



# Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## BECOME A NURSE PRACTITIONER

The accredited Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree prepares nurses at the highest level of practice for the current healthcare environment. The 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.

Upon earning the DNP degree, graduates are eligible to sit for the national board certification examination in their specialty area. Certification is required by each state and gives the credential necessary to function in the advanced practice role.

### POST-BSN DNP PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced primary care practice, focusing on patients 13 years and older** in primary care and home care settings.

**AGPCNPs** diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. Their services include, but are not limited to: ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

#### Family Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Family Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced primary care practice across the lifespan** — from children to adults.

**FNPs** diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention.

Their services include, but are not limited to: ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

#### Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced practice in acute care, focusing on patients 18 years and older**.

The **AGACNP** cares for adult or gerontology patients with medically complex, stable and unstable acute, critical, and chronic illnesses across care settings ranging from hospitals to sub-acute, ambulatory care, clinic, and home care environments. The AGACNP provides a spectrum of care from disease prevention to acute and critical care management.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**Start:** Fall term only

**Deadline:** February 1

**Format:** Cohort, full-time or part-time

**Schedule:** Hybrid classes; Clinical hours located within UCF service area

**Length:** 9 or 12 semesters

**Credit hours:** 73

**Clinical hours:** 1,140

*Starting in year two, eight of the remaining courses will include clinical components.*

**Tuition:** \$369.65/credit hour (in-state)  
\$1,194.05/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.*

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# CURRICULUM & REQUIREMENTS

## CORE COURSES (1 HYBRID^ / 5 ONLINE)

- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning
- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Lab^
- Pathophysiological Bases for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Healthcare of the Susceptible Populations
- Dissemination and Implementation Science
- Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice

## TRACK-SPECIFIC COURSES

### Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Adult I Primary Care
- Adult I Primary Care Clinical
- Adult II Clinical for APNs
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Women's Health for APNs
- Advanced Practice Practicum
- Advanced Skills for the Management of Illness and Injuries^
- Elective

### Family Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Adult I Primary Care
- Adult I Clinical for APNs
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Pediatric Primary Care
- Pediatric Primary Care Clinical
- Women's Health for APNs
- Women's Health for APNs Clinical
- Advanced Practice Practicum
- Advanced Skills for the Management of Illness and Injuries^

### Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Advanced Pharmacology for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I
- Diagnostics and Skills for Care of the Critically Ill
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II Clinical
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III Clinical
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum

## DNP COURSES TAUGHT ONLINE\*

- Nursing Environment Management
- Advanced Clinical Management for Advanced Practice Nursing
- 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
- DNP Project I, DNP Project II, and DNP Project III

*\*Compact intensives are incorporated twice a year*

## 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 the address below or electronically via email to [gradadmissions@ucf.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@ucf.edu).

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

### 2. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The BSN must be earned from an regionally accredited institution and the nursing program must also be accredited by the CCNE or ACEN. Nurses with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing are eligible to apply for the DNP program but must complete 9 credit hours of prerequisite courses in addition to their DNP plan of study.

### 3. UNDERGRADUATE STATISTICS COURSE

### 4. FLORIDA RN LICENSE

A Florida license is required for all students who will be taking clinical and practice coursework in Florida's healthcare agencies and institutes.

### 5. 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; Describe an area of interest that you would address through a doctoral-level quality improvement project.*

*\*It is advantageous to discuss your essay with a DNP advisor prior to submitting your application.\*\**

### 6. 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.

### 7. THREE PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS



The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and advanced practice post-master's certificates at the College of Nursing at University of Central Florida are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001, (t: 202-887-6791).