



## Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Post-Graduate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed to prepare clinical nurses with the advanced knowledge and experiences necessary to manage health care in a safe, effective, and efficient manner in a variety of settings. The Post Graduate DNP program is open to all post-MSN applicants, including, but not limited to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia). A Master of Science in Nursing degree is required. Applicants build upon their current specialty and if wishing to change specializations, would need to complete a post-graduate certificate prior to applying for the DNP.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. The program may be completed in 6 consecutive semesters/two years, including summers. The majority of the coursework is completed synchronously online, and there may be an immersion weekend required.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Completion of graduate Statistics course with a “C” or better within the last three years.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Essay (750 words) answering the following questions:
  - Why are you choosing to pursue the DNP?
  - Brief description of an idea for the DNP project.
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- Copy of Advanced Practice Nursing certification as applicable. Applicants without national certification will be individually evaluated and must submit evidence of their specialty expertise.
- Documentation of 2,080 [RN](#) or [APRN](#) hours (direct patient care required).
- NP applicants must be able to verify any previous master’s degree precepted clinical hours.
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 32-33 credit hours with a grade of “B” or better required in all courses. Clinical requirement is approximately 500 clock hours.

Courses	Credits
Role & Issues of the DNP	3
Analytical Methods (Stats)	3
Epidemiology & Population Health (clinical hours if needed)	3
Integration of Translational Research	3
Project 1 Seminar (120 clinical hours)	1/1
Project Planning (120 clinical hours)	2/1
Grant Writing	1
Informatics & Quality Improvement	3
Clinical Research Proposal	3
Project Implementation (240 clinical hours)	1/2
Leadership & Policy	3
Project Analysis & Dissemination*** (1 clinical credit if needed)	2/1
<b>Total</b>	<b>32-33</b>

\*\*\* Continue to register for 2 credits until the project is completed

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting [www.su.edu/sonapp](http://www.su.edu/sonapp).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due to limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas are not issued for this program.*

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.