

Doctor of Nursing Practice

College of Health & Human Services

Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national and global healthcare 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 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 initial accreditation process of the DNP program through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.


Learn More

Email NursingAdvisor@govst.edu, call Julie Anderson-Roy at 708.534.4086 or visit the Department of Nursing website at www.govst.edu/dn.

Apply at <https://apply.govst.edu/apply/> by May 1 for priority deadline. Rolling Admissions throughout the year.

Fact

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 (3)
STAT 8260	Advanced Statistics in Behavioral Health (3)
DNP 9180	Nursing Leadership Internship (2)
DNP 9181	Advanced Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice (3)

A student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "C" 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)
DNP 9540	Advanced Practice Role Residency (4)
	Elective (3)

Total: 44-47 Hours Minimum

Scholarly Project (5 Hours)*

DNP 9600	Introduction to Capstone Proposal (1)
DNP 9601	DNP Proposal Development (1)
DNP 9602	DNP Proposal Development II (1)
DNP 9961	Scholarly Project (2)

The DNPscholarly proposal and project courses may take more than one semester and are guided by the student's doctoral committee.

Validation of previous Nursing clinical *contact hours. (*1000 verifiable post baccalaureate clinical hours required for the award of the DNP degree. Up to 500 hours may be applied from previous Nursing clinical at the Masters for post Masters admission hours). Any deficiency in clinical hour credit, that would result in a failure to meet the 1000 hours prior to graduation must be made up by taking Nursing 8701 with enough repeats to satisfy the clinical deficiency. Depending upon the number of hours deficient a student's progress in the DNP may be halted early in the program but no later than entry into the role practicum to assure that all hours are completed on time.) (The Nursing program reserves the right to deny admissions to any student whose clinical hour deficiency is such that it is clear that they cannot complete the 1000 hours required without putting a significant strain on faculty resources.

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

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

Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult/Gerontological Health (42 Hours)

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Nursing Executive & Innovative Leadership (42 Hours)

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Family Nurse Practitioner (44 Hours)

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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 international transcripts evaluated by a NACES (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) approved agency. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing and evaluating. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.