

Welcome to NR500NP! We are so happy you decided to embark on your master's degree journey with us! Please use this thread to tell the class a little bit about yourself, including your current RN position, length of time as an RN, area of the country in which you reside, and your goals. Also, feel free to include information about your family, personal interests or anything else you'd like to share.

Please respond to this post no later than Sunday at 11:59 PM MT at the end of WEEK 1. The discussion is required, but ungraded.

This discussion will explore the value of a master's education in nursing. Please provide an initial response to the discussion question by Wednesday at 11:59pm MT and two interactive dialogue responses no later than Sunday 11:59 PM MT at the end of **WEEK**

1. The discussion is worth 75 points. Please refer to the discussion grading rubric for additional criteria.

Consider the current healthcare delivery models and practice settings. Reflect on how nursing practice is transforming in response to the current demands of the healthcare system and answer one of the following questions:

1. **What differentiates the practice of a master's-prepared nurse compared to that of a baccalaureate-prepared nurse?**
2. **What is the value of a master's degree in nursing?**
3. **What do you consider to be the most essential professional competency for a master's-prepared nurse practicing in the 21st century?**

Refer to AACN Essentials, Chamberlain University Nursing Conceptual Framework and other scholarly sources. Use at least one outside scholarly article to support your position. Provide an example to illustrate an application to professional practice.

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