

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

Wright State University College of Nursing and Health, in conjunction with the University of Toledo College of Nursing, offer a joint, online, **post-master's** DNP program. This degree gives nurses the chance to change the face of nursing practice and healthcare delivery while advancing their education in the practical application of nursing knowledge.

We are currently offering a part-time program of study. The **54** quarter hour / 36 semester hour curriculum of the joint WSU/UT degree includes eleven courses focusing on knowledge and practice. In accordance with AACN specifications for 1000 academically supervised post-BSN clinical hours to earn a DNP degree, **520** hours of academically supervised advanced clinical practice are included in the program. It is recognized that applicants will have accumulated an additional 500 clinical hours (minimum) in their master's programs in order to sit for national certification. Course descriptions are presented below. Course assignments emphasize skill development and the operational use of knowledge in complex practice settings including:

- population-based intervention (assessing target populations, writing proposals)
- marketing and entrepreneurship (marketing strategies, financial analysis, resource development)
- systems and organizations (organizational assessment, healthcare financing & management)
- quality management and performance improvement (performance benchmarks & tools)
- research utilization (appraising evidence, intervention design, evaluation of data, dissemination through written, verbal and online presentations)
- information management and technology (databases, patient care technology, workflow analysis)

The post-master's DNP at Wright State University and the University of Toledo offers a choice of two concentrations: one for **direct care** advanced practice nurses (NPs and CNSs) and one for **indirect care** nursing administrators. Neither WSU nor UT currently have faculty prepared as CRNAs and, therefore, would not be able to direct doctoral scholarship for nurses holding this qualification.

Classes begin in September for each cohort. **Tuition** is currently \$350 per quarter hour; however, it is likely that the university will be raising tuition for the next academic year. Financial assistance is available for qualifying students, principally through Stafford Loans. The **application deadline** is March 1 with interviews to be conducted in late April. Completed applications received through March 15 may be considered depending on the number of applications received by the application deadline. The admission criteria, curriculum and application process are explained below. Let us hear from you! Contact our program director, Bobbe Gray, PhD, RNC-OB with questions at bobbe.gray@wright.edu

Admission criteria

- Master of Science degree in nursing (advanced practice or administration)
 - GPA of 3.3 or better required
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities
- Current national board certification in advanced clinical nursing practice or nursing administration
- Unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Ohio and relevant Ohio Board of Nursing certificate(s). For applicants to direct care option, the Ohio BON Certificate of Authority (COA) to practice as an advanced practice nurse is required.
- Personal statement of five pages or less describing:
 - Goals and expectations for DNP study
 - Applied research or project interests (must be consistent with WSU/UT faculty expertise)
 - Plans for advanced practice with DNP
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from a graduate faculty member in the applicant's master's program
- Completion of a graduate level genetics course and an advanced statistics (e.g., multivariate) course with a grade of B or better prior to matriculation into the DNP program (within five years of admission) is preferred. Our first cohort of students will be allowed to take these two courses as co-requisites.
- Interview by DNP faculty

Application process

- Applicants may access the School of Graduate Studies (SOGS) application at <http://www.wright.edu/sogs/>
- All application materials are to be sent to SOGS with the exception of the checklist below. *That checklist is to be sent to Bobbe Gray at the address noted above.*
- Applicants meeting the criteria for admission will be contacted to arrange an interview in early to mid January.
- Applicants will be notified of our decision within two weeks of the interview.

Join us at WSU/UT in the pursuit of excellence in health care delivery and the advancement of the nursing profession.

Submit to the School of Graduate Studies:

1. The School of Graduate Studies application is accessed on-line at www.wright.edu/sogs Please note that the mailing address is located on the application.**
2. \$25 fee to the School of Graduate Studies
3. Transcripts from ALL colleges attended

4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Five page statement of goals related to DNP education
6. Copy of your resume / CV
7. Copy of your Ohio RN license
8. Evidence of advanced practice certification (eg: ANCC, NCC)
9. Those applying for direct care only must also provide a copy of their COA.

** Students who have been previously accepted for any degree seeking **graduate** programs at WSU can waive the \$25 application fee if they submit a paper application rather than the on-line application. All on-line applications are charged the fee without exception.

Each of the above items must be received by the School of Graduate Studies and forwarded to the College of Nursing before the applicant will be contacted for an interview.

Special instructions related to the graduate school application form:

If you are submitting a **paper application**, identify the college as the College of Nursing and Health and the program as the DNP. The form has not, as yet, been updated to have a check box for the DNP degree.

If you are submitting an **on-line application**, indicate you are applying for "Nursing Undecided" and state that you are applying for the DNP program in the related comments section.

Submit to the College of Nursing and Health:

Please document and return the following checklist to the College of Nursing and Health with names and dates for requested or submitted items. This will allow us to be aware that your application is in process and we can follow-up on any items that are not received in a timely manner. Contact our interim secretary, Greta Robinson at the address below with questions regarding the application process or to determine whether items have been received at the college at greta.robinson@wright.edu or at:

Greta Robinson
103 University Hall
Wright State University College of Nursing and Health
3460 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, Ohio 45435-0001

**POST-MASTERS DNP PROGRAM
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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| Date of DNP Application | Requested Start Date: _____ Winter 2008 _____ Fall 2008 | Focus: _____ Direct Care _____ Indirect Care | |
| Name | | E-Mail | |
| Address | | | |
| County | Home Phone | Cell Phone | Work Phone |

| ITEM | REQUESTED FROM | DATE REQUESTED or SENT |
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| Transcripts | Name of Master's Degree Program(s): | |
| | Name of Undergraduate Degree Program(s): | |
| | Other transcripts (including graduate level genetics & statistics in last 5 years): | |
| Letters of Recommendation | Name of Master's Program Faculty: | |
| | Name of Second Reference: | |
| | Name of Third Reference: | |
| Resume or Curriculum Vitae | | |
| Copy of advanced nursing certification(s) | | |
| Copy of Ohio RN license | | |
| Copy of Certificate of Authority (Direct care option only) | | |
| Personal Statement of Goals/Expectations for DNP, Research/Project Interests, Practice/Career Plan | | |

Program of Study

On-line classes will be a **mixture of synchronous and asynchronous** activities and will vary depending on the needs of the course. Synchronous on-line classes will generally be scheduled for evening hours. **Students will need to make short trips to campus twice per year.** There will be an orientation day prior to the first class in the sequence. This orientation day will occur in the week prior to the first day of classes.

