M.A.)**



### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Career Transition Specialist
- Occupational Therapist
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Mental Health Therapist
- Psychologist
- Pastoral Counselor
- Social Counselor



# Forensic and Legal Psychology Programs

*The Forensic and Legal Psychology programs set the framework for students to be prosperous in the judicial, intelligence, and law enforcement fields. The coursework includes the implementation of psychology and knowledge of the legal system.*

## Forensic and Legal Psychology (M.A.)

This program is interdisciplinary and combines study in sociology, criminal justice, policy, and law, in addition to the many subfields of psychology. It addresses questions of value, such as how to best achieve fairness and justice in the American adversarial legal system, as well as empirical issues such as the origins of criminal behavior, problems with eyewitness testimony evaluation of threats against public figures, personalities of political leaders, the origins of terrorism, evaluation and treatment of offenders, and the effectiveness of trial consultation.

## Forensic and Legal Psychology with Clinical Mental Health Counseling option (M.A./M.A.)

Forensic and Legal Psychology candidates who are interested in pursuing a career in clinical counseling should consider the dual program, in which students earn dual M.A. degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Forensic and Legal Psychology Programs. Students who complete this option would be eligible for licensure as an LPC.



# Forensic and Legal Psychology with Intelligence Studies Concentration (M.A.)

Students pursuing the Intelligence Studies Concentration must complete five required courses rather than five electives. Students completing this concentration must also secure an internship in the intelligence community or at a private sector company that supports the intelligence community.

## Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Careers within the FBI, DEA, NCIS, and the State Department
- Clinicians
- Criminologist
- Forensic Clinician
- Forensic Psychologist
- Investigative Psychologist
- Legal Psychologist
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Federal Law Enforcer





# Malek School of Health Professions





# Nursing Programs

*As one of the most matured and highly acclaimed nursing programs in the national capital area, the Malek School of Health Professions' nursing programs feed competent nurses into the heart of the city equipping its students with the skills necessary to be professional leaders in the increasing demands of the health care system.*

## Nursing (M.S.N.)

This Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration can provide great career value, enhancing one's knowledge and skill, while boosting earning potential. The demand for advanced practice nurses is increasing as experienced nurses leave the profession and health care needs of an aging population escalate. This grad program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

## Nursing (D.N.P.)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is the highest credential in nursing practice. This program will position nurses to meet the increasing demands of the nation's health care system as it serves a growing and aging population, preparing them to deliver the highest level of nursing practice. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has recommended that by the year 2015 all advanced-practice nurses be prepared at the doctoral level. This program is also accredited by the CCNE.

- ▶ Designed for working nurses
- ▶ Online, part-time program  
(with one on-campus component per semester)
- ▶ Prepares for influence in health care policy

# Health Education & Promotion Program

*The Health Education Master of Science program provokes students to assess, plan, and apply health education and promotion programs to a range of environments including hospitals, corporations, health management organizations, and community health agencies. This program is composed of 36 credits and an internship.*

## Health Education & Promotion (M.S.)

This M.S. program helps students learn to plan, implement, and evaluate health promotion and wellness programs in a variety of settings, including hospitals, corporations, health maintenance organizations, community health agencies, health clubs, and government agencies. Students also become knowledgeable in behavior change, fitness assessment, program design, weight control, and stress management.

### Common Post-Graduate Career Opportunities

- Athletic Trainer
- Community Health Worker
- Dietitians and Nutritionists
- Director of Health and Physical Recreation
- Health Education Specialist
- Occupational Therapy
- Weight-Control Counselor



# Physical Therapy Program


*Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, the Doctor of Physical Therapy is structured around a three-year program emphasizing problem-based learning in which the students will work to solve real patient problems. This activates the students' studies – enabling them to employ learned material into practice. The clinical practicum is comprised of 32 weeks of inpatient and outpatient settings as well as four semesters of part-time clinical experience.*

## Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Marymount's Doctor of Physical Therapy program emphasizes patient management decisions based on best available scientific evidence, well developed clinical skills and judgement, and incorporation of patient goals and preferences. The program has a problem-based learning approach, and the teaching methodology has a student-directed, active-learning component that revolves around commonly occurring patient problems. (Third year PT students have the opportunity to spend the final two weeks of their eight week clinical practicum in Costa Rica).







We hope you have found this guide to the graduate programs offered at Marymount University helpful. If you have any more questions regarding pursuing a graduate degree at Marymount University, please don't hesitate to contact us or click any of the following links below.

## Helpful Links

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