

# 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 you for the challenges of the modern healthcare industry. Read more...

## Contact Information

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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

- Undergraduate and graduate degrees:
  - Executive Nurse concentration - bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing
  - Systems Leadership concentration - one of the following: (1) bachelor's degree in nursing<sup>1</sup>; or (2) master's degree in advanced practice registered nursing<sup>2</sup> that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; or (3) B.S.N. degree and a master's in nursing<sup>3</sup>
- 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
- GRE scores, no more than five years old (only for post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing applicants) *effective for spring 2024 admission term, GRE scores are no longer required*
- 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 health care 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) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score
  - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score
  - Minimum 78 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 55 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English 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 have experience in nursing management or administration.

<sup>1</sup> Upon admission to the D.N.P. degree, students who hold only a CCNE- or NLNAC-accredited bachelor's degree in nursing will be admitted also to an APRN M.S.N. degree. This 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.

<sup>2</sup> Students with a master's degree must submit proof of current, national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse within their first

semester or prior to beginning their practicum hours, whichever comes first.

<sup>3</sup> All students must complete or have completed a course or courses in Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Health Assessment and Advanced Pathophysiology to meet AACN D.N.P. requirements.

## 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
<b>Major Requirements (min B grade in all courses)</b>		
HI 80411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	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 <sup>1</sup>	7
<b>Concentrations</b>		
Choose from the following:		9
Executive Nurse		
Systems Leadership		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must be continuously enrolled in NURS 70592 and complete a minimum of 7 credit hours (525 clock hours) of practicum in a clinical setting. If the student is unable to complete and successfully defend the scholarly project after being enrolled continuously for 7 credit hours (525 clock hours), the student must continuously enroll in 1 credit hour of NURS 70592 each semester for up to three semester, until the scholarly project is successfully defended. The IP grade will be used until the scholarly project is successfully defended, at which time all IP grades in NURS 70592 will be changed to satisfactory grades.

### Executive Nurse Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements (min B grade in all courses)</b>		
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
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**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 9

### Systems Leadership Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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**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 1,000 hours, (M.S.N. + D.N.P.) of practicum post-baccalaureate that includes completion of a minimum 525 hours in the D.N.P. degree.
- 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.

Semester One		Credits
NURS 70620	DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SEMINAR	3
NURS 70630	RESEARCH METHODS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Semester Two		Credits
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	1-2
NURS 70635	APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
Concentration Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>7</b>

First Summer Term		Credits
HI 80411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	3
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	1-2
Concentration Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>8</b>

Semester Three		Credits
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	1-2
NURS 70670	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	3

NURS 70680	POPULATION HEALTH	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>		
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM	1-2
Concentration Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>34</b>

## 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, professional standards and medical model of care.
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 nurse leaders in advanced practice and clinical experts to lead interprofessional teams focused on evidence-based practice, quality improvement and translational research.

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.