Nursing DNP, Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Emphasis

Effective Fall 2021, this program will no longer accept applications.

The UMSL College of Nursing is committed to admitting a diverse group of students who will become nurse leaders responsive to the specific needs of the communities and populations we serve. We value diversity, intellectual discourse and rigor, caring, professionalism, mutual respect and support, innovation, collaboration, and transparency. Applicants will be selected using inclusive and balanced admission criteria that measure their potential in nursing practice, education, research, and scholarship. We measure our success by graduates who become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities and in the profession of nursing.

Applicants to the DNP program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, a personal statement, an essay, work/volunteer experiences, professional activities, leadership roles, honors, award recognitions, etc.

Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri–St. Louis cannot admit students from all states for online programs. Please see the Center for Teaching and Learning for additional information: http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/onlinelearning/state_authorization.html

Admission Criteria

BSN to DNP

The post-baccalaureate entry point is designed for registered nurses who have completed a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree and desire to obtain a doctoral degree in nursing practice. The student will develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become clinical scholars, clinical experts, and transformational leaders who will function at the highest level of nursing practice.

General Admission Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application
- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from a nationally accredited nursing program
- BSN 3.0 GPA (calculated on last 60 hours of BSN coursework)
- Current professional licensure
- Completion of an undergraduate general statistics course

Direct Admit BSN to DNP Option

Direct admission to the BSN to DNP program is selective and open to students who have earned a BSN from UMSL or completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.

Admission Criteria:

Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application

- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from UMSL **OR** completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer Program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program
- 3.75 GPA in last 60 hours of BSN coursework

Once admitted, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Spaces in the BSN to DNP program are limited and are first awarded to guaranteed applicants. Based on space availability, applications will be accepted until the class is full.

Degree Requirements

Core Content for BSN to DNP program

Completion of the BSN to DNP program has seven program emphasis areas: six Nurse Practitioner emphasis areas and a Leadership in Healthcare Systems emphasis area. All programs include coursework in Foundational Concepts, Clinical Expertise, and Integration of Practice.

Foundational Concepts

NURSE 6000	Writing Seminar	1
NURSE 6111	Healthcare Systems	3
NURSE 6130	Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSE 6410	DNP Systems Level Thinking	2
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health for Underserved Populations	3
NURSE 7210	Biostatistics and Epidemiology	4
NURSE 7215	Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP	3
NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
NURSE 7240	Health Informatics	3
NURSE 7260	Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy and Economics	3
Total Hours		**31**

Clinical Expertise

NURSE 6518	Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6520	Pharmacology For Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6524	Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice [1]	4
NURSE 6530	Introduction to Diagnostic Reasoning	3
Total Hours		**13**

Integration of Practice

NURSE 6955	Advanced Practice Nursing: Practicum II [2]	1
NURSE 7954	Advanced Practice Nursing: Practicum III [2]	1
NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2

NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
Total Hours		**14**

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Contains one credit hour clinical component. One clinical credit hour is equivalent to 75 practicum hours.

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All students must complete a minimum of 8 hours of residency. One credit hour is equivalent to 75 residency hours.

Prior to completion of the DNP program, students will complete a clinical scholarship project that satisfies the graduate school requirement.

Emphasis Area Requirements

For the Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems emphasis area, a student must complete the focus content and specialty courses listed below.

Foundational Concepts

NURSE 6111	Healthcare Systems	3
NURSE 6130	Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health for Underserved Populations	3
NURSE 7211	Biostatistics I	3
NURSE 7215	Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP	3
NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
NURSE 7230	Epidemiology	3
NURSE 7240	Health Informatics	3
NURSE 7260	Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy and Economics	3
Nursing Elective		3
Total Hours		**33**

Clinical Expertise

NURSE 6418	Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 6521	Healthcare Finance	3
NURSE 6527	Patient Safety, Performance Improvement, and Compliance	3
NURSE 6730	Nursing Administrative Leadership in Healthcare I	3
NURSE 6731	Nursing Administrative Leadership in Healthcare II	3
Total Hours		**15**

Integration of Practice

NURSE 6934	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency I [1]	2
NURSE 6935	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency II [1]	2
NURSE 7934	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency III [1]	2

NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2
NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
Total Hours		**14**

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All students must complete a minimum of 8 credit hours of residency.

Learning Outcomes

- Integrate informatics, research, and ethical/legal principles to provide excellence in advanced clinical nursing practice.
- Translate research to improve healthcare delivery and health outcomes.
- Generate strategies for multidisciplinary leadership through analysis of critical indicators and/or healthcare delivery systems to optimize patient care and safety.
- Demonstrate an understanding of strategies to influence health policy-making to improve health outcomes, shape healthcare delivery, and remove barriers to healthcare.
- Evaluate approaches to practice utilizing both nursing theories and other health system theories.