

NURSE MIDWIFERY, D.N.P.

Objectives

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a practice degree designed to prepare registered nurses as clinical practitioners/scholars to assume advanced practice clinical and leadership roles. The DNP Nurse Midwifery program has one entry point for the student holding a B.S.N. The Nurse Midwifery program prepares registered nurses to provide direct patient management in primary care and the hospital. Graduates are employed in a variety of settings including the hospital, community health clinics, birth centers, and women's health care settings.

The curriculum prepares students to take the national certification exam from the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB).

Requirements for earning the DNP include:

1. Complete doctoral residency of at least 18 graduate hours for three consecutive 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 DNP program.
2. Complete an approved program of study.
3. Comprehensive assessment through defense of project proposal.
4. Completion of a research utilization/evidence-based project and oral defense.
5. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and earn a 3.0 or better in all required classes and courses number 700 or higher.
6. Complete a minimum 1,000 clinical hours.

Learning Outcomes

1. Identify direct and indirect clinical problems in women across the lifespan 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 care of women across the lifespan.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.