Part Time Plan of Study for Cohort Beginning Fall 2008

Note: Dates are approximate

| Term I -- Fall 2008 (Sep 8-Nov7) | | |
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| Course | Course Title | Credit |
| NUR 820 | Scientific Basis of Nursing | 4.5 QH |
| Term II -- Winter 2009 (Jan 5-Mar 13) | | |
| NUR 827 | Population Health | 4.5 QH |
| NUR 836 | Marketing & Entrepreneurial Activity in Complex Health Care | 4.5 QH |
| Term III -- Fall 2009 (TBA) | | |
| NUR 830 | Org & Systems Leadership | 4.5 QH (40 hrs clinical) |
| NUR 832 | Quality Mgt & Performance Improvement in HC Orgs. | 4.5 QH (40 hrs clinical) |
| Term IV -- Winter 2010 (TBA) | | |
| NUR 825 | Applied Nursing Research | 4.5 QH |
| Term V -- Fall 2010 (TBA) | | |
| NUR 840 or NUR 841 | Evidence Based Diagnostics or Evidence Based Administration | 4.5 QH (80 hrs clinical) 4.5 QH (80 hrs clinical) |
| Term VI -- Winter 2011 (TBA) | | |
| NUR 834 | IT in Nursing & H Care | 4.5 QH |
| Term VII -- Fall 2011 (TBA) | | |
| NUR 895 | Project Seminar | 4.5 QH |
| NUR 899 | Evidence Based Project | 4.5 QH |
| Term VIII -- Winter 2012 (TBA) | | |

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| NUR 850 or NUR 851 | Capstone Practicum (Direct Care) or (Indirect Care) | 9 QH (360 hrs clinical) |
| Total Program Credits | | 54 QH |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NUR 820

COURSE TITLE: Scientific Basis of Nursing Practice

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course examines nursing science from a broad range of perspectives. The emphasis is on identification and analysis of nursing phenomena, use of nursing science to manage phenomena, and evaluation of outcomes.

NUR 825

COURSE TITLE: Applied Nursing Research

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course is an extension of basic research and utilization methods. The focus is on preparing the student for leadership in clinical research, and research utilization.

NUR 827

COURSE TITLE: Population Health

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course uses epidemiologic models to analyze and construct interventions for health care delivery systems. The focus is on safe, quality, culturally-appropriate advanced nursing practice activities to meet emerging world needs.

NUR 830

COURSE TITLE: Organizational and Systems Leadership in Health Care

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Examines application of organizational and leadership theories/strategies to assess process/outcomes in complex practice settings, health care organizations, and communities with a focus on the APN role in analyzing clinical patterns and issues. Includes **40 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 832

COURSE TITLE: Quality Management and Performance Improvement in Health Care Organizations

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Examines principles and practice of quality management in health care delivery, clinical performance outcomes, patient safety and improving quality of care focusing on the role of APNs working with a collaborative team. Includes **40 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 834

COURSE TITLE: Information and Technology in Nursing and Health Care Systems

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Systematic assessment of clinical and administrative information needs of health care systems. Examines the technology and strategies needed to support patients, nurses, and health care delivery in dynamic environmental systems.

NUR 836

COURSE TITLE: Marketing and Entrepreneurial Activities in Complex Health Care

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course examines marketing and entrepreneurial strategies for advanced nursing practice in complex health care systems. The focus is on creating and evaluating marketing plans and entrepreneurial activities.

NUR 840

COURSE TITLE: Evidenced Based Diagnostic Methods in Advanced Practice Nursing

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Examines the basis for diagnosis using lab and imaging procedures, assessing the quality and reliability/sensitivity of diagnostic tests, understanding the technology used in diagnostic testing, and utilizing cost-benefit data in ordering diagnostic testing. Includes **80 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 841

COURSE TITLE: Evidence-based Administration in Complex Health Systems

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Examines evidence practices in administrative health care settings focusing on current status and creating and evaluating innovative administrative practices based on best practices including model application for finance and clinical outcomes. Includes **80 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 850

COURSE TITLE: Capstone Practicum (Direct Care)

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Individually precepted practicum requiring advanced nursing practice with individuals and groups including seminars that facilitate synthesis

and application of all prior learning for evidence-based practice. Includes **360 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 851

COURSE TITLE: Capstone Practicum (Indirect Care)

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Individually precepted practicum requiring leadership and practice at the aggregate/systems/organizational level of health care. Includes required seminars that facilitate application, synthesis, and evaluation of prior learning in applied practice. Includes **360 hours** of supervised clinical.

NUR 895

COURSE TITLE: Project Seminar

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course provides a forum to articulate and explore advanced nursing practice roles and responsibilities. The focus will be on leading nursing practice in patient advocacy, teaching, collaboration, and the design and provision of care.

NUR 899

COURSE TITLE: Evidence-based Practice Project

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course is a guided, independent project utilizing research to improve patient outcomes, health care delivery, or nursing practice. An **extensive, complex scholarly project** will be produced in lieu of a traditional doctoral dissertation. Requirements include a *proposal defense and final defense* of the project.