

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) DEGREE PROGRAM



ABOUT THIS DEGREE PROGRAM

We believe the **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** degree program prepares graduates who aspire to earn the highest level of study for nurses in clinical practice. The graduate acquires proficiency in translating evidence-based research into practice and scholarship to advance patient safety and outcomes in a variety of healthcare delivery settings. In response to the complex healthcare needs of society, the graduate is prepared to influence healthcare policy providing systematic leadership at the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program is a post-master's professional degree program designed to prepare graduates to deliver, either directly or indirectly, the highest level of nursing practice. The Chamberlain DNP degree program is practice-focused and prepares graduates to analyze, synthesize and apply scientific reasoning at the highest level to plan, design, implement and evaluate care delivery initiatives for individuals, families and populations in an effort to improve healthcare outcomes. DNP graduates will be prepared to lead teams of intra- and inter-professional colleagues, care for vulnerable, culturally diverse populations and assume the role of a transformational leader in a complex healthcare delivery system. They will enhance patient-driven care, make evidence-based practice change and be mentors and role models to other nurses aspiring to lead and change healthcare in the 21st century and beyond. The curriculum is grounded in the eight essentials outlined in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing document, The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (DNP Essentials) (AACN, 2006).

AVAILABLE SPECIALIZATION

Healthcare Systems Leadership (HSL) Specialty Track

The Healthcare Systems Leadership specialty track is designed for master's prepared RNs and APRNs (nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists) and requires completion of 32 to 40 credit hours and a total of 1,024 post-baccalaureate practicum hours. Students may expect to complete two courses per semester over a total of six semesters for the Healthcare Systems Leadership Specialty Track.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to work in leadership roles in a variety of healthcare delivery settings leading patient care services that result in quality improvement and patient safety.

CAREER FOCUSED COURSEWORK

Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice | Semesters: 6 Full Time

DNP Core Courses	
Courses	Minimum Credit Hours
NR-700: Scientific Underpinnings*	3
NR-701: Application of Analytic Methods	3
NR-702: DNP Project & Practicum I	2-4
NR-703: Applied Organizational & Leadership Concepts	3
NR-704: Concepts in Population Health Outcomes	3
NR-705: DNP Project & Practicum II	2-4
NR-706: Healthcare Informatics & Information Systems	3
NR-707: DNP Project & Practicum III	2-4
NR-708: Health Policy	3
NR-709: DNP Project & Practicum IV	2-4
NR-711: Fiscal Analysis and Project Management	3
NR-714: Application of Analytic Methods II	3

* Eligibility to enroll in doctoral level courses is based on placement results of a writing assessment or successful completion of a 3-credit-hour writing course, NR-699. If a student needs to take NR-699, it will be added in the individual's plan of study and will need to be passed before entering NR-700.

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KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

At the completion of the Chamberlain DNP degree program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Apply biophysical, psychosocial, sociopolitical and cultural principles to integrative healthcare economics, nursing science and ethics in evidence-based advanced nursing practice to improve the nation's health through clinical prevention and population-focused healthcare (DNP Essentials VII, VIII).
2. Assume a leadership role as a DNP-prepared nurse in application, formation and reformation of health policy and advocacy in healthcare at micro, meso and macro levels (DNP Essentials V).
3. Synthesize scientific methods and underpinnings to develop best practices and shape informed healthcare decisions and systems of care for patient/family and populations to improve health or practice outcomes (DNP Essentials I, III).
4. Base advanced nursing practice on relationship-based practice and care delivery models that embrace political, ethical, professional, economic, socially just and culturally appropriate services in a variety of healthcare delivery settings (DNP Essentials VIII).
5. Integrate scientific-based theories and concepts that facilitate best practices in the nature and significance of health and healthcare delivery phenomena with strategies to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes, appreciating theory-based healthcare for evidence-based practice (DNP Essentials I, III).
6. Distinguish organizational and transformational leadership that fosters and promotes patient safety, integration of healthcare technology and informatics to improve patient safety and health or practice outcomes for quality improvement and systems thinking that improve and transform healthcare (DNP Essentials II, IV).
7. Assimilate concepts of healthcare technology and informatics to make data-driven decisions that inform advanced nursing practice and patient care systems that are nurse-sensitive and patient/family-and population-focused (DNP Essentials IV).
8. Exercise interprofessional collaboration as a nursing role model for collegiality and professionalism in healthcare delivery settings to facilitate optimal care and patient outcomes that improve patient/family and population health or practice outcomes (DNP Essentials VI).
9. Analyze conceptual and analytical skills in evaluating links among practice, organization, population, fiscal and policy issues as a basis for transformational change in healthcare delivery systems (DNP Essentials V).

Accreditation and State Authorizations & Registrations:

Chamberlain University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The baccalaureate degree in nursing program, master's degree in nursing program, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Chamberlain University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202.887.6791. For the most updated accreditation information, visit www.chamberlain.edu/accreditation.

Chamberlain University is approved to operate by the Virginia Board of Nursing Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463, 804.367.4515. Unresolved complaints may be reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education through the online complaint system <http://complaints.ibhe.org/> or by mail to 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, Springfield, IL 62701-1377. For the most updated approvals by state information, visit chamberlain.edu/stateapprovals.

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