Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national, and global heathcare reform. Our program focuses on providing quality, holistic care, creating healing environments, and building caring communities. The GSU nursing faculty includes Advanced Practice Nurses, seasoned educators, and doctorally-prepared researchers who provide students with an exceptional educational experience. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program has been offered by GSU since 2008.

The DNP provides a professional practice doctorate in nursing designed for applicants to matriculate at two entry points: post baccalaureate or post master's degree with a major in nursing. The degree prepares the graduate for a career in one of the following concentrations:
• Direct practice
• Community behavior
• Leadership/administration
• Practitioner/educator

The sequence of courses provides the DNP graduate with the skills to assume leadership in meeting the healthcare needs of clients in a variety of settings. The program emphasizes the care of vulnerable populations. Admission to the DNP is competitive. Only a limited number of applicants are admitted to the program. The annual application deadline is May 1.

Built for You – the Working Nurse

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program is offered in a manner that considers the needs of the working nurse. Students typically enroll in two courses each term.

DNP Accreditation Status

Accreditation/Approval to grant the degree was bestowed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in December, 2007, and approved by the Higher Learning Commission. The GSU Nursing faculty is participating in the candidacy process toward accreditation of the DNP program through the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Learn More

Visit **www.govst.edu/chhs/dn** or e-mail **NursingAdvisor@govst.edu**.
Applications accepted to NursingCAS, **http://nursingcas.org/** by May 1.

SUCCESS BY DEGREES

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The education system should provide nurses with the **tools needed** to **evaluate and improve standards of patient care** and the quality and safety of care while preserving **fundamental elements of nursing education**, such as **ethics** and **integrity** and **holistic**, **compassionate** approaches to care.

Source: The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, Institute of Medicine, 2010

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Required Courses Post-Master's Entry (44-47 Hours)
Core Courses (29 Hours)

DNP	8171	Healthcare Leadership (3)
DNP	8172	Diversity, Spirituality & Social Issues (3)
DNP	8173	Policy, Power & Politics in Nursing Leadership (3)
HLSC	7500	Inter-Professional Collaboration (3)
HLSC	8400	Information Management Nursing Decision Support (3)
HLSC	8300	Epidemiology (3)
HLSC	8350	Responsible Conduct of Research
HLAD	7105	Applied Research Methods for Health Administration
or		
STAT	8260	Advanced Statistics in Behavioral Health (3)
DNP	9180	Nursing Leadership Internship (2)
DNP	9181	Advanced Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3)

A student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "D" or less is received before being academically removed from the program.

Role Development Courses (10 – 13 Hours)
Practitioner/Educator Role

NURS	8610	Curriculum Development in Nursing (3)
NURS	8611	Instructional Methods in Nursing (3)
NURS	8612	Measurement & Evaluation in Nursing (3)
DNP	9510	Practitioner/Educator Role Residency (4)

Community Behavior

HLSC	8750	Healthcare Organizational Behavior (3)
DNP	9280	Population-Based Healthcare Delivery Systems (3)
DNP	9281	Risk Management in Population Health (3)
or		
HLSC	9200	Healthcare Security & Disaster Preparedness (3)
DNP	9520	Community Role Residency (4)

Leadership/Administration Role

DNP	9380	Nursing Leadership, Innovation & Entrepreneurship (3)
HLAD	7107	Economics of Health Administration (3)
DNP	9530	Leadership/Administrator Role Residency (4)

Direct Practice Role

DNP	9480	Care of Vulnerable Populations (3)
Elective (3)		
DNP	9540	Advanced Practice Role Residency (4)

Scholarly Project (5 Hours)*

DNP	9600	DNP Capstone Proposal Development (1)
DNP	9961	DNP Capstone Project (4)
DNP	9600 and 9961 (typically take more than one semester and are completed under the guidance of the Doctoral Committee while registered for DNP 9999 Directed Scholarship) Doctorate of Nursing Practice (2-3)	

Total: 44-47 Hours Minimum

Required Courses Post-Baccalaureate Entry (86-89 Hours)

The post-baccalaureate option requires that the student complete one of the following four programs of study prior and in addition to those required for the Post-Master's Option:

Clinical Nurse Specialist (42 Hours)
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Nursing Administration (42 Hours)
Please see our website: **www.govst.edu/chhs/dn/msn**

Family Nurse Practitioner (42 Hours)
Please see our website: **www.govst.edu/chhs/dn/msn**

Select elective workshop (1) from one of the following:
    Health Sciences
    Communication Studies
    Addiction Studies
    Management Information Systems

Required Courses Post-Master's Option (44-47 Hours)

Total: 86-89 Hours

Attention Foreign Applicants:
Applicants with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the GSU Office of Admission to determine eligibility for admission. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admission, as well as sent through NursingCAS before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

All applications are completed through NursingCAS. For questions about the NursingCAS process, please contact NursingCAS at **617.612.2880** or **nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org**.