



# Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## POST-MSN ONLINE PROGRAMS

UCF's accredited Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares nurses to practice at the highest level for today's dynamic 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. 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.

Earning a high-quality doctoral education is more affordable. Students enrolled in a UCF Online program will receive a fee waiver for some campus-based amenities.

## ONLINE DNP PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE DNP

UCF's online Advanced Practice Nurse 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.

Students in the Advanced Practice Nurse 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 on 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 innovation and outcomes. The Nurse Executive DNP track extends and enhances the knowledge, skills, and performance of healthcare system leaders in a wide variety of clinical and administrative environments.

The Nurse Executive DNP track meets the unique needs, and taps the talents, 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 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, 360 clinical hours will be fulfilled during 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 the 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 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 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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# ONLINE DNP CURRICULUM & REQUIREMENTS

## CORE COURSES

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

*\*Compact intensives are incorporated twice per year*

## TRACK-SPECIFIC COURSES

### ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE 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 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. MASTER'S DEGREE

Applicant's master's degree must be earned from a regionally accredited institution. The MSN must also be accredited by the CCNE or APN.

**Advanced Practice Track:** MSN must be in an APN specialty role (NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM) or post-MSN certificate in an APN specialty role if MSN in another discipline.

**Nurse Executive Track:** MSN, MS, MBA, MHA or related discipline.

### 3. APRN/ 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.

### 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 you prepare you for your doctoral study and your readiness for doctoral study at this time. The final DNP project focuses on implementation of an evidenced-based change that impacts healthcare outcomes through direct or indirect care form a system 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 accomplishment, any recent scholarly work (publications and presentations) awards, additional certifications, and activities with professional organizations. For recent graduate, this can include accomplishments as a student.

### 6. THREE PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7. POTENTIAL INTERVIEW



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).