

A portrait of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a light blue collared shirt, smiling warmly. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting.

Post-Master's DNP Program in Clinical or Health Systems Leadership

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 health systems and organizational roles to be prepared for these positions through Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs. DNP programs equip nurses with the ability to translate and implement research to improve healthcare outcomes for diverse populations. Alvernia University offers a post-masters DNP in Clinical Leadership (for APRNs) or in Health Systems Leadership (for those with with a MSN in education, leadership, or other areas).

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 clinical practice or health system, combine teaching with clinical practice or choose to use your skills in administration.

Tuition

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

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Post-Master's DNP Program is on a rolling basis. It is recommended that applications 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 BSN and a master's degree from an ACEN (formerly NLNAC), CNEA 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 our primarily online classes taught by expert faculty members, you will also have meaningful engagement and in-depth learning in on-campus residency courses that required periodically throughout the program. Alvernia faculty provide clinical practicum placement assistance and hands-on clinical supervision to ensure clinical experiences at the DNP level are optimal for the student.

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 Advanced Nursing Practice*
- 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*

Leadership Practicum (4 credits):

- NUR 800 DNP Leadership Practicum I
- NUR 801 DNP Leadership Practicum II

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/short residency requirement*

Call **844-277-6550** or email
onlineadmissions@alvernia.edu
to speak with an enrollment counselor.

Accreditation

Alvernia University is in the process of applying for initial accreditation for its DNP Program through the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE). For further information about the accreditation of DNP Programs, please contact the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001. www.ccneaccreditation.org.