The mission of the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines is to advance human wellbeing and improve quality of life for rural communities through innovative inter-professional education, research, and service.

The purpose of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is to prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives for a clinical practice doctorate. The program is designed with a post-master’s entry point.

Program Goals
1. Integrate nursing science with knowledge of ethics, biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences as a basis of practice and inquiry.
2. Develop and evaluate new practice approaches based on nursing science and associated theories.
3. Develop and evaluate care delivery for vulnerable populations.
4. Use advanced communication processes and skills to lead to quality improvement and patient safety.
5. Design and implement processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of care within a practice setting, health care organization or community against national benchmarks to determine variances in practice outcomes and population trends.
6. Design, direct, and evaluate quality improvement methodologies to promote safe, timely effective, efficient, equitable and patient-centered care.
7. Apply relevant findings to develop practice guidelines and improve practice and the practice environment.
8. Use information technology and research methods to improve patient care.
9. Demonstrate leadership in development and implementation of institutional, regional and national health policy.
10. Employ clinical prevention and health promotion to improve population health with an emphasis on vulnerable populations.
11. Develop and sustain quality therapeutic partnerships with patients/clients to ensure optimal outcomes of advance nursing care.
12. Work effectively in collaborative professional partnerships.

Admission Requirements
The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the Graduate Catalog. Admission requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice include:

1. Completion of a Master’s degree or higher from a nursing program of study accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
2. Current licensure unencumbered and in good standing as a Registered Nurse with certification as a Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Anesthetist or Nurse Midwife.
3. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0. Priority will be given to those applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater in graduate coursework.
4. Graduate level statistics course completed within the five years prior to admission.
5. A two page narrative stating the applicant’s professional goals for DNP education and describing how the DNP will contribute to those goals. The narrative should propose a clinical interest or practice problem topic for the applicant’s scholarly DNP project, with a scope that would yield a result such as a system-wide change at the organizational, regional, or national level; a new/revised state health policy; or the implementation of significant new services to a population or geographic region. This narrative will provide insight to the admissions committee on the applicant’s professional goals and expectations, determine whether the applicant’s topic corresponds to existing faculty expertise, and assess written communication skills.
6. Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a graduate-prepared nurse or faculty member. Letters should speak to applicant’s ability to be successful in the DNP, addressing items such as clinical skills, critical thinking, independent decision making, and collaborative skills with other health professionals, nursing leadership, etc.

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7. Resume or curriculum vitae.
8. All applicants must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency Requirement. (A score of at least 23 on the Speaking subsection is required in addition the School of Graduate Studies’ requirement for applicants who submit an IBT TOEFL.)
9. Interview may be required.
10. Background check from the CNPD approved vendor with satisfactory results prior to admission.

Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the Graduate School as well as particular requirements set forth by the Nursing Department. The DNP nursing courses are offered online.

1. Completion of all course work with GPA of at least 3.0.
2. Satisfactory completion of at least 500 hours of advanced practice internship hours.
3. Satisfactory completion of an evidence based clinical project that informs practice.
4. Presentation of the evidence based practice project in a regional, national or international advance practice forum or conference.
5. Submission of final report of project for publication.
7. Required Courses:

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Intensives

Students are required to attend an on-campus intensive experience one weekend per semester for purposes of professional mentoring, learning, networking, and enhancing skill development.

Graduate Faculty and Areas of Expertise

Please browse the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines website for graduate faculty associated with Nursing programs.

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