

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/doctor-of-nursing-practice-dnp/>

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program prepares post-master's nurses to promote, translate, and integrate evidence-based practice within health care settings. D.N.P. graduates engage in quality improvement, evidence-based practice, policy development and program evaluation. The D.N.P. program expands upon the knowledge base and skill set of the masters-prepared nurse and broadens this knowledge base to include informatics, policy analysis, health care organizational concepts, and expanded clinical expertise. The D.N.P. is a professional practice terminal degree that requires expanding practice experiences and clinical experiences in a variety of health care settings. An on-site experience is required while enrolled in the program. The D.N.P. program prepares the graduate to provide interprofessional leadership; innovation; coordination and evaluation of quality improvement and evidence-based practice; and advocacy for policy change.

DNP Students who are not Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) must complete NURS 6294 to fulfill the practicum gap hours needed to become a D.N.P.