

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

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.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree in nursing¹ or master’s degree in advanced practice nursing² that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing for unconditional admission
- Minimum overall 3.000 GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- 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 (Effective spring 2019, GRE scores will only be required for post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing applicants)
- 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 (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 78 MELAB score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score

- Minimum 55 PTE score

Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing’s Clinical Compliance Policy. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

- 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.
- 2 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.

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

[DNP-NURS]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (min B grade in all courses)		
HI 80411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	3
NURS 70592	DOCTORAL NURSING PRACTICE PRACTICUM ¹	7
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 70640	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE	3
NURS 70650	ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS	3
NURS 70670	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	3
NURS 70680	POPULATION HEALTH	3
NURS 70685	HEALTHCARE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC POLICY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		34

¹ 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, including summers, 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.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Minimum B grade in all courses¹
- Completion of 525 clinical practice hours
- 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.

¹ 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.