

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): Nursing

The DNP: Nursing is a Post Master's concentration at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga School of Nursing. This is a program of doctoral study for master's level graduates with a specialty in advanced practice nursing (nurse practitioner, nurse anesthesia, clinical nurse specialist and midwife) or in nursing administration. The program was designed using the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice specified by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The DNP program of study for most postmasters' students will be a minimum of 36 semester credits. As a component of the DNP program, the student will develop and implement an evidence-based innovative translational project that addresses a significant health-care problem. Students will also complete additional clinical requirements to meet the mandated 1,000 hours of Post-Baccalaureate specialty training that is one of the distinctions of a DNP graduate.

The DNP: Nursing offers extended options to students desiring to take fewer courses each semester. The traditional option is two years, and there is a three-year and a four-year extended option available for students to choose the best timeline for them.

Admission Requirements

Students seeking admission into the DNP: Nursing Concentration must meet the admission requirements of both the Graduate School and the School of Nursing. More information regarding application can be found online at www.utc.edu/nursing.

Translational Project

The Translational Project is an in-depth and integrative experience that results in a practice-related written project that exemplifies how evidence can be used to change or improve practice or outcomes for patients, families, populations, and/or health care systems. This project is a translation of current research into a final product. A prospectus is the first step in producing the project and is meant to demonstrate the topic and the beginning approach are adequate to proceed with the project proposal. The second step is fully developing the project proposal for review by the student's Translational Project Committee. Coursework within the DNP program supports the various Translational Project components. The DNP Qualifying Examination will be the student's successful defense of the DNP Translational Project Proposal. The project Chair will be assigned to the student and will also serve as the student's advisor. The student should meet with the Chair to constitute his/her project committee, which will consist of the Chair, a committee member who is a University Faculty and one community member. Additional members of the committee are considered nonvoting members.

DNP: Nursing Program of Study

Spring

- _____NURS 7010 - Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Systems (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7030 - Meeting Population Demands through Biostatistics (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7091 – Translational Project I (1 hour)

Summer

- _____NURS 7000 - Philosophic Underpinnings for Nursing Practice (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7050 - Leadership in Complex Health Care Systems (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7092 – Translational Project II (1 hour)

Fall

- _____NURS 7020 - Epidemiology and Health Requisites of Populations (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7040 - Technology and Transformation of Health Care (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7093 – Translational Project III (1 hour)

Spring

- _____NURS 7060 - Health Care Policy & Economics (3 hours)
- _____NURS 7070 - Translational Evidence-Based Residency I (3 hours)

Summer

- _____NURS 7080 - Translational Evidence-Based Residency II (6 hours)

Fall

- _____NURS 7094 – Translational Project IV (3 hours)