



Online
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
DNP

Advance your healthcare career.

Our Doctor of Nursing Practice is designed to **further develop your clinical and leadership skills as a medical professional** through a combination of online learning and practical application in the workplace. Students have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership to proactively develop, implement, and evaluate ethical healthcare policies at all levels. By earning your degree, you'll encourage your own career development while helping guide and support colleagues in their own journey in the healthcare profession.

ACU's online DNP program adheres and aligns with the current trend in the education of nurses and supports recommendations set forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the Institute of Medicine, and numerous other healthcare organizations.

Program Overview

Credit Hours:	39
Degree:	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Program length:	26 months
Tracks:	2

Tracks

- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Executive Nursing Leadership

What outcomes can you expect?

- Director of Nursing
- CNO
- Director of Clinical Services
- Director of Advanced Practice Nurses
- Lead Clinician

Coursework

- Foundational Courses:
 - The DNP Role
 - Informatics to Improve Patient Care
 - Applied Statistics and Research
 - Epidemiology and Population Health
 - Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in Chronic Care (DNP-C) or Theories and Practices of Effective Leadership (DNP-L)
 - Genomic Implications in Advanced Practice (DNP-C) or Human Resources Development (DNP-L)
 - Health Care Finance and Clinical Practice
 - Foundations of Integrative Care (DNP-C) or Leadership in Diverse Contexts (DNP-L)
 - Role of the DNP in Policy Development
 - Systems Leadership for Safety, Quality, and Efficiency
 - Healthcare Reform and Pay for Performance
- Research courses:
 - DNP Project I
 - DNP Project II
 - DNP Clinical Track (DNP-C) or DNP Transformational Leadership Track (DNP-L)

Admissions Requirements:

- Application for admission with a nonrefundable processing fee
- Master's in Nursing from an accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- Official transcripts from the accredited colleges or universities that awarded the baccalaureate and masters degrees to the applicant sent in a registrar's sealed and stamped/signed envelope or official electronic transcripts
- Proof of unencumbered registered nurse and/or advanced practice nursing licensure and certification in the United States
- Minimum graduate nursing cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Two recommendation letters that attest to the applicant's academic abilities, character, and professional abilities
- A 500-word purpose statement outlining the applicant's interest in the Doctor of Nursing Practice and their intended capstone project
- Professional CV or resume