CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE DOCTORATE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT WCU

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the terminal practice degree in Nursing. This degree builds upon the student’s current knowledge of clinical practice. The DNP will prepare students to practice at the highest clinical level and provide leadership in our dynamic healthcare systems. Graduates of the program will be able to analyze systems of care and provide high-level leadership to improve patient safety and quality of care and to implement evidence-based, culturally competent care practices. The School of Nursing at Western Carolina University (WCU) and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) offers a post-masters DNP consortium program. As a student, you will have access to expert faculty from both universities.

The DNP is a hybrid program designed to prepare nurses for leadership in clinical practice. The DNP program can be completed in five semesters. New cohorts begin each fall semester. Students will be required to attend 3 to 3 1/2 day immersion sessions at the beginning of each semester alternating between UNC Charlotte and WCU’s Biltmore Park location in Asheville.

Admission Requirements include:

- Earned master’s in nursing in an advanced nursing practice specialty* from a nationally accredited program
- An overall GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in the MSN program
- Current RN licensure in the U.S. at the time of application with eligibility for NC licensure
- Evidence of a satisfactory national standardized test score (e.g., GRE, MAT, GMAT)
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) must provide evidence of current national certification and meet the state requirements for practice in their state of licensure
- Evidence of 500 supervised clinical hours. Students with less than 500 hours must meet with the DNP program director to develop a clinical plan.
- Submit a completed application to Graduate School. Apply online at grad.wcu.edu.
- For complete application details and instructions, visit nursing.wcu.edu.

*The DNP Program invites applications with master’s degree in nursing fields such as nursing administration, nursing anesthesia, nurse practitioner, community health and clinical nurse specialist. Students with a master’s degree in nurse education are encouraged to explore programs that offer a PhD or EdD.

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