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Post-Master's DNP Clinical Leadership Program

The Highest Level of Clinical Nursing Practice

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the professional organization for baccalaureate and higher degree programs, has called for all advanced-practice registered nurses (APRNs) and nurses seeking top systems and organizational roles to be prepared for these positions through Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs. The AACN has recommended the adoption of the DNP as the terminal degree for APRNs. DNP programs equip nurses with the ability to translate and implement research to improve healthcare outcomes for diverse populations.

Careers with the DNP

With a DNP from Alvernia University, you will be prepared to be an interdisciplinary leader in a healthcare setting. You can take a leadership role in a clinical practice, combine teaching with clinical practice or choose to use your skills in administration. Because the DNP is the terminal degree for APRNs, you can advance your career as a:

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner

Tuition

Online Post-Master's DNP Clinical Leadership Program tuition is \$1,000 per credit hour.

The online DNP at Alvernia University will be available in the summer of 2016.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Post-Master's DNP Clinical Leadership Program occurs three times per year. Applications must be received by July 15 for the fall semester, November 15 for the spring semester and March 15 for summer sessions.

- Official transcript(s) indicating that the applicant has earned a master's degree in nursing (MSN) from an ACEN- (formerly NLNAC) or CCNE-accredited program at a college or university
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in an MSN program
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of "C" or better within five years. If the applicant has not taken a basic statistics course in the past five years with a grade of "C" or better or needs a refresher, a statistics course must be completed prior to enrollment in NUR 802 Applied Statistics for Evidence-Based Practice.
- Three recommendations (preferably from professional nurses with graduate degrees) regarding applicant's practice and potential for graduate work in nursing
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae
- Short essay describing short- and long-term professional goals and how participation in Alvernia University's DNP program will lead to fulfillment of these goals (Guidelines are available on the Alvernia University website.)
- Photocopy of valid license as a registered nurse
- Official statement or letter of the number of practicum or clinical hours completed in the master's program from the degree-granting institution
- A meeting with the DNP program director after all required application materials have been received to review the Post-Master's DNP program curriculum and course schedule
- Upon admission to the Post-Master's DNP program, compliance with health and clinical practice clearances is required to meet Alvernia University and practice partner standards

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Studying Online at Alvernia University

At Alvernia University, our online learning environment allows you to keep up with your work and family schedule as you study. Along with online classes taught by expert faculty members, you can have meaningful engagement and in-depth learning in on-campus residency courses that are required periodically throughout the program.

Courses

In addition to 1,000 practicum hours (375 of which must be completed at Alvernia) and a scholarly inquiry project (SIP), the following courses are required in the DNP program.

Practice Leadership Courses (16 credits):

- NUR 700 Immersion to the DNP Program*
- NUR 701 Theoretical Foundations of DNP*
- NUR 702 Ethics, Policy, and Advocacy in the Healthcare System
- NUR 703 Using Informatics for Quality Improvement
- NUR 704 Local and Global Population-Based Health
- NUR 705 Leadership in Organizations and Healthcare Systems

Clinical Leadership Practicum (4 credits):

- NUR 800 Clinical Leadership Practicum
- NUR 801 Clinical Leadership Practicum

Evidence-Based Scholarly and Practice Inquiry Courses (15 credits):

- NUR 802 Applied Statistics for Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 803 Translational Research
- NUR 804 Evidence-Based Scholarly and Practice Inquiry I*
- NUR 805 Evidence-Based Scholarly and Practice Inquiry II*
- NUR 806 Evidence-Based Scholarly and Practice Inquiry III

Total Credits: **35**

**Intensive course format/residency*

Call **888-868-2289** or email **onlineadmissions@alvernia.edu** to speak with an enrollment counselor.