

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) prepares graduates for the specialty areas of executive leadership, nurse anesthesia, and nurse practitioner. The DNP Program provides the student with the opportunity to strengthen one's clinical

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the applicant notifies the coordinator of their readiness to be considered for the DNP applicant pool..

- ~~NUR 306 Scientific Writing~~
- ~~NUR 330 Research~~

For the RN to DNP and BSN to DNP Nurse Practitioner tracks, a Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale (Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Statistics) is preferred.

~~The RN to DNP does not award a BSN or MSN. Acceptance to the RN to DNP program does not guarantee acceptance to any DNP track. Applicants who are not selected to progress to the DNP cohort will be given the opportunity to enter the RN to BSN program.~~

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.

~~RN to DNP With Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree in a Field Other than Nursing; Nurse Practitioner, Executive Leadership, and Nurse Anesthesia~~

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

1. Applicants must complete or show evidence of completion of the following undergraduate courses:

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; defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and statistics
4. CCRN required
5. Shadowing hours required (minimum 40 hours)
6. Experience as a preceptor and/or charge nurse preferred
7. 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

- ~~Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.~~
- ~~Microbiology – 3 or 4 hrs.~~
- ~~Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.~~
- ~~Any undergraduate statistics course – 3 hrs.~~

8. Students dismissed from a nurse anesthesia or other advanced practice nursing program for academic, clinical or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to Union University's Nurse Anesthesia BSN-DNP track. Students who have been enrolled in another program and withdrew in good standing or are still enrolled in good standing, must have a letter from their director stating that they are in good standing or withdrew when they were in good standing in order to be considered for admission to Union University's Nurse Anesthesia BSN-DNP track.

2. The above courses must be completed with by December 31st of the year prior to the year the applicant plans to be considered for the DNP cohort.

RN to DNP Without Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree; Nurse Practitioner and Executive Leadership Tracks Only

1. Applicants must complete the following undergraduate courses.
 - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
 - Microbiology – 3 or 4 hrs.
 - Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.
 - Christian Studies – 6 hrs.
 - English Composition 1 and 2 – 6 hrs.
 - Social Science – 9 hrs.
 - Humanities – 9 hrs.
2. When these courses are completed, the applicant will notify the track coordinator no later than December 31 prior to the year they wish to start.
3. The following undergraduate nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or above by May 31st of the year the applicant plans be considered for the DNP cohort. The nursing courses may be in progress when

Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not meet the regular admission requirements to the DNP program may be admitted conditionally at the discretion of the DNP Graduate Admissions Committee. Conditional admission will require contractual agreement between the applicant and the Graduate Admissions Committee. The contract will specify the conditions and deadlines that must be met to matriculate to the regular DNP program.

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally accredited college or university or at a foreign college or university may be transferred to Union University if the courses are essentially the same as those required in the DNP program. The maximum number of semester hours that may be transferred to Union University and applied to the DNP degree is nine, upon review

Financial Assistance

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/. Generally, graduate students may be eligible for Federal Direct student loans or private alternative student loans, depending on the program of study and the eligibility of the borrower. Union University is also approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any

option and an eight-semester part-time Post-Master's option. A 36-month CRNA-DNP option is also available for licensed CRNAs who do not currently hold a Master's degree.

DNP: Nurse Practitioner Tracks

The practice environment of a nurse practitioner is constantly changing. These changes are based on the increasing complexity of patient care and evolving practice issues of the health care system. To address the increasing complexity of patient care and evolving practice issues, a 5-semester Post-Master's DNP Program is available to enhance your effectiveness as a health care leader in the profession as a nurse practitioner. An application deadline of March 1 is noted for priority acceptance into this track that begins in the fall of each year. A 36-month BSN to DNP option is available, as well as a five semester Post-Master's option and an eight-semester part-time Post-Master's option.