Graduate-Level Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice

COLLEGE OF NURSING
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
The online Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program at Nova Southeastern University is a practice-focused terminal degree preparing graduates to practice at the highest level in specialty practice or executive leadership. This program is designed to serve post-M.S.N. nurse practitioners, nurse informaticists, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, and nurse managers/executives. The D.N.P. curriculum builds on current M.S.N. programs by supporting evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems thinking.

Graduates of the D.N.P. program are prepared to lead and engage in practical, clinically focused scholarship and evidence-based practice research utilization. Focusing heavily on practice that is innovative and based in evidence, the final project reflects the application of research findings completed by the research-focused, doctoral-level scholar. This practice-focused doctoral program in nursing utilizes a scholarly approach to nursing science and is considered a terminal degree for the discipline.

This online program attracts highly experienced faculty members with advanced preparation and extensive experience in the area of specialization. Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser to assist with program advisement.

We look forward to helping you achieve your goal of attaining a D.N.P. degree.

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.) PROGRAM

GOAL

The purpose of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is to prepare nurses at the highest professional level of nursing practice to advance the application of nursing knowledge with the intention of improving health care for diverse populations.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Implement and evaluate nursing practice, including innovative approaches, based on scientific knowledge.

2. Assume organizational and system leadership in the analysis, delivery, and management of nursing care.

3. Critique and selectively translate science to guide clinical decision making, practice standards, and program development.

4. Appraise and utilize current technologies to advance the quality and accessibility of care.

5. Evaluate and influence health care policies and systems.

6. Employ skills in effective communication, collaboration, consultation, and leadership to create change that will improve patient and population health outcomes.

7. Demonstrate expertise in developing, implementing, and evaluating clinical prevention and population health activities within contemporary society.

8. Assume specialized roles in advanced clinical practice.
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Students may focus on a direct care role or an aggregate/systems/organizational role such as informatics, nursing administration, or community health.

*These courses are practice-emersion courses that help students become experts in a practice field while the capstone project is carried out. They require a minimum of 125 hours of practice emersion.

D.N.P. graduates are required to complete 1,000 hours post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Hours from the M.S.N. credited toward these practice hours must be verified by the university where the student completed the M.S.N. Students may be required to complete additional capstone hours in order to meet the 1,000-hour requirement. Students may enroll in NSG 7442: Capstone Continuing Matriculation until required hours are completed. All but 125 of the required 1,000 clinical hours must be completed prior to starting NSG 7450.

Students will work with an adviser to plan their individual program of study.
D.N.P. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Start Dates: January and August

Length: six–nine terms

Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

The D.N.P. program is online. For further information, call the Nursing Department at (954) 262-1101 or 877-640-0218.

Prospective D.N.P. students are selected for admission based on application content, academic record, curriculum of completed required courses, professional nursing licensure, and evaluation forms. Individual student transcripts and writing samples are evaluated by select faculty members, the graduate program director, and the associate dean of nursing.

Admission to the D.N.P. program requires

• an M.S.N. degree from a regionally or internationally accredited university or college [The M.S.N. degree nursing program must be accredited by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).]

• a minimum Master of Science in Nursing GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

• current United States R.N. licensure with no restrictions

TRANSFER CREDITS

No more than 6 graduate credits may be transferred into the D.N.P. program from other Ph.D. in nursing or D.N.P. programs. Courses will be evaluated by the program director and the associate dean on an individual basis for credit toward the D.N.P. Their decision will be final. To be considered for credit, a course must have been taken at an accredited graduate program and be the equivalent of a course offered in the NSU D.N.P. program. The student must have earned a grade of B or higher in the course. Students must submit the syllabus of any course for which they are seeking credit directly to the program director. Additional documentation may be required by the program director before credit may be granted. Only courses completed prior to the matriculation in the D.N.P. program will be considered for transfer credit.
1. Submit your completed application with a $50, nonrefundable application fee. The Office of Admissions works on a rolling basis. D.N.P. candidates must submit all applications and transcripts by August 1 for priority consideration for the August entering class and by December 1 for priority consideration for the January entering class. Applications are accepted year round for the D.N.P. entering classes.

2. All applicants must submit official transcripts of all completed coursework. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent. Send all transcripts to

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services
College of Nursing
Office of Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905
If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The course-by-course, official evaluation must be sent directly from the evaluation service. For evaluations, please contact one of the following:

**World Education Services**  
P.O. Box 745  
Old Chelsea Station  
New York, New York 10113-0745  
(212) 966-6311  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

**Josef Silny & Associates**  
7101 SW 102nd Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33173  
(305) 273-1616  
(305) 273-1338 fax  
[www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)  
info@jsilny.com

**Educational Credential Evaluators**  
P.O. Box 514070  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470  
(414) 289-3400  
[www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org)

3. Submit two evaluation (reference) forms from individuals (other than relatives) such as academic advisers, professors, clinical or nonclinical supervisors, or community associates.

4. Submit a writing sample that provides an overview of the clinical problem you have identified and anticipate being the topic of your final capstone project for the D.N.P. program. Please include the following information in your statement. (Use APA 6th edition formatting, including headings for each section.)

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- Discuss the differences and similarities between the D.N.P. and other doctoral degrees available to nurses. What influenced you to select the D.N.P.? (refer to the AACN Web site)
- Discuss the importance of evidence-based interventions as part of the D.N.P. curriculum.
Goals

- Discuss your personal and professional goals related to the D.N.P.
- What is your area of clinical specialization? Discuss your academic and work experience related to this specialization.

Personal Qualities

- Discuss your personal attributes that qualify you as an exceptional candidate for our program.

5. Submit official documentation of all supervised, postbaccalaureate practice hours from a regionally accredited or internationally accredited school. Documentation must be from the program director or higher and include the following information on university letterhead:
  - Date
  - Applicant’s full name
  - University name and department
  - Contact information for follow up if necessary
  - Program director or higher signature
  - Date and title of degree earned
  - Specialization earned and total number of preceptor-verified clinical experience hours
  - Brief summary of the M.S.N. practicum project(s) or experience log

If, at any time, you wish to withdraw your application from consideration, please do so in writing. Direct this correspondence to

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
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3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018
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Tuition for 2012–2013 is $700 per credit hour. Tuition for 2013–2014 will subsequently be posted on our Web site (www.nova.edu/nursing/dnp). An NSU student services fee of $900 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Acceptance Fee—$500. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering class. The advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within the two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.

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ACCREDITATION
The NSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited for a period of 10 years (October 11, 2010–June 30, 2021) by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The College of Nursing will seek initial accreditation for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

NONDISCRIMINATION
Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.