NURSING - D.N.P.

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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.

Fully Offered At:
• Online
• Kent Campus

Accreditation
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Admission Requirements
• Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which the student’s practica will be completed
• Bachelor’s¹ degree in nursing or master’s degree in advanced practice nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
• Minimum overall 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 point scale
• For students with a master’s degree: current, national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse (proof of the appropriate certification must be submitted within the student’s first semester, or prior to beginning practicum hours, whichever comes first)
• Completion of an undergraduate- or graduate-level statistics course with a minimum C grade
• GRE scores (no more than five years old)
• Résumé or vita that demonstrates professional experience in nursing
• Three letters of reference from health care professionals or academic faculty who can speak to the applicant’s professional and academic abilities
• Essay (300 words) describing professional goals and reasons for seeking the professional practice doctorate
• Pre-admission interview

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 560 TOEFL score (83 on the Internet-based version), minimum 78 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 55 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Develop systems and strategies to promote health and fiscal outcomes across the healthcare continuum.
2. Provide expert, advanced nursing care to select populations within a variety of settings based on evidence, ethics, theory, professional standards and models of care.
3. Provide leadership and interdisciplinary consultation and collaboration to plan, implement and evaluate programs of care delivery to improve health outcomes.
4. Synthesize and translate evidence for implementation and dissemination to improve healthcare outcomes.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 32

Graduation Requirements
• Minimum 3.000 overall GPA
• Minimum B grade in all courses¹
• Completion of 525 clinical practice hours

¹ 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 the 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.
• 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.

If the student does not earn a minimum B grade, the student must repeat the course and cannot take other courses that require that course as a prerequisite until the course is successfully repeated. If the student repeats the course and does not earn a minimum B grade, the student may be dismissed from the D.N.P. degree.