

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY®

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Health Systems Leadership

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WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Graduate programs at the Mount have a strong reputation of innovation, quality, and academic excellence. Class sizes enable faculty to create valuable connections between learning, research, and the professional work environment. MSJ graduate students appreciate the consistent interaction with faculty, both as educators and mentors.

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Scan the QR code to learn more about the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Health Systems Leadership.

THIS PROGRAM PREPARES GRADUATES TO LEAD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Health Systems Leadership provides the terminal academic preparation for patient-focused advanced nursing practice. The post-master's DNP is designed to prepare nurses for leadership positions where they can create transformative change to improve the health and health care outcomes of individuals, families, groups, and populations. This program focuses on development of advanced competencies for complex practice along with evidence-based practice utilization to meet the demands that impact the quality of patient care delivery, patient outcomes, and systems management.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The Doctor of Nursing Practice in Health Systems Leadership at Mount St. Joseph University is a part-time program designed to meet students' professional and career needs in a flexible, dedicated, educational environment. Benefits of the program include:

- **Program completion in only six semesters,** with classes beginning in the fall and with summers off.
- **The part-time DNP program can be completed fully online, enabling students to continue working while pursuing a degree. Students enroll in two 10-week courses simultaneously each semester.** Students participate in one to two meetings that occur in real-time via online video conferencing at the beginning and end of each semester with the remainder of the learning taking place via an interactive online environment.
- **Smaller class sizes** which offer more individualized learning and optimal professional opportunities.

TODAY'S PROVEN LEADER IN EXCEPTIONAL NURSING EDUCATION

Mount St. Joseph University's Nursing Program has been preparing leaders in the field of nursing for over 100 years. Nursing professionals will find progressive instruction, smaller class sizes, and dedicated faculty. From the Mount's unrivaled reputation in nursing education to the University's exceptional graduate employment rate, the Mount provides optimal opportunities to further students' career success.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CURRICULUM

YEAR 1		CREDIT HOURS
FALL - SEMESTER 1		
NUR 800	Theoretical & Philosophical Perspective for EBP	3
NUR 801	Biostatistics for EBP	3
SPRING - SEMESTER 2		
NUR 802	Evidence-Based Practice	3
NUR 803	Building Collaborative Relationships	3
YEAR 2		
FALL - SEMESTER 3		
NUR 812	Epidemiology and Population Health (20 practicum hours)	3
NUR 805	Transforming Health Care through Technology (20 practicum hours)	3
SPRING - SEMESTER 4		
NUR 804	Advanced Health Policy and Advocacy (50 practicum hours)	3
NUR 823	Nursing Practicum I (110 practicum hours)	3
YEAR 3		
FALL - SEMESTER 5		
NUR 821	Strategic Management and Financial Controls of Healthcare Organizations (20 practicum hours)	3
NUR 824	Nursing Practicum II (110 practicum hours)	3
SPRING - SEMESTER 6		
NUR 832	DNP Project (100 practicum hours)	6

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS - 36
TOTAL PRACTICUM HOURS - 430

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- **Practicum experiences** that integrate knowledge learned in the DNP Program's course work and provide opportunities to collaborate with experts in health care organizations.
- **A cohort model** enabling students to establish lasting relationships with peers and professionals while providing the ongoing support needed to stay focused on career goals.
- An automated registration process eliminates the burden of registering for classes every semester.

This program offers the highest quality academic courses to address the eight DNP Essentials outlined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

With guidance from faculty, students identify practicum experiences that pertain to course outcomes as well as their clinical expertise. As part of the DNP Program's practicum requirements, 320 hours relate specifically to the DNP Project. The focus of the DNP Project is to improve patient outcomes by changing current practice based on high-level evidence.

The DNP Program practicum experiences and DNP Project use evidence as a basis for creating change in an organization to improve outcomes. In these courses, students collaborate with experts in health care organizations and synthesize the knowledge, evidence, and practicum experiences learned throughout their curriculum.

DNP ADMISSION CRITERIA

Potential students must submit the following:

- A completed graduate application at ***www.msj.edu/apply.***
- Official transcripts.
- A one- to two-page typewritten essay with reasons for seeking the DNP including a statement of professional goals, and topic(s) of interest for DNP project.
- A professional resumé.
- Names and contact information of two professional references.
- A TOEFL score for international students (as needed).

The applicant must possess:

- A Master of Science in Nursing degree (post-licensure) from a regionally accredited college or university.
  (a) Or, other applicants with a BSN and a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in a related field
  (b) Or, a pre-licensure MSN graduate with a post-master's Advanced Practice Nursing certification (CNM, CNS, CRNA, and CNP)
- A minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for MSN.
- A "C" or higher in an undergraduate or graduate statistics course.
- One year of professional work experience as a nurse.
- An active US state RN license with no restrictions.

The applicant must complete a successful interview with the DNP program director or designee.

The Mount participates in the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). Visit *www.msj.edu/NFLP* for more information.

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