

NURSING PRACTICE, D.N.P.

Objectives

The Doctor of Nursing Practice D.N.P. is a practice degree designed to prepare nurses as clinical practitioners/scholars to assume advanced practice clinical and leadership roles. The D.N.P. program has two entry points, depending upon prior educational experience. The curricular plan is designed for the student who has a B.S.N. or a master's degree in nursing. The curriculum consists of course work equivalent to that of a master's degree in nursing plus additional course work (beyond the master's degree requirements) that extends the leadership skills and provides preparation for a variety of leadership roles in the health care arena.

Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates may be eligible to apply to take national certification examinations in at least one area of advanced practice or leadership areas based on major concentration.

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 data bases and information literacy in designing interventions for advanced practice.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.