# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES, MASTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### **Graduate Studies**

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### **Mission Statement**

Integrating the science and humanity of nursing and other health disciplines, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing leads innovative research, education and practice and prepares leaders who advance health, transform health care and ignite bold system change locally, nationally and globally.

## Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Degree Programs

Hosted by the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Degree Programs prepare nurse leaders, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, researchers and faculty in a unique interdisciplinary and interprofessional environment.

#### **Faculty**

The UC Davis Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Graduate Group includes a wide cross-section of academic disciplines with faculty from the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing as well as UC Davis Health System and other UC Davis schools, colleges, and departments. Within the graduate group faculty are experts in nursing, medicine, health informatics, nutrition, biostatistics, public health and other fields.

The Master of Health Services—Physician Assistant Studies Degree Program prepares graduates to deliver care as physician assistants. In alignment with the school's vision to advance health, the mission of the physician assistant program is to educate health care professionals to deliver care as leaders and members of interprofessional health care teams as well as to improve the availability of culturally relevant primary health care to underserved populations throughout California.