

# 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.

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## ADMISSIONS

Article	Requirement
Admission deadline:	Fall - Priority: December 1   Final: May 15
Recommendations required:	Two letters of recommendation
Prior academic records	Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)
Statement of Purpose:	Compose a 500-750 word essays describing your reasons for pursuing a DNP at The George Washington University, your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications (including any relevant collegiate, professional, and/or community activities). You should include a general idea for your DNP project. Your vision for your post-DNP contributions to advance the nursing profession through scholarship and evidence-based practice must be emphasized in the statement. Also, briefly describe your professional nursing practice and indicate any current or previous leadership roles.
Prerequisites	Graduate-level inferential statistics course taken within the past five years* *NURS 6208: Biostatistics for Health Care Research (3) is offered in the spring and summer for those who have not met this requirement
Additional Requirements:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a regionally accredited college or university Master's degree in Nursing, or a relevant field such as an MBA, MPA or MPH, from a regionally accredited college or university Minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale Active and unencumbered RN license from a U.S. state or territory Current resume
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: 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
<b>Required</b>		
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	Healthcare Quality Improvement	
NURS 8417	Health Policy and Analysis	
NURS 8418	Healthcare Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement	
NURS 8490	DNP Project Planning	
NURS 8491	DNP Project Implementation	
NURS 8492	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	
<b>Electives</b>		
6 credits in elective courses selected with the advisor's approval.		