Students considering a program of study that leads to professional licensure, endorsement or certification should contact the appropriate credentialing agency or licensing board in the state where they plan to work or practice prior to enrollment at Michigan State University.

**BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS PROGRAM MOLECULAR LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS**

This online certificate program is offered by Michigan State University’s Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program. Individuals seeking certification in molecular biology from the American Society for Clinical Pathologist (ASCP) will find the courses provide solid preparation for national credentialing examinations. However, these courses are not a prerequisite or a requirement for taking the certifying exams. To determine your eligibility, contact the ASCP at [https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification](https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification). The courses will also be applicable to those requiring continuing education credits for relicensing or recertification.

**EDUCATION: MASTER OF ARTS (MAED)**

The online Master of Arts in Education (MAED) program offered by Michigan State University’s College of Education is not designed to provide or lead to endorsement or initial teacher certification in the State of Michigan or any other state. For Michigan certified teachers and teachers certified in other states seeking Michigan certification, the MAED online program qualifies as a planned program of study, which is one requirement toward Michigan renewal and professional certification.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.

**EDUCATION: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY- MASTER OF ARTS**

For individuals with teaching certificates from the State of Michigan who are K-12 educators, the Educational Technology (coded NP in Michigan) Endorsement offered by Michigan State University’s College of Education can be added to either an elementary or a secondary certificate. In order for students to receive the NP endorsement, they must successfully complete seven (7) specific courses within the program. Once completed, graduates of the Education Technology M.A. program are able to apply for the Educational Technology Endorsement with the Michigan Department of Education.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.

**EDUCATION: K-12 EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION – MASTER OF ARTS**

For individuals with teaching certificates from the State of Michigan, successful graduates of the Michigan State University’s College of Education K-12 Educational Administration program qualify to apply to the Michigan Department of Education for Administrator Certification with Elementary and Secondary Endorsements.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.
EDUCATION: K-12 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – GRADUATE SPECIALIZATION
For individuals with teaching certificates from the State of Michigan, successful graduates of the Michigan State University’s College of Education K-12 English as a Second Language graduate specialization program qualify to apply to the Michigan Department of Education for Education Endorsement as a K-12 ESL Teacher.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.

EDUCATION: LITERACY & LANGUAGE - GRADUATE SPECIALIZATION
For individuals with teaching certificates from the State of Michigan, successful graduates of the Michigan State University’s College of Education Literacy & Language graduate specialization program qualify individuals to apply to the Michigan Department of Education for Education Endorsement as a Reading Specialist.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.

EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION – MASTER OF ARTS
For individuals with teaching certificates from the State of Michigan, the Michigan State University’s College of Education Special Education program offer emphasis and endorsement areas in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Learning Disabilities (LD). Successful graduates qualify to apply with the Michigan Department of Education for Special Education Endorsement in ASD and LD.

Students should contact their home state’s department of education to obtain the applicable requirements, rules, and regulations for determining whether an online distance education program will meet the requirements for certification, licensure, or otherwise advancing a student’s teaching credentials prior to enrollment.

FOOD SAFETY – MASTER OF SCIENCE
The online Master of Science in Food Safety Program offers two courses that provide professional certificates. Both are elective courses within the online Food Safety program, and available to students enrolled in the Master of Science in Food Safety degree program, or with permission from the program office. For further information, visit the program website at https://foodsafety.msu.edu/curriculum/courses.

- VM 827 Food Safety Modernization Act and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Systems (FSMA/HACCP)
  VM 827 is designed to provide students with knowledge of the food safety requirements for food establishments and farm operations subject to the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), as well as food safety management systems with a focus on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) approach. Class participants will learn about U.S. requirements under FSMA and its associated regulations, learn and understand the approach to development of a HACCP-based food safety management system, and apply their learning by developing a model HACCP plan. This course is accredited by the International HACCP Alliance, and students will have the opportunity to earn an official HACCP certificate.

- VM 834 Current Issues in Food Safety - Principles of Preventive Control (PCQI)
  VM 834 is the standardized curriculum developed by the Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) and recognized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to serve as one way to meet the requirements for a “preventive controls qualified individual” ("PCQI") as set forth under the Preventive Controls for Human Food regulation. By successfully completing this course, students will obtain a PCQI certificate issued by Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA,) Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI).

