Seamless Progression from the MSN or PMC to the Doctor of Nursing Practice

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Why Earn a Doctorate?

► Nursing as a practice profession requires both practice experts and nurse scientists to expand scientific basis for patient care

► The changing demands of the nation’s complex healthcare environment requires the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure quality patient outcomes
The DNP

- Greater emphasis on practice
- Less emphasis on theory, meta-theory, research methodology and statistics
- Includes integrative practice experiences and an intense practice immersion experience
- Practice application-oriented DNP project
Benefits of the DNP

► Development of needed advanced competencies for increasingly complex practice, faculty and leadership roles

► Enhanced knowledge to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes

► Enhanced leadership skills to strengthen practice and health care delivery
MSN to DNP Seamless Transition

► Must enroll in the DNP program within 12 months of MSN graduation or PMC completion

► To be eligible for seamless transition an August 2021 graduate must apply and enroll in DNP program by August 2022
MSN to DNP Seamless Transition

► Only valid for the first year after MSN graduation
► VUSN graduates are encouraged to apply to the DNP program
  - However, the full DNP application will be required
Common Inquiries

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DNP AND THE PHD
SEAMLESS TRANSITION OR APPLY IN THE FUTURE
DUAL SPECIALTY ENROLLMENT
SPECIALTY APRN CERTIFICATION
EMPLOYMENT

500 PRACTICE HOURS
DNP Curriculum at VUSN

► 5-Semester Plan
► 6-Semester Plan

Four elective credits

Minimum 500 post-master’s practice hours integrated across the curriculum
  - Most completed in the DNP project course
Electives

- Education
- Leadership in Inter-professional Practice
- Cancer and Implications for Care
- LEAN Methodology
- Addressing Global Health Disparities: An Interdisciplinary Perspective
- Leadership in Inter-professional Practice
- LGBTI Health in Inter-professional Practice
- Genetics in Clinical Practice
- Independent Study
Specialty Focus Option

DNP Fellowship in Genetics
DNP Plus Post Master’s Certificate

► Nurses with an MSN who want to add another specialty
► Apply early for DNP +PMC due to limited number of PMC spaces available
► Program of study individualized
► 20-30 semester credit hours over 3 semesters added to the DNP curriculum
► Post-master’s courses can count as DNP elective credit hours
► Additional application requirements
  One letter of reference from person who holds doctoral degree
Cost

- Financial aid
- Scholarships
- Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment
  2 education electives required
DNP Intensives

- Three to four day intensive at the start of each semester

- **Anticipated Dates:**
  - Last week in August 2021
  - Mid-January 2022
  - Mid-May 2022
Enrollment Options

► August 2021
► August 2022
  - Gap Year: apply for the 2022 cohort after September 15, 2021
  - Apply for a PMC by October 1, 2021
As a returning user, create a NEW application to “nursing practice”

https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/
Area of Study: Choose “Nursing”
Program: Choose “Nursing Practice”

Program to which you are applying

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*If the term you want to apply to is not available, then that term is not an option or the application deadline for the program has passed. Please contact the program/department for questions.
Indicate You are a Current VUSN Student

Are you currently a VUSN student or have you completed your MSN degree or postmaster's certificate at Vanderbilt within the last 12 months?
Yes ▼

What certification will you be obtaining?
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner ▼

Do you also wish to seek a Post-Master's Certificate?
No ▼

Entry Credential

Indicate the highest nursing credential you will have when you enter VUSN:
Nationally certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, registered nurse anesthetist or nurse practitioner ▼

Track of Interest
Advanced clinical practice ▼
Update your Information in Slate

► Academic history to include attendance at VU
► Use personal email
  - VU email address will expire after graduation
► RN licensure
  - Add certification if taking a gap year
► Indicate 5 semesters or 6 semesters
  - Both are considered full-time for financial aid
Application in Slate

▶ If applying only for DNP, Do NOT need:
  - Application fee
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Experiences
  - Resume/CV
  - Statement of purpose
Request a Free Transcript from YES

https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/transcripts/

Request for the transcript to be sent to: cdm@vanderbilt.edu
Quick Review of Steps to Apply

► Open the application for fall 2021 at https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/
► Select "nursing practice" as your program and degree of “DNP.” The application will be prepopulated with your prior information.
► Update your demographic, licensure, and academic history to include your attendance at VUSN.
► Request an official VU transcript through the transcript portal in YES. Have it sent to cdm@vanderbilt.edu. Do not provide any other transcripts.
► Answer "yes" to “Are you a current VUSN student or have you completed your MSN degree or post-master’s certificate within the last 12 months?” The correct application will then appear.
► Do not include references or pay the application fee.
► Submit the fall 2021 DNP application.
Admission Email

- Sent by mid-February and will continue on a rolling basis
- Must accept or refuse the admission offer
  - $500 deposit waived
- If offer accepted, but plans change, notify Admissions Office
Application for the DNP Plus Post Master’s Certificate

► Apply to “nursing practice (DNP)” program

► On the DNP application you will indicate that you want to complete PMC as part of your DNP program of studies

► DNP+PMC application deadline for priority review for admission to the specialty is October 1, 2021
Application for the DNP Plus Post Master’s Certificate

► Requires
  - 3 Essay questions
    - Statement of professional goals
    - Why you want a post-master’s certificate
    - Understanding of the advanced practice role in your post-master’s certificate specialty
  - 1 Reference letter

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The DNP Essentials

► The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Current Issues and Clarifying Recommendations, August 2015

www.aacn.nche.edu
Questions

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