DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF NURSING PRACTICE

The doctor of nursing in nursing practice (DNP) in the field of nursing practice is designed for nursing professionals interested in improving patient care, affecting health policy, and being nursing leaders. The program emphasizes key nursing competencies and innovation, with options for focusing in areas including clinical practice, policy, and leadership.

Visit the program website (https://nursing.gwu.edu/nursing-practice-dnp/) for additional information.

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<td>Statement of Purpose</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Prerequisites</td>
<td>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</td>
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| Additional Requirement| 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         | 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: 36 credits, including 30 credits in required courses and 6 credits in elective courses.

All DNP students are expected to complete a minimum of 1,000 post-baccalaureate practice hours as part of their academic program. Most advanced practice RN students will already have completed 500 hours in their master of science in nursing (MSN) program and the remaining 500 hours are included in the curriculum requirements for the DNP.

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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NURS 8400 | Epidemiology and Population Health | Required
NURS 8401 | Organizational Concepts in Nursing | Required
NURS 8402 | Knowledge Management in Nursing | Required
NURS 8403 | Translating Research into Practice | Required
NURS 8405 | Health Care Quality Improvement | Required
NURS 8417 | Health Policy and Analysis | Required
NURS 8418 | Health Care Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement | Required
NURS 8490 | DNP Project Planning | Electives
NURS 8491 | DNP Project Implementation | Electives
NURS 8492 | DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination | Electives

Clinical hours

All students are expected to complete a minimum of 1,000 post-baccalaureate practice hours