

BSN TO DNP EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** is a *practice doctorate* that prepares clinical scholars recognized for outstanding leadership and innovative evidence-based patient/population centered outcomes. The program focuses on interprofessional collaboration and developing competencies in practice, leadership, and quality improvement and safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

The BSN to DNP curriculum is in line with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties' (NONPF), the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) and American Organizations of Nurse Executives (AONE) commitment to move all entry-level nurse practitioner education to the DNP degree by 2025. The program is not an addition to master's studies, but rather an integration of the objectives and learning opportunities required for attainment of doctoral level core and population-focused competencies.

The **Executive Leadership** pathway was created to prepare students for management and administration roles in diverse health care settings. Graduates are prepared to strategically manage human, material, information, and fiscal resources to facilitate the delivery of safe, quality nursing and health care services. Role functions comprise management, administration, leadership, relationship building and advocating for the profession.

Cost

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Admissions

Due to federal regulations from the Department of Education, the College of Nursing currently accepts applications for its online doctoral degree programs from residents of the states participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). A list of participating states can be found at: <http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions> (<http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions/>). Applicants are encouraged to check with their local State Boards of Nursing regarding any specific professional licensure requirements prior to applying or enrolling.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Summer - Year 1		
NURS 8003	Background & Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8123	Information Systems and Technologies for Health Care Transformation	3
Fall - Year 1		
NURS 8443	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS 7203	Influential Nurse Leader and Relationship Management	3
NURS 7204	Leading Strategic Change	4
Spring - Year 1		

NURS 8423	Evidence-based Practice and Translational Science in Nursing	3
NURS 7213	Leadership of Innovation in Complex Systems	3
NURS 7214	Financial Management in Nursing	4
Summer - Year 2		
NURS 8333	Healthcare Quality for Improved Outcomes	3
BMSC 5102	Fundamentals of Scientific Writing	2
Fall - Year 2		
BSE 5163 or NURS 6123	Biostatistical Methods I Applied Statistics I	3
NURS 8113	Research Methods	3
NURS 8730	Practice Inquiry I (256 clinical hours)	1-5
Summer - Year 3		
NURS 8712	Roles and Responsibilities of the Doctor of Nursing Practices	2
NURS 8323	Health Policy Local to Global	3
Fall - Year 3		
NURS 8740	Practice Inquiry II	1-5
NURS 7223	Project Management in Healthcare Systems	3
Spring - Year 3		
NURS 8800	Practice Inquiry III (256 clinical hours)	1-5
NURS 7233	Synthesis for Nurse Executive Leadership	3

Prerequisite Courses

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Code	Title	Hours
	Undergraduate Nursing Research	
	General Statistics	

Prerequisite Requirements

- Successful completion of a Bachelor or Master of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA from the last 60 hours.
- Current United States license to practice as a Registered Nurse in state where clinical rotations are completed.

Program Outcomes

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be prepared to:

- Integrate theories from nursing and support sciences to guide practice and role development

- Use evidence-based and best practice literature to propose and initiate change.
- Use political acumen to influence health care policy in the promotion of safe, ethical health care delivery.
- Deliver a broad array of evidence-based, patient-centered nursing interventions to culturally diverse or at-risk individuals and populations in a specialized area of practice.
- Demonstrate expertise in a specialized area of clinical, teaching, and management/administrative practice and/or initial competence in a functional role (advanced practice registered nurse [APRN], educator and administrator).
- Employ leadership and management skills in decision making to improve nursing care delivery and the care environment.
- Collaborate with the interprofessional teams to improve nursing care and health care services.
- Contribute to knowledge dissemination through scholarly activities and communication.
- Use critical synthesis to effectively manage resources and systems.
- Demonstrate competency in information analysis, management, and technology consistent with role preparation.
- Engage in lifelong learning and professional development.