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 GW Nursing website (https://nursing.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

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 Requirement:
- 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 Requirement test: 600 or higher
- The minimum required score for the IELTS is: A total band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

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.

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Electives

6 credits in elective courses selected with the advisor’s approval.