DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

About

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 an safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

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

Residency requirements: 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), view a list of participating states. 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
Fall - Year 1		
BSE 5163	Biostatistical Methods I	3
or NURS 6123	Applied Statistics I	
NURS 8112	Scientific & Scholarly Foundations for Advanced Practices I	2
NURS 8333	Healthcare Quality for Improved Outcomes	3
Spring - Year 1		
NURS 8730	Practice Inquiry I	1-5
BSE 5113	Principles of Epidemiology	3
BMSC 5102	Fundamentals of Scientific Writing	2
NURS 8343	Organizational Behaviors, Health Care Systems & Leadership	3
or NURS 8443	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Nursing	
Summer - Year 1		
NURS 8323	Health Policy Local to Global	3
NURS 8113	Research Methods	3
Fall - Year 2		
NURS 8740	Practice Inquiry II	1-5
NURS 8313	Economics and Finance in Health Care	3
NURS 8123	Information Systems and Technologies for Health Care Transformation	3
Spring - Year 2		
NURS 8800	Practice Inquiry III	1-5
NURS 8712	Roles and Responsibilities of the Doctor of Nursing Practices	2

Prerequisites

- Successful completion of a Master of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA from Master's in Nursing.
- Current United States license to practice as a Registered Nurse.

- Interview with DNP faculty.

Expected DNP Program 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.