

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

## 39 credits

### Specific Program Admission Requirements

Prospective D.N.P. students are selected for admission based on application content, academic record, curriculum of completed required courses, professional nursing licensure, and evaluation forms. Individual student transcripts and writing samples are evaluated by select faculty members, the program executive director, and the associate director of nursing.

Admission to the DNP program requires:

1. A master's degree in nursing or a related field from a regionally, nationally or internationally accredited school.
2. A minimum master's degree GPA of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A current, active and unencumbered RN License issued by the United States or territories.
4. Two reference forms from individuals other than relatives (suggested sources include professors, academic advisers, and professional nursing references).
5. Submit a writing sample (use APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition formatting, including headings for each section). Include the following information in your statement:
  - a. Problem/Issue Discuss a problem or issue in your professional practice setting that needs to be addressed from a DNP perspective. (250 words minimum).
  - b. Applicant's Goals Discuss your personal and professional goals related to the D.N.P. (250 words minimum).
6. An interview with the faculty member in the department as designated by the Executive Director.
7. A curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.
8. Official documentation of all supervised, postbaccalaureate practice hours.

### Program Description

A Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed to prepare experts in nursing practice. It is the pinnacle of practice-focused nursing degrees, building upon master's programs by providing an educational foundation in quality improvement, evidence-based practice, and systems leadership, among others. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), DNP nurses possess a blend of clinical, leadership, economic, and organizational skills that puts them in a unique position to deftly critique nursing practice and design programs of care delivery that are economically feasible, locally acceptable, and that significantly impact healthcare outcomes. The DNP nurses are prepared to perform nursing interventions that influence healthcare outcomes for individuals or populations by providing direct patient care, managing the care of patients and patient populations, administrating in nursing and healthcare organizations and developing and implementing health policy. The program consists of a 1,000-hour clinical component that may be combined with up to 500 hours from a master's degree in clinical practice nursing.

### Program Objectives

1. Use science-based theories and concepts and, national practice guidelines and standards to provide high quality health care.
2. Lead change and promote innovation in organizational and health systems for quality improvement.
3. Apply clinical scholarship in the generation, application and dissemination of research findings to support evidence-based practice.
4. Use information technology to improve and transform health care.
5. Develop and implement health care policies for advocacy in health care.
6. Demonstrate leadership and interprofessional collaboration to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes.
7. Utilize the advanced nursing practice knowledge for clinical prevention and population health to improve the Nation's health.
8. Demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgement, systems thinking and accountability in the delivery of health care.

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.

### Program Curriculum

Specialization courses (24 credits)		
Course	Title	Credits
HESC 700	Applied Biostatistics	3
NURS 700	Nursing Theories, Conceptual Models and Philosophies	3
NURS 701	Advanced Epidemiology for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 702	Evidenced-based Practice	3
NURS 703	Health Care Policy, Ethics and Advocacy	3
NURS 705	Nursing Science for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 707	Transcultural and Global Health Disparities	3
NURS 709	Nursing Technology and Health Care Information Systems	3
Practicum courses (15 credits)		
NURS 704	Scholarship Project I: Mentorship	3
NURS 706	Scholarship Project II: Project Plan	3
NURS 708	Scholarship Project III: Implementation	3
NURS 710	Scholarship Project IV: Evaluation	3
NURS 711	Scholarship Project Practice Matriculation*	3
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>39</b>

### Notes:

1. \*NURS 711 Scholarship Project Practice Matriculation (3 credits) (for the student who do not have 500 clinical hours from the MSN). Must be completed before starting NURS 704.
2. To validate the required 500 clinical hours, the student must present an official verification of post baccalaureate practicum hours.
3. Scholarship Projects (NURS 704, NURS 706, NURS 708, NURS 710 and NURS 711) are full semester courses.