

# Post-MSN Doctor of Nursing Practice

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The Post-MSN-DNP program is a 31-credit hour program delivered 100% online in a part-time format. This Post-Master's DNP completion program places an emphasis on enhancing skills in leadership, health policy, patient advocacy, evidenced-based practice, and systems-level thinking.

## **Additional requirements:**

A total of 1400 approved clinical Practicum hours is needed. This includes 1000 clinical practicum hours and 400 DNP Project hours. These hours may be completed within the PMSN track (400 hours within project courses), by successful completion of up to 6 semester hours of NUR 720, and by submission and program director approval of clinical practicum hours completed during previous graduate work in nursing.

**See DNP Main Page for additional DNP academic policies**

## **Admissions Requirements**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the policy is to describe the criteria for admission to the post-MSN to DNP Program.

**POLICY APPLIES TO:** The policy applies to post-MSN to DNP program applicants for admission.

**POLICY:** Students applying for admission to the post-MSN to DNP program must meet minimum requirements to be considered for acceptance to the program.

**PROCEDURE:** The following criteria are considered when reviewing all graduate applications for admission:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Applicant:

1. Current unrestricted RN license in the Commonwealth of Virginia or state participating in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Personal statement (No more than 500 words about short-term and long-term goals after completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.)
4. Official transcripts
5. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate Statistics course with a grade of "C" or higher
6. 3 Letters of recommendation
7. Earned MSN from an accredited CCNE or ACEN School of Nursing with a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
8. Current Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certification from a US National Certifying Board as a CNP, CRNA, CNS, or CNM with a Minimum of one year (2,080 hours) of full-time nursing experience as an APRN
9. Current BLS certification

Non-APRN Applicant:

1. Current unrestricted RN license in the Commonwealth of Virginia or state participating in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Personal statement (No more than 500 words about short-term and long-term goals after completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.)
4. Official transcripts
5. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate Statistics course with a grade of "C" or higher
6. 3 Letters of recommendation
7. Earned MSN from an accredited CCNE or ACEN School of Nursing with a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale

- 8. Current BLS certification

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**Department:** Nursing

**Type:** DNP

## Requirements for the Post-MSN DNP

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 708	FOUNDATIONS OF SCHOLARLY WRITING	2
NUR 710	HEALTHCARE POLICY, ECON & FINANCIAL	3
NUR 712	HLT INFO SYSTEMS & TECH IMPROVEMENT	3
NUR 800	FOUND & METHODS OF EVIDENCE- BASED	3
NUR 802	BIOSTATISTICS & EPIDEMIOLOGY	3
NUR 804	ORG & SYS LEADERSHIP QUALITY IMPROV	3
NUR 808	COLLAB POPULATION HLTH & IMPROVING	3
NUR 900	DNP SYST THINK PROJECT I: FOUND SCH	2
NUR 902	DNP SYST THINK PROJECT II: PROPOSAL	3
NUR 904	DNP SYS THINK PROJECT III-IMPLEMENT	3
NUR 906	DNP SYST THINK PROJECT IV: ANALYSIS	3
<b>Total credits:</b>		<b>31</b>