DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) prepares graduates for the specialty areas of executive leadership, nurse anesthesia, and nurse practitioner.

models from a Christian worldview.

The DNP Program is designed as a full-time cohort-based program that begins the fall of each year.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Doctor of Nursing Practice is to prepare experts in specialized advanced practice with a Christ-centered focus.

DNP Program Goals

1. To provide doctoral nursing education that builds on the foundational education of the registered nurse.
2. To prepare the graduate for enhanced knowledge and skills in a specialized area of practice.

3. To develop the graduate as a leader of one's specialty area of practice implementing the Christian worldview.

perspective of health care systems and delivery

DNP Expected Student Outcomes

The graduate of the DNP will be able to:

- demonstrate expertise in an area of specialized advanced nursing practice
- integrate biosciences, education, research, business, and nursing practice within a Christian worldview
- formulate organizational and systems components for leadership and quality improvement toward enhancing patient outcomes
- promote transformation of health care through interprofessional collaboration, policy development and technology utilization within an area of specialized nursing practice
- evaluate outcomes of evidence-based research and design appropriate interventions for specialized areas of advanced nursing practice toward the improvement of the health of individuals, aggregates, and populations.

Program Admission Requirements MUST BE SENT TO NURSING (EXTERTON W!

practice inquiry project
- How you have prepared for success in this program
10. Submission of Curriculum Vitae

4. Current unencumbered RN and APN licensure (if applicable) in state of residence
5. Eligible for licensure as registered nurse and APN (if applicable) in Tennessee
6. Interview with the Nursing Graduate Admissions Selection Committee
7. Applicants from a country where the native language is not English must show proof of English proficiency with scores from TOEFL, IELTS, or iTEP courses. Minimum scores are TOEFL 560 (Internet-based 80), IELTS 6.5, or iTEP 4.4.

Additional requirement for the RN to DNP and BSN to DNP Nurse Practitioner track includes a Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale, defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and Statistics is preferred.

Additional requirements for the CRNA-DNP track include a current unencumbered RN and CRNA license in state of residence and students will be required to have 1,000 clinical hours post BSN degree.

Additional requirements for the RN to BSN or BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia tracks include:

1. At least one year of critical care experience as an RN, preferably within the last year
2. Eligible for RN licensure in TN, KY, and MS
3. Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale; defned as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and statistics
4. CCRN preferred
5. Experience as a preceptor and/or charge nurse preferred
6. Leadership within the ICU or place of employment with professional or clinical development projects preferred, such as:
   • Policy development
   • Practice change initiatives
   • Evidence-based practice initiatives
   • Instructor in BLS/ACLS/PALS
7. If applicant has been dismissed hasä   dismissed been dismissed chan×   c   Q   xe ä   been

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally

Acceptance Deposits

A $1,000 tuition deposit is required for the BSN–DNP nurse anesthesia track. A $300 tuition deposit is required for RN to MSN (Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Education, Nurse Administration) and RN to DNP (Nurse Practitioner and Execuive Leadership) tracks. The deposit for all post-graduate DNP tracks is $800. These deposits are non-refundable if the student elects not to enroll Applicants accepted on an "alternative" basis will receive a full refund if status is not changed to "accepted" by the first day of class.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of the course work within each specified track.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.
3. File an application for graduation with the Graduate Nursing Office by the published deadline.
4. Pay in full the student's account in the Business Office
5. Discharge all other obligations (fines, credentials, fees, etc.) at the University.

Degree Requirements

BSN to DNP Core for all tracks (49 hours)
1. NUR 515, 533, 559
2. NUR 710, 705, 715, 720, 725, 730, 745, 728
3. NUR 793, 791, 794, 735, 738, 739

BSN to DNP Advanced Practice Core for NPs and CRNAs (8 hours)
1. BIO 500
2. NUR 544, 622

BSN to DNP Executive Leadership (68 hours)
1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above)
2. Specialty: NUR 525, 593, 528, 693A, 695B, 535, 572, 615

BSN to DNP Nurse Practitioner (76 hours)
1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above)
2. Complete the