NURSING: RN TO BSN
The online Nurse Practitioner Concentration hybrid program offered by Michigan State University’s College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite S30, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Prerequisite - Must possess an active unrestricted RN licensure to practice in resident state without probationary status.

Credential - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
NURSING: ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) ACUTE CARE CONCENTRATION

The online Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist with Acute Care Concentration MSN program offered by Michigan State University’s College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Prerequisite - Bachelor degree in nursing and an active unrestricted RN licensure to practice in resident state without probationary status.

Credential – Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

Certification - Graduates of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Adult-Gerontology concentration online program qualify students to sit for the AGCNS-BC certification exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the AACNS-AG certification offered by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN).

• In order to sit for the certification exam, applicants must provide proof of 250 clinical internship hours with an approved clinical nurse specialist preceptor, 90 hours internship with a nurse educator in an academic setting, and passing grades in pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology and physical assessment graduate level.

• Students who successfully pass either certification exam will be awarded Board Certification as an Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Nursing Boards - Not all states recognize CNS as an advanced practice nursing (APRN) role. Prior to enrollment, students considering this program should contact their nursing licensure board to verify current regulations and licensing requirements in the state where they plan to practice - https://esp.msu.edu/ProfessionalLicensureBoards.pdf

NURSING: NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION (MSN)

The online Nurse Practitioner Concentration hybrid program offered by Michigan State University’s College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Prerequisite - Bachelor degree in nursing and an active unrestricted RN licensure to practice in resident state without probationary status.

Credential – Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Certification - Students who complete the MSU College of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner programs have met the educational requirements for specialty certification examinations in those roles administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and /or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANP-CB).

• In order to sit for the certification exams, applicants must provide proof of 500 clinical hours with an approved nurse practitioner in the appropriate clinical specialty.

• Students who successfully pass either exam will be awarded Board Certification as a Family or Adult-Gerontological – Primary Care Nurse Practitioner.

Nursing Boards - Not all states allow certified NPs to practice in the full scope of their education and training. Prior to enrollment, students considering this program should contact the nursing licensure board to verify current regulations and certification requirements for the APRN role in the state where they plan to practice - https://esp.msu.edu/ProfessionalLicensureBoards.pdf

NURSING: DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (BSN to DNP) – (Fall 2018)

This program option offers BSN graduates the master’s degree completion option on their way to completing the DNP. This allows students to sit for board certification before completing the doctorate.

Prerequisite – Bachelor degree requirements and an active unrestricted RN licensure to practice in resident state without probationary status.

Credential – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Nursing Boards - Doctor of Nursing Practice is recognized as an advanced practice nursing (APRN) role and the program prepares graduates for clinical specialty certification. Prior to enrollment, students considering this program should contact the nursing licensure board to verify current regulations and licensing requirements in the state where they plan to practice - https://esp.msu.edu/ProfessionalLicensureBoards.pdf

NURSING: DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (MSN to DNP)

The online Doctor of Nursing Practice program offered by Michigan State University’s College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Prerequisite – Master’s degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited program; current national certification in [clinical specialty]; and an active unrestricted RN licensure to practice in resident state without probationary status.

Credential – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Nursing Boards - Prior to enrollment, students considering this program should contact the nursing licensure board to verify current regulations and clinical specialty certification requirements for the APRN role in the state where they plan to practice - https://esp.msu.edu/ProfessionalLicensureBoards.pdf

SOCIAL WORK: MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

The Michigan State University College of Social Science Master of Social Work (MSW) hybrid programs are fully-accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

- MSW hybrid students must live in Michigan.
- Out-of-state hybrid students must live within 50 miles of Michigan’s southern border.

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is the regulatory body responsible for issuing social work licensure, and has developed criteria for who can take the examination. In most jurisdictions, you will need to establish your eligibility before you register to take the exam. Once you have been approved by your state to take the AWSB Social Work Licensing Exam, you can register online or by phone - https://www.aswb.org/exam-candidates/

To become a Licensed Social Worker:

- Indiana
- Ohio
- Michigan
- All states