

# Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

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care through  
innovative  
leadership.



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## Ursuline College DNP graduates:

- Implement the highest levels of advanced nursing care
- Provide leadership in health care organizations for the promotion of comprehensive, holistic patient care
- Implement change within integrated health care systems
- Make decisions based on the integration of a strong knowledge base, personal and professional values and diverse cultural, religious, spiritual and ethical perspectives
- Utilize evidence-based practice, including the use of informatics, to meet the health promotion, maintenance, and restoration needs of individuals, families, groups, systems and communities
- Implement policy-based approaches to health care that advance population health
- Function in independent and interdependent roles as the colleagues of other health professionals in various health care settings

## A respected leader in the health and healing professions, Ursuline College delivers a distinctive, personalized doctoral program.

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice** (DNP) is an advanced-level, terminal degree for MSN graduates who wish to become influential in nursing practice, administration, and education. The program focuses on the development of nurse leaders who use evidence-based practice for optimizing health care delivery through effective systems transformation. As a graduate of the program, you'll be prepared for roles in direct or indirect systems-focused care.

The goal of DNP practice, in addition to providing excellent care to patients, is to optimize health care delivery through effective systems transformation, or planned change. As DNP graduates plan and implement their practice with individuals and populations, they integrate the spiritual, biological, social, psychological and cultural factors that influence human responses to health and illness.



**Ursuline's graduate nursing program is ranked  
#2 among private colleges in Ohio.**

(U.S. News & World Report, 2022)

## **Program Overview**

The DNP program is structured as an on-going, year-round program with courses offered during the fall, spring and summer semesters. Students progress at their own pace through the completion of course work and competency-based online learning modules.

Each student designs an individualized curriculum plan with an academic advisor. Courses are offered online through an enhanced learning management platform with ready access to support. Direct faculty involvement is ongoing and accessible for each learning module. Students collaborate with faculty online, in person, or via conference calls to meet individual needs.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Ursuline College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

# Curriculum

<b>NR 700 a, b, c</b>	Scientific Writing for Professional Nurses	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 701</b>	Biostatistics for Outcomes Management and Evaluation	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 702</b>	Scientific & Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 703</b>	Epidemiology for Population Health	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 704</b>	Analysis of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 705</b>	Methods for Conducting Evidence-Based Projects	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 706</b>	Advanced Health Care Management & Policy	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 707</b>	Interdisciplinary Organizational Leadership	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 708</b>	Advanced Health Care Informatics	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 709</b>	Evaluation Strategies for Quality Improvement	<b>3</b>
<b>NR 800</b>	CAPSTONE Project Identification / DNP Residency	<b>2</b>
<b>NR 801</b>	CAPSTONE Project Proposal / DNP Residency	<b>2</b>
<b>NR 802</b>	CAPSTONE Project Implementation / DNP Residency	<b>2</b>
<b>NR 803</b>	CAPSTONE Project Dissemination / DNP Residency	<b>2</b>

**Total Credits 38**

**Doctorally-prepared**

**nurses are needed**

**to respond to**

**today's complex**

**health care systems.**

Ursuline's DNP program prepares graduates to optimize health care delivery through advanced nursing practice and leadership development. Graduates are prepared to identify, implement, and evaluate evidence-based practice change management in select populations.



**Learn online  
at your own pace.**

## Admission Requirements

Students applying for admission must meet both the general requirements for admission to all graduate programs and the specific requirements of the particular program of study. For the DNP program, admission requirements are as follows:

### General Admission Requirements

1. Application for Graduate Studies must include a succinctly written statement of clearly defined career goals consistent with expectations for DNP educational preparation and address proposed area of interest for scholarly project (no more than two pages). Application for admission may be submitted online at [ursuline.edu/apply](https://ursuline.edu/apply).
2. Non-refundable \$25 application fee.
3. All official transcript(s) for a master's degree in nursing from a CCNE or CNEA accredited program and any additional undergraduate or graduate academic coursework whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcript(s) must be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Admission directly by the issuing institution.
4. Evidence of ability to do graduate work as indicated by a minimum 3.0 GPA shown on the applicant's transcript(s).
5. Two letters of recommendation from previous faculty members and/or employers focusing on the applicant's previous work and potential for successfully completing the DNP program.
6. After an initial screening of candidates, and at the request of the DNP program admissions committee, applicants may be asked to complete a personal interview with faculty. The purpose of the interview is to assess educational interests and motivation for successful completion of doctoral study in the DNP program.



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## Program-Specific Admission Requirements

1. Current, unencumbered Registered Nurse license.
2. A current resume reflecting a minimum of one year work experience as a registered nurse. Nursing experience must be within the past two years.

International students, in addition to the above criteria, must also comply with Ursuline College's procedures for admission as an international student. Visit [ursuline.edu/international](https://www.ursuline.edu/international) for more information.

## Application Deadline

Applicants are encouraged to initiate formal application within one month of the semester in which you plan to enroll. Graduate nursing courses begin in the fall and spring semesters.

Applicants who delay must register for courses within two years of acceptance into the DNP program or the acceptance is voided. Students wishing to transfer into the DNP program must be in good academic standing at their current institutions. Acceptable transfer credits are determined by the College.





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Ursuline College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. In addition, the Graduate Nursing Program in The Breen School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).