



This Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing (DNP) program is designed for nurses who have a Master's degree in Nursing and hold national certification in an area of advanced nursing practice (including Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, or Nurse Anesthetist).

The post-master's DNP program is a 36 credit program that can be completed in 3 years, delivered via a hybrid method, catering to working APNs. To ensure that all students have 1000 clinical hours upon graduation, additional credits (1-3) may be required in a clinical immersion final course, depending on the number of clinical hours completed in the previous master's program. If a student desires another clinical certification in a different focus area, additional coursework will be required.

#### EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- A focus in population health and leadership prepares students to become leaders in practice innovation and policy development to improve the health of diverse patients, families, and populations.
- Graduates enhance health outcomes through: evidenced-based decision-making and translation of evidence into practice; leading innovations in healthcare delivery; practice to improve quality patient care outcomes.
- Interdisciplinary collaboration is offered both in courses and within the project that is required for degree completion. The student gains experience within the project courses working with our many partners, within UD, and across the communities in Delaware. The project is typically focused around a clinical problem that is identified within their workplace. Applying EBP and translation strategies, the evidence is translated into that setting to improve clinical outcomes for that population.

# CORE RESEARCH AREAS

## **Clinical prevention and population health for improving the nation's health**

The two population health courses provide a foundation in concepts such as public health, health promotion, evidenced-based recommendations, determinants of health, environmental/occupational health, and cultural diversity and sensitivity, needed to guide the DNP graduate.

## **Health care policy for advocacy in health care**

The focus on health policy creates a framework to view the delivery of health care services and engage in the process of policy development and advocacy, since health policy influences multiple care delivery issues.

## **Integrated Health Care delivery**

The two courses in integrated health care delivery provide clarity on the problem of the lack of integrated delivery facing our health care system, and allows students to propose feasible solutions to integrating care across transitions, and integrating medical with behavioral health services within and across systems.

## **Information systems/technology and patient care technology for the improvement and transformation of health care**

Knowledge and skills related to information systems/technology and patient care technology prepare the DNP graduate to apply new knowledge, manage individual and aggregate level information, and assess the efficacy of patient care technology appropriate to a specialized area of practice.



## **TO APPLY**

For more information about graduate admission and to apply online, visit the Office of Graduate and Professional Education at [www.udel.edu/gradoffice](http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice). Applicants must have a bachelor's degree.

## **FUNDING**

Awards of financial assistance (fellowships and assistantships) may be available, and are made on the basis of merit. Students who complete applications by February 15 are given preference.

## **ADMISSION DEADLINES**

**April 15**

## **CONTACT**

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