

NURSING PROGRAM

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:

Fall:	February 15
Spring (MS-DNP only):	November 1

Minimum Total Hours:	30 hours post masters 75 hours post-bacc
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Program Level:	Doctoral
CIP Code:	51. 3818
Dept Code:	NUR
Program (Major/College):	NRS NR
Approved:	2006

Concentrations

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nursing (NAG)
 Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nursing (NPG)
 Family Health Nursing (NFH)
 Pediatric Health Nursing (NPH)
 Nursing Practice

Dual Concentrations

Occupational Health Nursing/Adult Gerontology Primary
 Care Nursing (NOC)
 Oncology Nursing/Adult Gerontology Primary Care
 Nursing (NOA)
[Dual Occupational Health/Adult-Gerontology Primary
 Care \(NOC\)](#)
[Dual Oncology/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care \(NOA\)](#)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The D.N.P. program is a practice-focused doctorate that provides an additional option for obtaining a terminal degree in the discipline. Advanced practice includes all nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes, including the direct care of patients, and management of care for individuals and populations.

The DNP Program prepares graduates for advanced independent clinical practice. Nursing practice, as defined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN [2004]), refers to any nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes for individuals or populations. Objectives for the program are based upon recommendations for essential curriculum elements as identified by the AACN and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF).

D.N.P. Program Goals:

- Prepare leaders to implement and evaluate evidenced based practice.
- Create an environment that enhances the use of translational research to solve practice problems and improve health outcomes.
- Ensure excellence in the dissemination of findings from evidence-based practice at the national and international levels.
- Promote critical analyses of health policy and related issues from the perspective of the consumer, nursing, and key stakeholders.
- Ensure advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in the implementation and evaluation of evidenced based care to diverse individuals and populations.