

Post-MSN Online Programs

The accredited **Doctor of Nursing Practice** prepares nurses at the highest level of practice for the current healthcare environment. DNP curriculum provides a strong scientific foundation for practice; flexibility and emphasis on evidence-based practice, leadership, and organizational analysis; and completion of a unique DNP project. Students and faculty come together twice per year on UCF's Orlando campus for Compact Intensives that foster teamwork and often include lectures by industry leaders.

Students enrolling in a UCF Online program will receive a waiver for some campus-based fees, such as Activity and Service Fee, Transportation and Access Fee, Health Fee, Athletic Fee, and Technology Fee. Consequently, UCF Online students will have reduced access to on-campus resources.

Program Descriptions

Advanced Practice DNP

UCF's online Advanced Practice DNP is designed to enhance the development of master's prepared Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Nurse Midwives into clinical practice leaders. Clinical practice leaders participate at the highest level in their organizations and community, and are equipped to improve quality, outcomes and systems of healthcare.

Doctoral students in the Advanced Practice DNP track are encouraged to lead scholarly inquiry in their current practice environment. Integral components of the program will include: translating current evidence into practice; and designing, implementing and evaluating new models of care. Graduates are prepared to initiate and lead change in the clinical practice environment, with emphasis on contributing to the body of evidence being considered in the reshaping of healthcare.

Nurse Executive DNP

UCF's online Nurse Executive DNP is a dynamic and engaging academic curriculum that prepares students for executive leadership and decision-making at the highest level by examining practice innovations and outcomes. The Nurse Executive DNP track extends and enhances the knowledge, skill and performance of healthcare system leaders in a wide variety of clinical and administrative environments.

The DNP Nurse Executive track meets the unique needs and taps the talent of nurse executives through experiential learning and leadership projects in a team-centered environment. It provides enrolled executives and managers the opportunity to interact with prominent healthcare experts who address emergent and challenging issues for nurse leaders, and encourages networking with colleagues across local, state and national healthcare and policy organizations.

Program Details

Start Fall or Spring term

Deadlines May 1 or Sept. 1

Format Cohort, part-time

Schedule Online classes; Intensives in Orlando twice per year

Length 7 semesters

Credit hours 42

Clinical hours 1,000

Some of the clinical hours are transferred in from prior MSN coursework. 420 clinical hours will be fulfilled during the DNP coursework. See Plan of Study.

Tuition \$327.32 per credit hour (in-state)
\$1,151.72 per credit hour (out-of-state)

Graduate students may incur other fees, such as Material and Supply Fee, Equipment Fee and Online Course Proctoring Fee, etc.

Start Fall or Spring term

Deadlines May 1 or Sept. 1

Format Cohort, part-time

Schedule Online classes; Intensives in Orlando twice per year

Length 9 semesters

Credit hours 42

Clinical hours 1,000

Some of the clinical hours are transferred in from prior MSN coursework. 730 clinical hours will be fulfilled during the DNP coursework. See Plan of Study.

Tuition \$327.32 per credit hour (in-state)
\$1,151.72 per credit hour (out-of-state)

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Curriculum & Requirements

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Core Courses

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- Nursing Environment Management
- Epidemiology Principles in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Leadership and Economics in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Innovative Technologies in Healthcare
- Concepts, Measurement, and Data Management
- Evidence-Based Practice Development for DNP
- Healthcare Systems and Policy

Track Specific Courses

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Advanced Practice DNP

- Advanced Clinical Management for Advanced Practice Nursing
- Program Development and Management
- DNP Project I
- DNP Project II
- Graduate Elective
- Graduate Elective
- Graduate Elective

Nurse Executive DNP

- Program Development and Management
- Advanced Leadership Selective
- DNP Residency ^
- DNP Project I
- DNP Project II
- DNP Project III
- Graduate Elective

The DNP Project is related to advanced nursing practice and benefits a group, population or community rather than an individual patient. It addresses identified needs and builds on an evidence base.

Application Requirements

1. Request Official Transcripts

If you are not a UCF graduate, official transcripts from each college or university attended must be sent in a **sealed envelope** directly to:

**University of Central Florida
College of Graduate Studies
P.O. Box 160112
Orlando, FL 32816-0112**

or electronically to:
gradadmissions@ucf.edu

2. Master's Degree

The master's degree must be earned from an regionally accredited institution. The MSN must also be accredited by the CCNE or ACEN.

- **Advanced Practice Track:** MSN must be in an APN specialty role (NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM) or a post-MSN certificate in an APN specialty role if MSN is an another discipline.
- **Nurse Executive Track:** MSN, MS, MBA, MHA or related discipline.

3. RN License

A Florida license is required for all students who will be taking clinical and practice coursework in Florida healthcare agencies and institutions. For online students, a license is required in the state or country in which the student will practice.

4. Written Essay

Write an essay in 500-words or less, double-spaced using 12-pt. Times New Roman font and 1-inch margins. Address the following: Describe how earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice in the track to which you applied will help you achieve your personal and professional goals; Explain those personal and professional experiences that have helped prepare you for doctoral study and your readiness for doctoral study at this time; The final DNP project focuses on implementation of an evidence-based change that impacts healthcare outcomes through direct or indirect care from a systems or population/aggregate focus. Describe an area of interest you believe could be improved through such a project. ***It is advantageous to discuss your essay with a DNP advisor prior to submitting your application.***

5. Curriculum Vitae

CV must reflect prior education, recent clinical accomplishments, any recent scholarly work (publications and presentations), awards, additional certifications, and activities with professional organizations. For recent graduates, this can include accomplishments as a student.

6. Three Professional Recommendations

7. Potential Interview

For more information or questions about UCF's online post-master's MSN to DNP programs, visit our website or email gradnurseadvisor@ucf.edu.