

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program is a professional practice-focused doctorate designed to develop competencies for advanced clinical and leadership roles in nursing and healthcare. The D.N.P. program increases opportunities for nurses to meet the demands of an increasingly complex and changing healthcare landscape. The program and innovative curriculum capitalize on the educational richness of the College of Health Sciences.

This program utilizes a hybrid educational delivery platform.

DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner Track

The DNP Family Nurse Practitioner track is designed for students who have a B.S. or M.S. in nursing and are seeking a terminal practice-focused nursing degree and certification as a family nurse practitioner (FNP); this track can be completed in 11 quarters.

DNP (Post-Master's) Track

The DNP (Post-Master's) Track is designed for students who have an M.S. in nursing and are seeking a terminal practice-focused nursing degree without certification as a nurse practitioner (NP); this track can be completed in seven quarters.

DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner

Applicants must have:

- Earned a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing from an accredited program
- An active, unrestricted California RN license
- At least one year full-time work (or equivalent) as a registered nurse in the U.S. prior to the start of program entry
- Completed a course in descriptive and inferential statistics with a grade of B or better within five years of admission to the program
- A complete application file including the application form, official transcripts, one letter of recommendation, and a resume or curriculum vitae
- Applicants must meet the general requirements of the UCI Graduate Division.
- A personal interview is required of all applicants considered for admission. The GRE is not required.

DNP (Post-Master's)

Applicants must have:

- Earned a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program
- An active, unrestricted RN license in the state where D.N.P. practicum work will occur
- At least one year fulltime work (or equivalent) as registered nurse in the U.S. prior to the start of program entry
- Completed a course in descriptive and inferential statistics with a grade of B or better within five years admission to the program.
- A complete application file including the application form, official transcripts, one letter of recommendation, and a resume or curriculum vitae
- Applicants must meet the general requirements of the UCI Graduate Division
- A personal interview is required of all applicants considered for admission. The GRE is not required.

Students enrolled in the DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner track complete 98 units and 1020 hours of clinical practice. Students enrolled in the DNP (Post-Master's) track complete 53 units and 540 hours of clinical practice. There is no foreign language requirement; proficiency in a language other than English is desirable but not required.

In lieu of a thesis or dissertation, a Scholarly Project will be required for this professional degree. In preparation for developing this D.N.P. Scholarly Project, students will complete a D.N.P. Project Proposal and present this to their D.N.P. Scholarly Project Team during the D.N.P. Scholarly Project II: Proposal course. Once approved by the Team, the student begins implementation of their D.N.P. Scholarly Project. The D.N.P. Scholarly Project requires students to demonstrate a synthesis of evidence-based practice in a practice area specific to their specialty and interest.

The students provide a final presentation of the completed work to the D.N.P. Team and invited University and community guests in their last quarter, at the conclusion of the D.N.P. epilogue course. Development of a formal manuscript suitable for publication is also required.

The normative time to degree for the DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner track is three years, with a maximum time permitted of five years. The normative time to degree for the DNP (Post-Master's) track is two years, with a maximum time permitted of four years.

DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner Requirements

A. Complete:	
NUR SCI 200	Research Methods and Evaluation for Evidence-Based Practice
NUR SCI 210	Advanced Pathophysiology
NUR SCI 215	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

NUR SCI 222A	Seminar in Clinical Translational Science
NUR SCI 225A	Advanced Pharmacology I
NUR SCI 225B	Advanced Pharmacology II
NUR SCI 230	Advanced Health and Physical Assessment
NUR SCI 230L	Advanced Health and Physical Assessment Laboratory
NUR SCI 231	DNP Prologue
NUR SCI 232	Leadership and Professional Collaboration in Healthcare
NUR SCI 233	Appraisal and Translation of Evidence for Practice
NUR SCI 234	Health Politics and Policy
NUR SCI 235	DNP Scholarly Project I: Conceptualization and Planning
NUR SCI 236	Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity
NUR SCI 237	DNP Intersession
NUR SCI 238	Foundations of Health Systems and Health Economics
NUR SCI 239	The Science of Change, Quality Improvement, and Program Evaluation
NUR SCI 240	DNP Scholarly Project II: Proposal
NUR SCI 241	DNP Scholarly Project III: Implementation and Evaluation
NUR SCI 242	DNP Scholarly Project IV: Implications
NUR SCI 243	DNP Epilogue
NUR SCI 245	Primary Care Adult/Gerontology Acute Common Conditions
NUR SCI 250	Primary Care Women's Health
NUR SCI 255	Primary Care Obstetrics
NUR SCI 260A	Primary Care Adult/Gerontology Chronic Conditions
NUR SCI 270	Primary Care Pediatrics
NUR SCI 279A	Frameworks for the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Role: Nurse Practitioner
NUR SCI 282	Compassionate Care with Underserved Populations
NUR SCI 283	Primary Care Procedures
NUR SCI 285	DNP APRN Practicum I
NUR SCI 286	DNP APRN Practicum II
NUR SCI 287	DNP APRN Practicum III
NUR SCI 288	DNP APRN Practicum IV
NUR SCI 289	DNP APRN Practicum V
NUR SCI 290	DNP APRN Practicum VI
B. If additional units are needed, select from the following:	
NUR SCI 248	Curricular Design for the Health Professions
NUR SCI 249	Transformational Leadership in Education for the Health Professions

DNP (Post-Master's) Requirements

A. Complete:	
NUR SCI 231	DNP Prologue
NUR SCI 232	Leadership and Professional Collaboration in Healthcare
NUR SCI 222A	Seminar in Clinical Translational Science
NUR SCI 233	Appraisal and Translation of Evidence for Practice
NUR SCI 234	Health Politics and Policy
NUR SCI 235	DNP Scholarly Project I: Conceptualization and Planning
NUR SCI 236	Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity
NUR SCI 237	DNP Intersession
NUR SCI 238	Foundations of Health Systems and Health Economics
NUR SCI 239	The Science of Change, Quality Improvement, and Program Evaluation
NUR SCI 240	DNP Scholarly Project II: Proposal
NUR SCI 241	DNP Scholarly Project III: Implementation and Evaluation

NUR SCI 242	DNP Scholarly Project IV: Implications
NUR SCI 243	DNP Epilogue
NUR SCI 248	Curricular Design for the Health Professions
NUR SCI 249	Transformational Leadership in Education for the Health Professions
NUR SCI 291	DNP Practicum I
NUR SCI 292	DNP Practicum II
NUR SCI 293	DNP Practicum III