

NURSING - D.N.P.

College of Nursing
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About This Program

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed for experienced nurses who are looking to advance their career. With a focus on evidence-based practice, leadership and patient care, this program prepares you for a wide range of roles in healthcare. Students in this program will have access to experienced faculty, cutting-edge technology and clinical experiences that will prepare them for the challenges of the modern healthcare industry. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Medical and health services managers

- 31.5% much faster than the average
- 422,300 number of jobs
- \$104,280 potential earnings

Nurse practitioners

- 52.4% much faster than the average
- 211,300 number of jobs
- \$111,680 potential earnings

Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary

- 17.6% much faster than the average
- 72,900 number of jobs
- \$75,470 potential earnings

Accreditation

The D.N.P. degree in Nursing at Kent State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Previous degree:
 - Executive Nurse concentration – master's degree in nursing or a related field
 - Systems Leadership concentration – one of the following: (1) bachelor's degree in nursing¹ or (2) master's degree in nursing
- Minimum overall 3.000 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Completion of an undergraduate- or graduate-level statistics course with a minimum C grade
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which the student's practica will be completed
- Résumé or curriculum vitae that demonstrates professional experience in nursing
- Essay (300 words) describing professional goals and reasons for seeking the professional practice doctorate
- Three letters of reference from healthcare professionals or academic faculty who can speak to the applicant's professional and academic abilities
- Pre-admission interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive)²
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing's Clinical Compliance Policy. Priority admission to the Nurse Executive concentration will be given to candidates who hold American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification or American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) Nurse Executive certification or who have experience in nursing management or administration.

¹ Post-baccalaureate students admitted to the System's Leadership concentration also will be admitted to the M.S.N. degree in one of the advanced practice registered nurses concentrations. This dual admit will allow students to complete M.S.N. coursework and enroll in some D.N.P. coursework after successfully completing their first two full-time semesters of graduate study. Students must first complete M.S.N. coursework, earn the M.S.N. degree and obtain APRN national certification before they can continue with D.N.P. coursework and earn the D.N.P. degree.

² International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Priority deadline: March 1
- **Spring Semester**
 - Priority deadline: November 1

- Summer Term
 - Priority deadline: March 1

Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (min B grade in all courses)		
HI 80411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	3
NURS 70016	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE NURSE LEADER ¹	0-3
NURS 70620	DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SEMINAR	3
NURS 70630	RESEARCH METHODS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
NURS 70635	APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
NURS 70670	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	3
NURS 70680	POPULATION HEALTH	3
<i>Culminating Requirement</i>		
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM ²	7
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		9
Executive Nurse		
Systems Leadership		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		34-37

¹ NURS 70016 is required for students who have not completed graduate coursework in advanced assessment, advanced pharmacology and advanced physiology. Students who have previously completed the course will be waived the requirement and may graduate with 34 credit hours.

² Students must complete a minimum of 7 credit hours (525 clock hours) of NURS 70592 in a clinical setting. Students who are unable to complete and successfully defend their scholarly project after being enrolled for 7 credit hours (525 clock hours) must continuously enroll in 1 credit hour of NURS 70592 each semester, for up to three semesters, until the scholarly project is successfully defended. The In-Progress (IP) administrative mark will be assigned to the course until the scholarly project is successfully defended, at which time all IP marks will be changed to the Satisfactory (S) grade.

Executive Nurse Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (min B grade in all courses)		
NURS 70641	EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP IN NURSING	3
NURS 70651	ADVANCED LEGAL, REGULATORY AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR NURSE	3
NURS 70686	APPLIED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE NURSE EXECUTIVE	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Systems Leadership Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (min B grade in all courses)		
NURS 70640	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE	3
NURS 70650	ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS	3
NURS 70685	HEALTHCARE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC POLICY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Progression Requirements

Student who do not earn a minimum B grade in a course must repeat it and cannot take other courses that require that course as a prerequisite until the course is successfully repeated. Students who do not earn a minimum B grade in the second attempt may be dismissed from the D.N.P. degree.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Minimum B grade in all courses
- Completion of minimum 500 practicum hours for post-master's students. Post-baccalaureate students are required to complete additional hours based upon their selected concentration.
- Submission and defense of a scholarly project to a committee that includes, at minimum, the student's academic advisor and two other doctoral-prepared members. The project must result in a manuscript suitable for publication.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits
NURS 70016 ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE NURSE LEADER	0-3
NURS 70620 DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SEMINAR	3
NURS 70630 RESEARCH METHODS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
Credit Hours	6-9

Spring Semester

NURS 70592 DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	1
NURS 70635 APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
Concentration Requirement	3
Credit Hours	7

Summer Term

HI 80411 CLINICAL ANALYTICS	3
NURS 70592 DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	2
Concentration Requirement	3
Credit Hours	8

Second Year

Fall Semester

NURS 70592 DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	2
NURS 70670 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	3

NURS 70680	POPULATION HEALTH	3
Credit Hours		8
Spring Semester		
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	2
Concentration Requirement		3
Credit Hours		5
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		34-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Develop and implement systems-focused care and innovative strategies to promote positive, sustainable health and fiscal outcomes across the healthcare continuum.
2. Provide population-focused, advanced nursing care to diverse populations within a variety of settings based on evidence, ethics, theory and professional standards.
3. Provide leadership and interprofessional collaboration to plan, implement and evaluate programs of care delivery to improve outcomes for individuals, populations and aggregates.
4. Synthesize and translate evidence for implementation and dissemination for equitable, evidence-based and inclusive healthcare outcomes.

Full Description

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Nursing is the terminal degree for nurses who want to advance their knowledge of nursing practice, gain leadership and technology skills and become clinical scholars. Students develop leadership skills to affect health outcomes for individuals and populations by translating scientific evidence into clinical interventions, managing healthcare systems and collaborating with other health care providers.

The Nursing major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Executive Nurse** concentration prepares nurse leaders for the role of nurse executive at the highest level of healthcare administration.
- The **Systems Leadership** concentration prepares advanced practice and clinical experts to lead interprofessional teams focused on evidence-based practice, quality improvement and translational research.