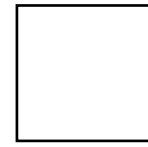




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WHAT IS A DNP?

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is similar in concept to practice doctorates in other professions such as pharmacy (PharmD) and physical therapy (DPT). DNP-prepared nurses are equipped for leadership roles in nursing practice, administration, clinical research, and academia.

Individuals with practice doctorates are the most highly educated and qualified practitioners in their fields. Instead of focusing primarily on research and teaching, those with practice doctorates use their education and expertise in leadership roles on the front lines of their professions. They are also highly qualified to teach the next generation of clinicians and leaders.



TTUHSC DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) POST-MASTER'S

The DNP will provide doctoral-level education to prepare advanced nurse practitioners for increasingly complex practice and clinical administrators for executive leadership roles, as well as prepare faculty to teach in nursing schools. DNP graduates will have the essential competencies to provide the highest level of clinical care and leadership necessary to advance the healthcare system of the 21st century.

Students enrolled in the DNP will be engaged in an innovative, state-of-the-art educational program with a focus on evidence-based practice, public policy advocacy, improving organizational effectiveness, health informatics, financial and business management, and advanced specialty practice. DNP graduates will be highly sought after for positions in advanced clinical care, organizational leadership, and academia.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Current licensure as a registered nurse
- Three letters of reference attesting to the applicant's academic ability and leadership potential
- Personal statement
- Interview with DNP Admissions Committee faculty
- GPA of 3.0 or higher for master's degree
- Graduate level nursing research course

All APN applicants must meet the following additional requirements:

- Current approval by a state Board of Nursing to practice as a nurse practitioner
- Current certification by a nationally recognized credentialing body as a nurse practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing degree from a nationally accredited program
- Minimum of one year's experience as a nurse practitioner

All Executive Leadership applicants must meet the following additional requirements:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing degree
- Minimum of one year experience in a health care leadership position

Applicants with unique credentials will be considered on an individual basis.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The Commission should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support the institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.



CURRICULUM

The curriculum is based on the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

The DNP is designed for master's prepared nurses who are employed either part-time or full-time; classes will be both on-line and in "executive sessions" over 3-4 days on-campus at 3 times during the semester. The DNP degree is completed in 48 credit hours over six semesters with the following two tracks:

- Post-Master's Advanced Practice Nursing (APN)
- Post-Master's Executive Leadership For Clinical and Administrative Leaders

DNP REQUIRED COURSES

COURSE TITLES	CREDIT HOURS
CORE LEADERSHIP COURSES	
DNP Role Transition I and II	3
Advancing Policy and Politics in Health Care	3
Systems Leadership for Effectiveness, Quality and Safety	3
Informatics & Technology to Improve Health Care	3
Financial Operations and Budget Management	3
TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE COURSES	
Evidenced-Based Inquiry I	3
Evidenced-Based Inquiry II	3
Population Health and Epidemiology	3
Applied Statistics	3
ADVANCED PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION	EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATION
Promoting Health through Behavior Change	Health Care Economics and Finance
Integrating Community Mental Health into Healthcare Systems	Leading Teams in Complex Health Care Environments
Integrating Complementary & Alternative Modalities (CAM) into Health Care Systems	Population Health at the Organizational and Public Policy Level
Advanced Clinical Management in the DNP Role	Executive Leadership in the DNP Role
	3
CAPSTONE PROJECT AND PRACTICUM COURSES	
Evidenced-Based Project & Seminar	3
DNP Practicum & Seminar	3
Elective	3
TOTAL CREDITS	48

