

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Nursing Practice with a Concentration in Nurse Executive (DNP)

Doctor of Nursing Practice- Post-Master's Nurse Executive

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed for nurses that are seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice. DNP-prepared nurses are equipped to serve as clinical experts, change agents, and advocates in addressing healthcare in our nation. Specific areas of focus include: advanced practice skills, healthcare policy, organizational and systems leadership, interprofessional collaboration, evidence-based research, healthcare technology, informatics, and patient advocacy. The DNP program at ODU is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The Nurse Executive role prepares top level nurse executives for leadership positions in a health system. The program outcomes are consistent with the American Organization of Nurse Executive guidelines for nurse executive practice. Content focuses on executive leadership skills, working with vulnerable populations, fiscal and human resource management, quality magnet achievement, emerging technology, and organizational research in clinical issues. Students participate in executive internships throughout the program in their home area.

To graduate from Old Dominion University's DNP Program, a student must have successfully completed all required course work, including prerequisite courses of NURS 800 and 809, an evidence-based research project and all clinical practicum. Students must successfully complete 1000 hours of supervised clinical practice. The DNP program provides a minimum of 560 clinical hours within four practicum courses. MSN courses with a supervised clinical practicum component will be considered for transfer credit toward the total clinical hour requirement. A review of MSN transcripts or course descriptions/syllabi will be used to determine whether clinical hours are acceptable for transfer. Students entering the Nurse Executive DNP program, who require additional clinical hours, will be advised of their options by the Program Director. *The DNP - Post-Master's Nurse Executive track is offered in an online/hybrid format.*

Admission Requirements for the DNP Program

In addition to meeting University requirements, applicants must meet the admission criteria below..

1. Current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse (RN).
2. Master's degree in nursing or a related field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of 3.0 grade point
3. Baccalaureate degree in nursing or related field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.
4. Three letters of recommendation, with at least one from a former faculty member and at least two from former employers.
5. A 500-700 word essay that should speak specifically to the concentration area to which you are applying.
6. Current Resume

Application Deadlines for the DNP Programs

Post Master's Nurse Executive - Priority Deadlines April 1 and September 1

Curriculum Requirements

NURS 805	Application of Practice-Based Research Methods	2
NURS 806	Proposal Development and Database Management	4
NURS 807	Informatics and Healthcare Technology	3
NURS 810	Leadership in Complex Systems and Organizations	3
NURS 812	Evidence-Based Management for Quality Healthcare	3
NURS 814	Competitive Resource Design and Utilization	3
NURS 816	DNP Executive Practicum I	2-5
NURS 817	DNP Executive Practicum II	2-5
NURS 818	DNP Executive Practicum III	3-5
NURS 819	DNP Executive Practicum IV	3-5
NURS 890	DNP Nursing Capstone	3

Prerequisite courses NURS 800* and NURS 809* must also be completed to meet degree requirements for the DNP.

Total Credit Hours	31-41
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*Courses are included in the master's curricula.