



Miami Regional University
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Doctor of Nursing Practice
Catalog Addendum
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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Program Description

Fast Track 20 months Regular Track 36 months 39 Semester Credits

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares nurses to serve as leaders within complex healthcare systems, influence health outcomes for individuals and populations, and advance professionally in diverse organizational settings. The University admits DNP students on a continuous 16-week cycle. Students may pursue either the fast track, completing the program in approximately 20 months, or the regular track, completing one course at a time over a 36-month period. Course schedules are designed to align with each student's degree requirements.

The mission of the DNP in Healthcare Leadership is to prepare professional nurse leaders for executive, administrative, and systems focused roles. Graduates are equipped to influence healthcare organizations, improve quality and safety outcomes, translate evidence into practice, and lead interprofessional teams across a variety of healthcare settings. The program outcomes are aligned with the mission of the University and the School of Nursing and are consistent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) *DNP Essentials*.

The DNP program prepares master's-prepared nurses for the highest level of advanced nursing practice. Students remain active members of the nursing workforce while applying knowledge and skills gained in the program to their practice environments. Delivered through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities, the curriculum provides foundational and advanced experiences in organizational leadership, financial and systems management, and evidence-based decision making.

Students learn to identify organizational or clinical practice problems, use evidence-based research to formulate proposals, and implement and evaluate practice changes that enhance patient safety and improve population and organizational outcomes.

The program is structured to cultivate advanced nursing leadership grounded in teamwork, persistence, professional integrity, and a commitment to service. Throughout the curriculum, students develop and demonstrate role-specific leadership competencies and acquire the ability to evaluate current evidence, implement practice innovations, and disseminate evidence-based findings to diverse professional audiences. This program does **not** prepare graduates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensure. Practice hours are dedicated to leadership-focused scholarly practice experiences and organizational improvement initiatives.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are prepared to influence healthcare systems at the highest organizational levels through the use, promotion, and implementation of evidence-based practices. The DNP program reinforces the University's commitment to academic excellence in teaching, practice, and scholarly inquiry, advancing nursing as both a discipline and a service to society.

Admission Requirements

Admission to MRU is open to all qualified applicants regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or ability, or disability. Applicants may obtain the necessary application from the Office of Admissions or online from our website at www.mru.edu. All students must submit a completed application and a non-refundable fee of \$100.

In addition to the general admission requirements and procedures, applicants wishing consideration for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program must:

1. Complete the program application process including the entrance essay and submission of all documents required from the application document.
2. Hold a Master of Science in Nursing degree with at least 24 credit hours from an accredited institution recognized by the United States Department of Education or a foreign master's degree evaluated by an approved agency indicating equivalency to a Master of Science Degree in Nursing earned at an accredited institution in the U.S. (Official college transcript or evaluation must be received before the end of the first term) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Demonstrate the ability to meet Externship Requirements.
4. Have an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license from the state of Florida or a participating Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) state.
5. Interview with the Dean or designee and submit signed Acknowledgment of the Program Work Expectations Form.
6. Provide three letters of recommendation from healthcare professionals and/or faculty from a previous nursing program.

Application Process

Selection and acceptance into the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is a multi-step process consisting of the following:

1. Complete initial program application, pay registration fees, submit required documents, including but not limited to transcripts and valid nursing license
2. Complete Entrance Essay
3. Complete interview & signature of the Acknowledgment of the Program Work Expectations form
4. Attend mandatory orientation
5. Formal acceptance decision

The End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Integrate scientific underpinnings into practice
2. Develop organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement and systems thinking
3. Apply clinical scholarship and analytical methods for evidence-based practice
4. Use information technology systems and patient care technology for improvement and transformation of healthcare
5. Influence healthcare policy for advocacy in healthcare
6. Employ interprofessional collaboration for improving patient and population health outcomes
7. Synthesize clinical prevention and population health concepts for improving the health of the nation's population
8. Demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in designing, delivering, and evaluating evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Credential Issued

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Programmatic Accreditation

Effective September 4, 2024, the Clinical Doctorate Nursing Program at Miami Regional University at the Miami Springs Campus located in Miami Springs, Florida is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on June 30, 2027.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326(404) 975-5000

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this candidate program at <https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs>

Delivery mode

This program is offered offsite and online.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Plan

