
broaden one's perspective of health care systems and delivery models from a Christian worldview.

The DNP Program is designed as full-time or part-time cohort-based programs that begins the fall of each year.

The mission of the Doctor of Nursing Practice is to connect Christian faith and the professional practice of nursing that is excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed within the scope of their practice as determined by education, licensure, and specialty certification.

1. To provide doctoral nursing education that builds upon one's previous nursing education using evidence-based knowledge.

2. To prepare the graduate for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical capabilities within a Christian worldview.
3. To develop the graduate as a leader of one's specialty area of expertise.

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

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a Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale (Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Statistics) is preferred.

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.

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
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.

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 course 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 course may be in progress when

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

- NUR 330 Research

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.

1. Applicants must complete or show evidence of completion of the following undergraduate courses:
 - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
 - Microbiology – 3 or 4 hrs.
 - Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.
 - Any undergraduate statistics course – 3 hrs.
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. When these are complete, the applicant will notify the track coordinator they wish to be considered for the applicant pool in the next cohort for that track.
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Students entering the BSN to DNP program with a previously earned MSN may be awarded transfer credit above the 9 hours for the following courses upon evaluation of transcript: NUR 515, NUR 533, NUR 559, NUR 544, BIO 500, NUR 622

1. Current CPR certification
2. Evidence of Hepatitis B, MMR, and tetanus vaccination (TDaP unless TD within the past 2 years)
3. Proof of 2 Varicella vaccinations or positive antibody titer (If titer is negative, student must repeat the 2 vaccine series.
4. Freedom from tuberculosis as evidenced by a negative PPD or health provider examination
5. Current ACLS and PALS certifications (nurse anesthesia only)
6. Health insurance

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.

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally accredited

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at www.uu.edu/financialaid. 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 person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after acceptance into a graduate program.

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