

Nursing Practice, Post Masters (DNP)

The program prepares nurses to practice and provide leadership at the highest levels in healthcare and clinical nursing education. This program is for those with a master's degree and emphasizes leadership in clinical and educational systems through the application of evidence-based practice and knowledge to solve problems and create a culture of change. Graduates of the program typically enter clinical leadership positions in health care institutions and faculty positions in schools of nursing.

All courses required for program completion are offered in accordance with university policies that govern non-formula-funded (Option III) programs.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

The entering student must be a registered nurse who holds either a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's in a related field or a recognized degree from a foreign academic institution.

Factors considered in the admission decision include a grade point average of at least 3.00 in upper-division and graduate coursework; eighteen months of professional nursing work experience; current Texas RN licensure or Texas Board of Nursing eligible; information derived from academic and professional references; professional background; the applicant interview; and proficiency in the English language. The composite picture presented by these factors is an important part of the holistic admission review and decision.

Total Hours Required: 45

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
	Program core	9
	Supporting coursework or practicum	24
	Leadership practicum	12
	Scholarly project within the leadership practicum	
All students in this program must also follow these requirements and policies:		
Graduate Nursing Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		
Total Hours		45

Additional Requirements and Policy

Within the leadership practicum seminars, students will select and develop an area of focus that will culminate in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) scholarly project.