

# CLINICAL EXPERT, D.N.P.

The Clinical Expert (CE), Doctor of Nursing Practice D.N.P. is a practice degree designed to prepare clinical practitioner scholars to extend their scope within the advanced practice clinical and leadership roles. The curricular plan is designed for the registered nurse practitioner that holds **Masters Degree** with a nursing emphasis and is licensed and practicing as an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority. The curriculum consists of course work that begins to develop advanced leadership skills and provides preparation in population-based and application science to improve patient outcomes. Graduates are prepared to practice in complex health systems.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Identify direct and indirect clinical problems in complex health settings and work with interprofessional teams to address them.
2. Differentiate theoretical knowledge as it applies to direct or indirect clinical care.
3. Translate evidence to address population health problems.
4. Integrate databases and information literacy in designing interventions for advanced practice.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.

## Entry Options

The Clinical Expert, D.N.P. program offers entry points for students:

**Masters entry** – a student must hold a Masters degree with a nursing emphasis plus national certification as a nurse practitioner. A student must be licensed and practicing as an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority.

### Requirements for Earning the D.N.P. Degree include:

1. Doctoral residency of at least 18 graduate credit hours for three consecutive major semesters. Enrollment in a summer term is not required to maintain continuity, but credits earned during summer terms (including May session) will count toward the 18 hours required for Residency. The residency requirement may be met only after admission to the D.N.P. program;
2. Completion of an approved program of study;
3. Comprehensive assessment through the defense of project proposal;
4. Completion of a research utilization/ evidence-based practice project and oral defense.

## Required Courses (33 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 779	Health Policy <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3

NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> Indicates practicum course.