

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

If you want the tools that will empower you to advance meaningful change in an increasingly complex health care system, a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) in health policy is for you. Gain in-depth knowledge of the legislative, regulatory, and judicial processes that shape health policy. Deepen your understanding of the economic forces, research evidence and political developments that directly affect health care and the nursing profession. Develop new perspectives on effective advocacy and learn about the roles of nurses and other health professionals in improving access and advancing the health of patients, families and populations.

This distance-based program combines academic study with hands-on experience in addressing real-world policy issues. Graduates of the DNP Health Policy program can apply their policy expertise in any number of ways, from advancing within their current institutions/practice to roles such as working for government agencies, legislative offices, research organizations, consumer groups, or professional associations as policy analysts, advocates or consultants.

The GW School of Nursing is known for its focus on health policy and our faculty include respected leadership in the field. The School also houses the GW Center for Health Policy and Media Engagement. Located in the nation's capital, our proximity to federal agencies, Congress, national health care associations, and other policy-makers provides an "only at GW" experience and a unique opportunity to prepare for a career in health policy.

ADMISSIONS

Article	Requirement
Admission deadline:	6/15/2020 (Fall Only)
Recommendation required:	Two letters of recommendation required:
Prior academic records	Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)
Statement of Purpose:	Compose a 500-750 word essays describing your reasons for undertaking study in nursing at The George Washington University, your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications (including any relevant collegiate, professional, and/or community activities). Your essay should touch upon your academic and career goals in a discussion of how the DNP program at GW will help you achieve these goals. Your essay should also contain a discussion of a major issue in contemporary nursing and how you would best address the selected issue.

Prerequisites Graduate-level inferential statistics course taken within the past five years* *NURS 6208: Biostatistics for Health Care Researchers (3) is offered in the spring and summer for those who have not met this requirement

Additional Requirements Master of Science degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university
Minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale in one of these areas:

- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Leadership Management
- Nurse Practitioner (must be nationally certified)

International Requirements TOEFL is: Internet-based test: 100 or higher Paper test: 600 or higher

The minimum required score for the IELTS is: An overall band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T
Ashburn, VA 20147

Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)
<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid> (<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/>)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 42 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
NURS 8400	Epidemiology and Population Health	
NURS 8401	Organizational Concepts in Nursing	
NURS 8402	Knowledge Management in Nursing	
NURS 8403	Translating Research into Practice	
NURS 8405	Health Care Quality Improvement	
NURS 8417	Health Policy and Analysis	
NURS 8418	Health Care Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement	
NURS 8420	The Health Policy Process	
NURS 8421	The Legislative and Judicial Processes and Health Policy	

NURS 8422	Health Policy Practicum
NURS 8423	The Regulatory Process and Health Policy
NURS 8490	DNP Project Planning
NURS 8491	DNP Project Implementation
NURS 8492	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination