

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)  
Post-Master's Program**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares graduates to perform at the highest level of advanced nursing practice. With a focus on population health and leadership, students will gain the competencies necessary to become leaders in practice innovation and policy development and improve the health of diverse populations.

**Innovative program and course delivery:**

- \* Part-time and full time plans of study
- \* Blended learning experience with on-line & hybrid courses; periodic on-campus requirements
- \* Opportunities for inter- & intradisciplinary learning
- \* Strong population health and behavioral health emphases

The post-master's DNP program includes completion of 36-39 course credits, depending on the number of clinical hours previously completed in a Master's program.

**DNP Core Courses**

Courses	Credits	Clinical Hours
NURS881 Population Health I	3	
NURS882 Population Health II	3	
NURS813 Leadership and Innovation	3	
NURS844 Population Healthcare Informatics	3	
NURS843 Policy and Finance for Healthcare Delivery	3	
NURS883 Evidence-based Practice I: Methods	3	
NURS886 Evidence-based Practice II: Translation	3	
NURS852 Integrated Healthcare Delivery I	3	
NURS873 DNP Project I: Problem Identification	3(1+2)*	112
NURS874 DNP Project II: Planning & Development	3(1+2)*	112
NURS900 DNP Project III: Implementation	3(1+2)*	112
NURS910 DNP Project IV: Evaluation & Dissemination	1	
NURS920 Clinical Role Immersion- Post-master's	1-3 (Variable credit or course waiver**)	56-168 or course waiver**
NURS870 Writing for Dissemination	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36-41</b>	<b>336-504</b>

\*1+2 indicates 1 credit of didactic hours and 2 credits of clinical hours

\*\*This course may be waived for post-master's students who have completed 664 or more clinical hours in their master's program.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited School of Nursing with national certification in an area of advanced nursing practice
- Graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Letter from previous master's program documenting the number of clinical hours completed
- Relevant professional experience
- Copy of license in a state where clinical practice may be arranged
- Completion of a master's level statistics course in past 5 years with a grade of B- or better
- Official results from the TOEFL or IELTS exam taken within the last 2 years (for non-native English speaking applicants only). The minimum TOEFL score-100; minimum IELTS-6.5
- Written statement that clearly identifies the applicant's career goals and how admission to the program will facilitate his or her professional objectives.
- Three letters of recommendation: two from an academic, and one from employer and/or other professional source. Academic references must be from someone who is doctorally prepared and who can attest to the student's capacity to complete a doctoral program.
- Successful interview with the DNP Program Coordinator and members of the DNP Subcommittee.
- Demonstrated competence in written communication through submission of a writing sample
- Curriculum vitae or resume

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**3 year Part-time Post-masters  
DNP Plan of Study**

**Year 1**

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
881 Population Health I	3	882 Population Health II	3	883 Evidence-Based Practice I: Methods	3
813 Leadership and Innovation in Population Health	3	844 Population Healthcare Informatics	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

**Year 2**

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
873 DNP Project I: Problem Identification (112 hrs)	3 (1+2)	843 Policy and Finance for Healthcare Delivery	3	874 DNP Project II: Planning & Development (112 hours)	3 (1+2)
		886 Evidence-Based Practice II: Translation	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

**Year 3**

FALL		SPRING	
900 DNP Project III: Implementation (112 hours)	3 (1+2)	910 DNP Project IV: Evaluation and Dissemination	1
870 Writing for Dissemination	2	920 Clinical Role Immersion-Post-master's (variable clinical hours 56-168 based on number needed to total 1000; or course may be waived*)	1-3
852 Integrated Healthcare Delivery I	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1-4</b>

**Total credits: 36-39**

**Total clinical hours: 336-504\***

**\*Clinical hours for the DNP program are generally related to completion of the DNP project.**