The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed to prepare nurses for the highest level of clinical practice in the profession of nursing. Graduates are prepared to create and lead new models of health care delivery for communities locally, across the nation and around the world. The DNP program is innovative, inter-/intra-professional and focuses on evidence-based health care. The program maximizes the use of hybrid delivery methods for enhanced learning and increased course accessibility. (To read more about the DNP, visit the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website: https://www.aacnnursing.org/)

This program prepares students to provide evidence-based, safe, quality patient-centered care in a variety of chronic, acute, and emergent care settings. Students will also be prepared for primary care practice across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination and Family Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

Some states require a specific master's degree to practice as a nurse practitioner; therefore, a concurrent Master of Science with a major in Nursing will be awarded with completion of the DNP.

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements.

School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent, and caring nurses to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Transfer credit will be awarded per the published Graduate Programs section of the University catalog. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credits from an accredited institution may be applied to the degree with approval from the graduate nursing program coordinator.

Time Limits

Courses completed 6 or more years before the date of graduation will not be accepted as satisfying graduation requirements without the approval by the graduate nursing program coordinator.

Admission Criteria

BSN or MS (Nursing) to DNP or Post Masters Certification

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Programs section of the University catalog.

Graduation Requirements for DNP

The graduate degree will be granted to candidates who meet all of the University catalog requirements plus the following:

1. Graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. All courses must be passed with a B or better.
3. Completed and approved DNP Project Practicum.

### Adult/Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner Emphasis (AGACNP/FNP)

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Family Nurse Practitioner students must complete a total of 13 semester hours of Family Practicum, the recommended sequence to graduate in eleven semesters is: Summer (Year 2) NSG 636L FNP Practicum (1-13 c.h.) – 1 semester hours, /Fall (Year 3) NSG 636L – 2 semester hours /Spring (Year 3) NSG 636L FNP Practicum (1-13 c.h.) – 2 semester hours, /Summer (Year 3) NSG 636L FNP Practicum (1-13 c.h.) – 1 semester hours. /Fall (Year 4) NSG 636L FNP Practicum (1-13 c.h.)-2 semester hours/Spring (Year 4) NSG 807L Final DNP Practicum AGACNP/FNP (10 c.h.)-4 semester hours. Students are required to take a minimum of 1 semester hour of Family Practicum starting summer of Year 2, a change to the degree plan must be approved by the Graduate Nursing Program Coordinator.

Program Outcomes
1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
   • Complete the program within one and one-half times the length of the program
   • Express satisfaction with the program
   • Pass national certification exam the first time
   • Be employed in role-related professional practice within six months to one year

2. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates’ job performance.

DNP Graduate Student Learning Outcomes
At the completion of this program, graduates will be able to:
1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice
2. Conduct scholarly inquiry to influence health outcomes of individuals, aggregates and populations
3. Organize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
4. Assume a leadership role in transforming health care systems, policies and standards of care

The School of Nursing offers the DNP for the:
• Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse
• Master-prepared nurse practitioner who is certified in adult/geriatric acute care, family or psychiatric-mental health
• Post-master’s registered nurse

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