# Doctor of Nursing Practice

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
School of Nursing & Health Studies

DNP

## *Implementing Research Evidence to Improve Complex Health Systems*

The Georgetown University **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** program prepares nurses to be systems-level leaders in complex health care environments, integrating nursing science with organizational leadership and ethics. The DNP-prepared nurse utilizes research evidence to design, implement, manage and evaluate systems of care. This practice-based program is intended for nurses who hold a master's degree in an advanced nursing specialty area and have extensive clinical experience. Consisting of 38 credit hours, the DNP program is offered in a part-time program of study (7 semesters in length).

Highlights of the DNP program include:

- High-quality learner experiences rooted in faculty collaboration and interprofessional practice;
- Research and practice expertise across multiple academic departments; and
- Innovative DNP Translational Research Project.

The **DNP Translational Research Project** allows the nurse leader to translate evidence from original research and accelerate the adoption of best clinical practices. The DNP Project is a summative demonstration of an interactive learning process, and the flexible curriculum informs the depth and development of the DNP Project as it evolves.

Unique to the Georgetown University DNP is the incorporation of courses taught by the Department of Health Systems Administration on Quality and Performance Measurement, Information Systems and Health Care Economics. As with all programs at Georgetown, principles of ethical leadership permeate the program. Additional course topics include:

Organizational Theory and Behavior

Reflective Leadership and Ethics in Health Care Systems

Communication and Collaboration in Health Care Systems

Epidemiology and Population Health

Health Care Policy & Advocacy

Health Care Issues and the Law

Personalized Health Care

Upon completion of the DNP program, the graduate will be able to:

- Assume leadership positions at the systems level, having integrated nursing science with organizational leadership and ethics;
- Design, implement, and evaluate quality improvement projects in health care systems;
- Implement evidence-based practice at the population health level;
- Synthesize informatics and technology to improve health care delivery and patient safety; and
- Identify and implement best practices in health care delivery.

Deadline for Fall Admission | **April 15**

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## Admissions

Although each applicant is considered on an individual basis, the following are requirements for admission:

- Master's degree with an advanced nursing practice.
- Current U.S. RN license and certification in an advanced nursing practice role, if applicable.
- NursingCAS online application that includes:
  - — Personal statement that includes short- and long-term goals after completion of the DNP program and research interest.
  - — Resume or curriculum vitae.
  - — Three letters of recommendation; one from each of the following: supervisor, faculty, colleague.
- Supplemental Application Form (georgetownsnhs.ask admissions.net/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=msnsupplemental).
- Cumulative master's level GPA of 3.3 or higher and master's level science GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- TOEFL score for applicants whose native language is not English (waived if a bachelor's degree or higher was completed in a university where English is the primary language of instruction)
- All transcripts from institutions outside of the U.S. must be accompanied by an official World Education Services evaluation (www.wes.org).
- All admitted and enrolling students must complete a Biostatistics and Research Methods tutorial offered by the program in the summer prior to matriculation.

For complete admissions requirements and application information, please visit nhs.georgetown.edu.

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# Sample Program of Study

### SEMESTER I—FALL

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Health Care Policy & Advocacy | 3 |
| Organizational Theory & Behavior | 3 |
| **Total Credits** | **6** |

### SEMESTER II—SPRING

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Reflective Leadership & Ethics | 3 |
| Health Care Economics | 2 |
| Translational Research Primer | 1 |
| **Total Credits** | **6** |

### SEMESTER III—SUMMER

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Translational Research I | 3 |
| Quality & Performance Improvement in HC (Quality 1) | 3 |
| **Total Credits** | **6** |

### SEMESTER IV—FALL

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| HC Quality & Performance Measurement | 2 |
| Epidemiology & Population Health | 3 |
| **Total Credits** | **5** |

### SEMESTER V—SPRING

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Translational Research II | 3 |
| Health Information Systems | 2 |
| **Total Credits** | **5** |

### SEMESTER VI—SUMMER

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Communication & Collaboration in HC Systems | 2 |
| Personalized Health Care | 2 |
| **Total Credits** | **4** |

### SEMESTER VII—FALL

| *Course* | *Credits* |
|---|---|
| Translational Research III | 4 |
| Health Care Issues & the Law | 2 |
| **Total Credits** | **6** |

**TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 38**