DNP Fast Track

Course Name	Credit	Didactic Hours	Practice Hours	Total Hours
Semester I				
DNP1010 - Pre-Immersion Seminars	0	0	0	0
DNP 7001 - Evolution of Nursing Practice Theory & Evidence-Based in Practice	3	30	45	75
DNP 7200 -Statistics for the Health and Biological Sciences	3	30	45	75
Semester I Total	6	60	90	150
Semester II				
DNP 7500-Organizational and Management Theory	3	30	45	75
DNP 7510-Leader Development	3	30	45	75
DNP 7600-Population-based Health and Health Care Disparities	3	30	45	75
DNP 7800-Health Care Management, Economics, Financing and Ethics	3	30	45	75
Semester II Total	12	120	180	300
Semester III				
DNP 8100-Structure and Process in Health Care Organizations and Health Care Policy	3	30	45	75
DNP 8300-Technology in Health Care	3	30	45	75
DNP 8200-Professional Practice Developments Experience Practice Immersion	2	15	45	60
Semester III Total	8	75	135	210
Semester IV				
DNP 7700-DNP Project I	5	30	135	165
Semester IV Total	5	30	135	165
Semester V				
DNP 8440-Practicum in Health Care Administration	5	15	180	195
DNP 8500-DNP Project II	3	30	45	75
Semester V Total	8	45	225	270
	39	330	765	1095

DNP Regular Track

Course Name	Credit	Didactic Hours	Practice Hours	Total Hours
Semester I				
DNP1010 - Pre-Immersion Seminars	0	0	0	0
Semester I Total	0	0	0	0
Semester II				
DNP 7001 - Evolution of Nursing Practice Theory & Evidence-Based in Practice	3	30	45	75
Semester II Total	3	30	45	75
Semester III				
DNP 7200 -Statistics for the Health and Biological Sciences	3	30	45	75
DNP 7500-Organizational and Management Theory	3	30	45	75
Semester III Total	6	60	90	150
Semester IV				
DNP 7510-Leader Development	3	30	45	75
DNP 7600-Population-based Health and Health Care Disparities	3	30	45	75
Semester IV Total	6	60	90	150
Semester V				
DNP 7800-Health Care Management, Economics, Financing and Ethics	3	30	45	75
DNP 8100-Structure and Process in Health Care Organizations and Health Care Policy	3	30	45	75
Semester V Total	6	60	90	150
Semester VI				
DNP 8300-Technology in Health Care	3	30	45	75
DNP 8200-Professional Practice Developments Experience Practice Immersion	2	15	45	60
Semester VI Total	5	45	90	135
Semester VII				
DNP 7700-DNP Project I	5	30	135	165
Semester VII Total	5	30	135	165
Semester VIII				
DNP 8440-Practicum in Health Care Administration	5	15	180	195
Semester VIII Total	5	15	180	195
Semester IX				
DNP 8500-DNP Project II	3	30	45	75
Semester IX Total	3	30	45	75
Program Total	39	330	765	1095

Successful Completion of the DNP Program Requirements

To earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, students must successfully complete a minimum of 39 credit hours as specified in this University Catalog. Students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (equivalent to a grade of “B”) and must earn a grade of B or better in all DNP courses. In addition, degree completion requires the following:

1. Successful completion of a DNP project
2. Successful implementation of a clinical practice change
3. Completion of a professional portfolio
4. Successful dissemination of DNP practicum findings through an oral presentation
5. Demonstration of leadership role—specific competencies as outlined by the American Organization for Nursing Leadership

Practicum Experiences

The DNP program requires completion of 765 approved practice hours prior to completion of the program. Upon acceptance to the program, a DNP Project team member mentor will be assigned to each student by the program director. Practice project hours are tracked through the myevaluation.com software.

Graduation Requirements

A Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree will be issued to each student who successfully completes the program requirements stated above and satisfies graduation requirements:

1. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
2. Is current with financial obligations to Miami Regional University
3. Has met with the Office of Career Services for assistance with job placement or provides documentation of employment
4. Has completed an exit interview with the Office of Financial Aid

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DNP Courses Description

DNP1010 Pre-Immersion Seminar

To support students' transition into doctoral-level study, enrollment in the DNP 1010 Pre Immersion Seminar is required. This course provides a realistic overview of the academic workload associated with doctoral education and introduces students to both synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. The seminar familiarizes students with doctoral to assist in the transition to doctoral level study, students are required to take the DNP 1010 Pre-Immersion Seminar course. This course provides students with a realistic overview of the amount of work required for doctoral study. The course familiarizes students with synchronous and asynchronous distance education, doctoral writing requirements, available resources, and the DNP team. During the seminars, students receive an orientation on the available information technologies, library services, and the DNP mentorship program. Upon completion of the course, students will demonstrate a clear understanding of program workload expectations, proficiency in navigating instructional technologies, and the ability to adapt effectively to the academic demands of a doctoral program in a nontraditional learning environment.

