



Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed to prepare clinical nurses with the advanced knowledge and experiences necessary to manage health care in a safe, effective, and efficient manner in a variety of settings. The Post Graduate DNP program is open to all post-MSN applicants, including, but not limited to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia). A Master of Science in Nursing degree is required from a CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. The majority of the coursework is completed online, including some synchronous courses, which requires students to be online at specific times, and there may be an immersion weekend.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Three letters of recommendation
 - One from previous faculty who can attest to academic ability.
 - Two from individuals who can attest to clinical expertise. Recommend at least one doctoral-prepared nurse.
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay (500-750 words) answering the following:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
 - Brief description of an idea for the DNP project.
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state or individual state (must obtain licensure in clinical rotation state)
- Copy of Advanced Practice Nursing certification as applicable. Applicants without national certification will be individually evaluated and must submit evidence of their specialty expertise.
- Completion of graduate Statistics course with a “C” or better within the last three years.
- Documentation of 2,080 RN or APRN hours (direct patient care).
- NP applicants must be able to verify a minimum of 500 master’s degree precepted clinical hours.
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 35-36 credit hours with a grade of “B” or better required in all courses. Clinical requirement is approximately 500 clock hours.

Courses	Credits
Role & Issues of the DNP	3
Analytical Methods (Stats)	3
Epidemiology & Population Health (clinical hours if needed)	3
Integration of Translational Research	3
Project 1 Seminar (120 clinical hours)	1/1
Project Planning (120 clinical hours)	2/1
Grant Writing	1
Informatics & Quality Improvement	3
Clinical Research Proposal	3
Project Implementation (240 clinical hours)	1/2
Leadership & Policy	3
Data Analysis	3
Project Analysis & Dissemination*** (1 clinical credit if needed)	2/1
Total	35-36

*** Continue to register for 2 credits until the project is completed

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*