

## The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

program integrates nursing science with biophysical, psychosocial, analytical and organizational sciences, which graduates use to understand the nature of health and health care delivery and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions.

In addition to clinical practice, DNP graduates serve as leaders in administration, education, informatics, public policy and public health..

## Why UNCW?

UNCW's unique Doctor of Nursing program offers electives at the graduate level which are specialization-specific and lead to a graduate concentration in:

- nursing education,
- transcultural nursing,
- nurse executive leadership or
- technology and informatics.



## UNCW School of Nursing History and Facts

The School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina Wilmington was established in 1984 and became part of the College of Health and Human Services in July 2010. As a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the graduate and undergraduate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The faculty are a community of health care professionals dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarly endeavors and professional practice.



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## Program Description

The DNP is a practice-focused doctoral degree earned by advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The DNP serves as a clinical leader in transforming care of the individual, the community and the healthcare system. UNCW's DNP is a 36-credit hour program that can be completed in as few as five semesters. We also offer you the opportunity to specialize in nursing education, transcultural nursing, nurse executive leadership or technology and informatics.

## Admission Requirements

- Master's degree in nursing or post-master's certificate from an accredited program
- Current unrestricted registered nurse (RN) license in state where practice will occur
- Advanced practice RN (APRN) certification as a nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, nurse midwife or nurse practitioner
- GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher on all previous graduate coursework
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for international students
- Written essay addressing your advanced practice expertise, career goals and how earning the DNP will promote these goals
- Completed application and payment of required application fee
- Three professional letters of recommendation
- Current curriculum vitae/résumé
- Criminal background check and 12-panel drug screen
- Interview with UNCW School of Nursing faculty may be required

## Required Core Courses

**Mandatory on-campus orientation at the beginning of first and second year**

**NSG 685** – Philosophical and Theoretical Basis for Clinical Scholarship and Practice (3 Credits)

**NSG 686** – Methodologic Approaches to Evidence-based Practice (3 Credits)

**NSG 687** – Clinical Epidemiology and Genomics for Advanced Practice Nursing (3 Credits)

**NSG 688** – Clinical Leadership, Ethics, and Legalities for Role Development (3 Credits)

**NSG 689** – Health Care Systems Policy and Financial Management (3 Credits)

**NSG 690** – Improving Health Outcomes: Understanding Global Justice and Social Determinants (3 Credits)

**NSG 692** – Information Systems and Technology in Health Care (3 Credits)

**NSG 696** – Methods for Evidence-Based Practice in Specialty Focused Practicum I (5 Credits)

**NSG 697** – Methods for Evidence-Based Practice in Specialty Focused Practicum II (5 Credits)

**NSG 698** – Methods for Evidence-Based Practice in Specialty Focused Practicum III (5 Credits)

## Applications, Tuition/Fees, Financial Aid

This is a distance-education program for all applicable fees. For further information regarding tuition, eligibility/course requirements, deadlines or to apply, contact:

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“The DNP program allowed me to grow from treating an individual patient to treating a family within a community and a society. It showed me the importance and influence of advanced practice nurses getting involved in shaping health policy.”

– Tammy Arms, assistant professor, UNCW School of Nursing