The course encompasses the following eight modules:

1. Academic strategies to succeed at the DNP level
2. Library and University support system
3. Literature review tutorial
4. Citation, incorporating essentials into assignments, and reflection tutorial
5. DNP timeline process
6. Using PICOT to select a practicum project topic
7. Mindfulness and wellness for students
8. Netiquette, mentorship, and establishing collaborative partnership strategies

DNP7001 Evolution of Nursing Theory & Evidence-Based in Practice

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course provides an overview of the conceptual foundations of nursing science and nursing practice. Knowledge from basic sciences and ethics, as well as the history of the global evolution of nursing practices, is examined. This course also builds on students' understanding of scholarly inquiry, explores the DNP journey, identifies a practice problem at the microsystem, mesosystem, and macrosystem levels of healthcare systems, assimilates the nursing ways of knowing, and analyzes the implementation of selected theoretical perspectives into evidence-based practice. In this course, the students will be working closely with the DNP Practicum Project Team members assigned to them.

DNP7200 Statistics for the Health and Biological Sciences

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course covers basic concepts in biostatistics. Various research methodologies and data collection procedures are analyzed. The meaning of specific biostatistical tests, how to detect

patterns in data, and how to judge the validity and reliability of the data are explored. Specific applications for the DNP are examined. In this course, students will be given the opportunity to tie their practice problem choice with an annotated bibliography and explore epidemiologic determinants.

DNP7500 Organizational and Management Theory

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course is designed to educate the DNP student about past and future directions and operations of Organizational and Management Theory. Students will receive an overview of Organizational and Management Theory and its value to the nursing and the healthcare industry. This course will allow students to build a system change project for quality improvement of patients' safety and explore advanced practice leadership strategies from an ethical point of view.

DNP7510 Leader Development

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course teaches students to effectively lead and influence people across organizations while engaging teams through shared responsibility and a common vision. Students will work on a leadership theory assignment to explore leadership theory for a possible DNP project change, practice disseminating findings at micro-, meso-, and macrosystem levels, and learn how to ensure a cohesive leadership approach to communication.

DNP7600 Population-based Health and Healthcare Disparities

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course is designed to assist students with identifying, analyzing, and evaluating the key public health issues confronting the provision of population-focused health care. This course will help the DNP students assess communities' health among all demographics including vulnerable populations and explore possible screening interventions & strategies to reduce health disparities.

DNP7700 Project I

5 Semester Credits, include 135 hours of indirect practice hours

This practicum course focuses on broad issues relevant to DNP-prepared nurses practicing across healthcare systems and advancing nursing practices. Students continue working on planning and implementing an EBP to address a nursing practice problem, using advanced nursing judgment in the practicum setting. During this course, the students will produce their practicum project proposal, which aligns with the IRB approval and lays the groundwork for a practicum project, including, but not limited to, a practice change initiative or a quality improvement project.

DNP7800 Healthcare Management, Economics, Financials, and Ethics

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course is an overview of healthcare management, financing, and advanced concepts of healthcare economics. It will also examine issues associated with healthcare management, economics, and ethics. Students will learn about project design, methods, budget, and how to build a SWOT analysis.

DNP8100 Structure and Process in Healthcare Organizations and Healthcare Policy

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course helps students identify the political, economic, legal, social and ethical forces which impact the health policy-making process at the organizational, local, state and national levels. It will allow students to conduct an organizational assessment interview to identify possible policy issues in preparation for their upcoming practicum. Leadership strategies for advancing healthcare policy in selected healthcare systems change will be explored. This course is designed to facilitate interprofessional collaboration and help students integrate the DNP indirect care role across diverse healthcare settings. Students will also conduct an organizational needs assessment, solidify their PICOT question, build a graded evidence table, and critique quantitative and qualitative research articles.

DNP8200 Professional Practice Developments Experience Practice Immersion

2 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This practicum course focuses on preparing evidence-based practice change using advanced nursing judgment in the practicum setting. Students identify a nursing practice problem and plan evidence-based practice change using advanced nursing judgment in the practicum setting. Students will seek approval from our third-party Institutional Review Board (IRB). The purpose of the application and approval is to ensure protection of human subjects and confidential health information prior to the implementation phase of the project.

DNP8300 Technology in Healthcare

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course gives an overview of the use of information systems/technology to support and improve patient care and healthcare systems and provide leadership within healthcare systems and academic settings.

DNP8440 Practicum in Healthcare Administration

5 Semester Credits, include 180 hours of indirect practice hours

This third practicum course focuses on the implementation of evidence-based practice change using advanced nursing judgement in the practicum setting. This course will provide rich and varied opportunities for practice experiences aimed at helping graduates achieve the essential and leadership competencies upon completion of the program. Experiences include in-depth work with experts from nursing as well as other disciplines and provide opportunities for meaningful student engagement within practice environments, and a successful implementation of the practicum selected project.

DNP8500 Practicum in Healthcare Administration

3 Semester Credits, include 45 hours of indirect practice hours

This course focuses on the dissemination of the project results. Students will present their project findings to a professional team and classmates and will obtain the final approval of their DNP practicum project proposal.