

Post-Master's DNP Nursing Leadership Program



The Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nursing Leadership program is designed for nurses on a leadership trajectory across all settings. This program incorporates the ongoing changes in the healthcare system. The Essentials of the Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN), Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) competencies are embedded across the program. Graduates are prepared to take the leadership certification exam offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or AONL. The target population for this program are masters-prepared nurses who aim to attain the highest levels of excellence. The Program is designed to accommodate full-time practice. Students meet for two remote weekend classes per semester. Classes are asynchronous over a 15 week semester. Class times for weekend courses vary by course. Additional individual or class meetings will be determined by course faculty. The weekend schedule for the whole program is released upon admission. The following are the required courses for this program:

Role and Qualifications: Students in this program come from varied roles ranging from staff nurse to nurse executive and across varied settings to include practice, academia, and industry.

Scope of Practice: Graduates will contribute to the discipline of nursing through innovation and evidence, lead healthcare organizations across the continuum, and change the delivery of care and expected outcomes for our clients, community, and global health.

Curriculum: The Post-Masters DNP Leadership Program is 42 credits. Applications are accepted in both Fall and Spring semesters on a rolling basis. The following are the required courses for this program:

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
NURS 6010	Clinical Scholarship	2	
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics and Business Practices	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation and Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning & Proposal Development*	3	
NURS 6031	DNP Project Implementation*	2	
NURS 6032	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination*	2	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	35
CLDR 6420	Organizational Complexity Theory	3	35
CLDR 6440	Quality & Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	35
CLDR 6460	Creating & Sustaining Quality Organizations Theory	3	35
CLDR 6510	Managing Human Capital	3	
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		42	1000

In addition to the successful completion of the above course requirements, all DNP students must meet all the DNP project requirements set forth by the program.

*A student who does not complete their DNP project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit project continuation course in subsequent semesters until the project is complete.

**The minimum number of combined practicum and DNP project experience hours is 1000. A gap analysis will be completed by the Specialty Director upon admission to determine how many hours are required.