

Official Program Outline



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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is an online doctoral completion program for advanced practice nurses and nurses in advanced roles who have earned a master's degree in nursing. The DNP program prepares, supports, and empowers students for 21st century practice focused on interdisciplinary knowledge, leadership, innovation, along with the tools needed to positively impact nursing, healthcare systems, and population health change. Progressive development of the AACN (2021) level 2 sub-competencies is integrated throughout the curriculum in multiple contexts with increasing complexity and critical reflection. Each course begins and ends with leadership development. Using the principals of improvement science, students appraise and translate theory and evidence into a culminating project in their own practice.

DNP PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency-based judgement and holistic caring concordant with an advanced nursing practice specialty or role in diverse populations.
2. Generate, synthesize, translate, apply, and disseminate scientific evidence for advanced nursing practice.
3. Apply ethical principles to shape the future of healthcare delivery with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion; systems-based practice; team-based care collaboration, informatics and technology; and career-long learning.
4. Demonstrate a professional identity which includes accountability, perspective, collaborative disposition, and comporment, that reflects nursing's characteristics and values.
5. Implement an advanced nursing practice specialty or role in selected practice settings.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to Doctor of Nursing Practice, advance practice registered nurse, nurse educator, nurse leader, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, and titles that describe other advanced nursing roles.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 32.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 700	Knowledge for Nursing Practice	Admission to the DNP program	3.00
NU 710	Improvement Science	NU 700	3.00
NU 711	Clinical Decision Making and Collaboration	NU 700	3.00
NU 725	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice	NU 700	3.00
NU 726	Professionalism and Leadership for Advanced Practice	NU 700, NU 730, NU 711	3.00
NU 730	Systems-Based Practice	NU 700, NU 710	3.00
NU 760	Scholarship for Nursing Practice	NU 700	3.00
NU 780	Population Health	None	3.00

REQUIRED PROJECT RESIDENCY CORE COURSES

All courses, 8.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 800	Project Development	NU 700/ NU 710, NU 760	1.00
NU 810	Project Management	NU 800	1.00
NU 820	Project Residency I	NU 810	2.00
NU 830	Project Residency II	NU 820	2.00
NU 840	Project Residency III	NU 830	2.00