The Master’s Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) is a three-year program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree; however, the MEPN program is intended for students who have no previous nursing preparation and who hold a bachelor’s degree in another field. Graduates of this program go on to practice nursing at the same advanced practice level as other Nursing MS [1] graduates. The program prepares leaders in the advanced practice roles of clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, administrator, faculty, and consultant. Courses from nursing and other disciplines provide advanced theoretical knowledge, assessment skills, leadership development, advanced clinical practice in a selected specialization, and the opportunity to critique and apply nursing theory and research as a scientific basis for nursing practice.

The UCSF MEPN program offers a broader range of specialty offerings than similar programs at other institutions, and has a relatively short list of requirements, easing the burden on adult students coming from backgrounds outside of the health sciences.

The UCSF School of Nursing takes pride in both the graduate and professional programs it administers. These programs represent a century of pioneering leadership that has produced many of the country’s and the world’s nursing leaders. Among schools of nursing nationwide, the UCSF School of Nursing is among the top recipients of research funding from the National Institutes of Health. The School’s graduate students have ample opportunities to capitalize on the symbiotic relationship between the Nursing PhD, MS, and MEPN programs, and the other basic, clinical, and social and populational science programs offered by the Graduate Division.

faculty
There are over 100 faculty members in the four School of Nursing departments. Twelve members of the Nursing faculty are dedicated to the MS and MEPN programs specifically. See a list of Nursing faculty research [2] activities.

sub-disciplines
The Nursing MS and MEPN programs offer 13 areas of specialization and six minors. See the program website [3] for details.
career outcomes
Nursing MS and MEPN graduates typically find work in California as nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists. Others assume research, policy or leadership positions in the state and around the country.

The Nursing MEPN program is based at the Parnassus campus. Visit the program website [4] for more information.

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