NURSING - D.N.P.

College of Nursing
www.kent.edu/nursing

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...

Contact Information
• Student Services: Teresa Adams | tadams27@kent.edu | 330-672-8761
• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

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.

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) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 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 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.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Priority deadline: March 1
• Spring Semester
  • Priority deadline: November 1
• Summer Term
  • Priority deadline: March 1

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

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

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#### Concentrations

Choose from the following:

1️⃣ Executive Nurse
2️⃣ Systems Leadership

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 34-37

1️⃣ 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.

2️⃣ 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

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 9

### Systems Leadership Concentration Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 8

### 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
- 3.000

#### 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.

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**Concentration Requirement**

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**Credit Hours**

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#### Second Year

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**Credit Hours**

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**Credit Hours**

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.

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.