

Approx. program length:

**2 years**

Credits:

**31**

Cost per credit:

**\$810**

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

**Online**

## Influence the future of nursing

Enhance your career and advance the discipline of nursing with our Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). This program is designed for working nurses who require a doctorate for advanced practice or nurses who desire their terminal degree. However, it does not prepare students for professional certification or state licensure as a nurse or an Advanced Practice Nurse.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program prepares you to:

- Identify problems in nursing and use research to develop solutions.
- Deliver high-quality advanced nursing care based in research evidence.
- Impact the delivery of healthcare to improve patient outcomes.
- Advance the science of nursing by publishing research papers and giving presentations.

## Distinctive learning model

When you complete your DNP program, you'll be more than a thought leader. You'll develop skills to enhance your professional nursing practice.

- Scholarship – Apply research and use its data to solve root problems.
- Practitioner – Use your skills to address issues in your organization or community.
- Leadership – Develop leadership skills that help you change organizations and communities.

## An innovative doctoral experience

In 20 years of delivering doctoral education, we've come to realize that the doctoral journey can be very focused and personal, yet also lonely. We've created an encouraging, supportive and motivating environment for doctoral students, which includes a 5-week introductory course that prepares you for success.

Here's how it works:

- Complete the doctoral journey as a cohort with the camaraderie and support of your peers.
- Dedicated faculty explain the doctoral journey and provide guidance throughout the program.
- Divide the research, writing and defense of your Applied Project into manageable chunks – starting with your first course and progressing throughout your program.

## What sets us apart?

When you choose our online Doctor of Nursing Practice program, you can:

### Align with industry standards

The DNP program is designed to prepare specialists in aggregate, systems or organizational-level practice, and to influence change in healthcare delivery and outcomes.

### Reach your goals faster

With approval from your Applied Project Chair, you might be able to waive up to 500 of the 1,000 Practice Hours required for this program. You will design, create and complete the Applied Project as part of your assignments throughout the program.

### Partner with dedicated doctoral faculty

You'll work with the same Applied Project Chair throughout your program, allowing for critical feedback



Projected job growth:

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**18%**

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for medical and health services managers is projected to be approximately 18 percent between 2018 and 2028.

A Doctor of Nursing Practice can help prepare you to be a:

- Nursing director
- Clinic director
- Nurse manager

Information is not specific to University of Phoenix.

## Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your resumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

## Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, graduates should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Doctor of Nursing Practice, you should be able to achieve these learning outcomes.

## Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance that the University meets quality standards.

Course length:

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**8 weeks**

Total credits required:

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**31**

## Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 31 credits, including the 5-week orientation course, to complete this online Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Your course schedule may vary based on previous education or transferable credits.

## Applied Project requirement

Your Applied Project is introduced, and your work begins with the first course. Milestones throughout the program position you to achieve incremental progress toward completing the Applied Project.

## Core courses

- DNP705: Philosophy, Theory, And Science For Nursing Practice
- DNP725: Policy And Regulation In Health Care
- DNP752A: DNP Applied Project And Practicum III
- DNP715: Information Systems And Health Care Delivery Technology
- DNP740: Clinical Prevention And Population Health
- DNP751: DNP Applied Project II
- DNP700: DNP Expectations Seminar
- DNP710: Evidence-based Practice Measurement And Clinical Inquiry
- DNP752: DNP Applied Project III
- DNP701: Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- DNP750: DNP Applied Project I
- DNP730: Organizational And Systems Leadership