

# NURSING PRACTICE, DNP

## Admission Requirements

- Current unrestricted licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).
- A master's degree in nursing with an advanced practice focus from an accredited university with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can address the applicant's potential to succeed in the DNP graduate program and who can attest to clinical expertise.
- Letter of verification of master's degree clinical hours from the institution where the master's degree was earned.
- Pre-admission interview.
- A 300 word essay describing professional goals and area of interest for the capstone project.

Development of the curriculum is structured by four broad areas of knowledge described in the AACN's Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice Nursing (2006). Acquisition of knowledge within the areas of Scientific/Physiologic Foundation for Advanced Evidence Based Practice; Leadership Information Management; Practice Inquiry; and Advanced Specialty Practice, will be demonstrated by the student's development of essential competencies. The following outcome competencies are expected.

Graduates of the program will:

1. Apply appropriate theories and concepts to identify health-related phenomena of interest.
2. Evaluate health care delivery and nursing practices using sound evaluation principles.
3. Critically analyze sources informing best evidence.
4. Evaluate care processes and outcomes based on best evidence.
5. Evaluate the dynamics of health care policy and financing at the organizational and national levels.
6. Demonstrate leadership of collaborative, interprofessional teams in health care delivery.

## Program Description

The University of Akron Post Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program requires the following:

1. 37 credits of DNP courses;
2. 540 clinical practice hours; and
3. transfer from the student's master's degree in nursing program, practice role-specific coursework, which includes 500 clinical hours (or is taken as part of the DNP program).

The minimum passing grade for each course is a "B." Students earning a grade less than "B" will be required to repeat the course the next time it is offered. A student will not be permitted to enroll in the next course until the course is repeated. A course can be repeated only one time in the DNP program. A second course grade below the grade of "B" will result in dismissal from the DNP program.

## DNP Courses - Minimum of 37 Credits and Includes 540 Clinical Hours

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 700	Information Management in Health Care	3
NURS 705	Clinical Nurse Scholar I	3
NURS 706	Clinical Nurse Scholar II	4
NURS 707	Clinical Scholar Residency	3
NURS 708	DNP Project I	3
NURS 709	DNP Project II	3
NURS 710	Advanced Health Care Statistics	3
NURS 712	Fiscal Management in Healthcare	3
NURS 713	Advanced Leadership in Health Care	3
NURS 714	Synthesis and Application of Evidence for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
NURS 715	Fundamentals of Public Health Epidemiology	3
NURS 848	AMNR: Program Evaluation in Nursing	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>37</b>