



The media company calculated a program's overall score by taking the raw category scores — which it determined by pooling data reported by the program in both a statistical survey and a separate peer assessment survey — prior to rescaling and multiplying them by the category weights. The resulting scores are rescaled and rounded to the nearest whole number, ranging from zero to 100. A program's overall score reflects its proximity to the highest-scoring program. More information about the methodology is available [here](#).

The 20 best online master's in nursing programs, alongside their overall scores:

*Note: The list includes ties.*

1. University of South Carolina (Columbia) — 100
2. Saint Xavier University (Chicago) — 98
3. Duke University (Durham, N.C.) — 97 (tie)
3. The Ohio State University (Columbus) — 97 (tie)
5. University of Connecticut (Storrs) — 96
6. George Washington University (Washington, D.C.) — 95 (tie)
6. The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) — 95 (tie)
8. Stony Brook (N.Y.) University—SUNY — 94 (tie)
8. Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tenn.) — 94 (tie)
10. East Carolina University (Greenville, N.C.) — 93
10. University of Texas Medical Branch—Galveston — 93
12. Ohio University (Athens) — 92 (tie)
12. Oregon Health and Science University (Portland) — 92 (tie)
12. University of North Carolina at Greensboro — 92 (tie)
12. University of Utah (Salt Lake City) — 92 (tie)
16. University of San Francisco — 91
17. Georgia College & State University (Milledgeville) — 90 (tie)