Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree for APRNs

Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Advanced practice registered nurses who are Master’s prepared and have national certification can enroll in the DNP completion program where they will gain additional knowledge and clinical expertise in a defined area of advanced nursing practice. Core knowledge in the scientific, philosophical, ethical, health policy, informatics, and business aspects of clinical practice will provide a foundation for DNP Scholarly Practice and the final project. The program is 34 units in length.

Entrance Semesters
Fall Only

Application Deadlines
March 1

Required Licenses
Current California Registered Nurse license

Additional Requirements
Master’s degree in Nursing with an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Specialty
Certification as an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
Personal statement of career goals
Minimum Grade Point Average: 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
Basic computer literacy
Completion of the University Application for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program
Goal statement in the application will require the applicant to elucidate a specific clinical practice focus and evidence-based clinical issue or problem
One official transcript from each college or university attended
Three professional recommendations (Two from clinicians who hold a doctoral degree – RNs/APRNs or MDs)
Example of scholarly writing (thesis, article or paper written within the last five years)
Resume/CV
Interview (only qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview based on initial review of their application)
Evidence of specified immunizations and screening tests, a report of recent physical examination, and BLS certification if admitted into the program

Requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program of Study for APRNs

The program of study includes a minimum of 34 units of post-master’s coursework, 10 units of which are required for DNP Scholarly Practice.

(Total units: 34)

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International applicants must meet additional requirements for admission
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