Accreditation and Membership

Salve Regina’s baccalaureate nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). CCNE is the accrediting body of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and represents the highest level of nursing accreditation possible for baccalaureate nursing programs. As required by CCNE, accreditation will be sought for the BSN-DNP program after the first completed academic year.

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Salve Regina University is made possible through the generosity of the Rodgers Family Foundation.

Doctor of Nursing Practice
BSN – DNP
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Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

The practice doctorate is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing. The BSN-DNP curriculum builds on the baccalaureate program by providing clinical preparation for becoming an advanced practice nurse, education in evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems thinking among other key areas. BSN-DNP graduates will likely seek leadership roles such as advanced practice nurses, managers of quality initiatives, executives in health care organizations, directors of clinical programs, and faculty responsible for clinical program delivery and clinical teaching.

Students complete 48 credits in a Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program. After completion of the M.S. Nursing, students are prepared to sit for the FNP exam. Students then continue on for the DNP and complete an additional 30 credits, including 15 credits of the DNP Research Project.

The BSN-DNP Program is offered in the evenings at Salve Regina’s Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I. Classes are taught in a hybrid/blended format with a combination of online and in-class meetings. Financial Aid is available.

At the completion of the 78 credit program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Assume the role of the advanced practice nurse to provide independent and collaborative health care based on evidence, scientific knowledge, and science-based theory.
2. Demonstrate organizational and system leadership to improve the quality of health care for persons.
3. Design, implement, and evaluate strategies to address the environmental influences of culture, economics, ethics, law, policy, politics, society, and technology on health outcomes.
4. Engage in the processes of critical thinking, communication, change, and lifelong learning as an advanced practice nurse.

Admission
Application deadline for fall admission is June 1. Limited enrollment.
Students applying to the DNP program must submit the following materials:

1. A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited university with a grade point average of at least 3.0.
2. Unencumbered license or eligibility for RN licensure in the State of Rhode Island (license will need to be obtained prior to any clinical experiences).
3. Clear criminal background check and negative drug screen.
4. Completion of graduate application.
5. An essay relating doctoral study to professional goals.
6. Resume.
7. Official transcripts.
8. Copy of all registered nurse licenses.
9. Letters of recommendation from three clinical peers/supervisors who attest to communication and clinical competence (SRU alumni are required to submit two letters of recommendation).
10. Interview with the Chair of the Department of Nursing and faculty.
11. Evidence of completion of 3 credits in Statistics.

Curriculum
Prerequisite: 3 credits in Statistics

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) 48 credits
Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology (3 cr.)
Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse (3 cr.)
Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 Cr.)
Advanced Health Assessment (3 Cr.)
Advanced Health Care Informatics (3 Cr.)
Research for Evidenced Based Practice (3 Cr.)
Family Theories (3 Cr.)
Pharmacologic Principles for Advanced Practice Nursing (3 Cr.)
Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (3 Cr.)
Application of the APN Role I (3 Cr.)
Managing Common Health Conditions (3 Cr.)
Managing Complex Health Conditions (3 Cr.)
Application of the APN Role II (6 Cr.)
Application of the APN Role III (6 Cr.)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) 30 credits
Ethical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing (3 Cr.)
Organizational and Systems Leadership in Health Care (3 Cr.)
Epidemiology (3 Cr.)
Business and Legal Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing (3 Cr.)
Research Methods (3 Cr.)
DNP Project Lab A: Development (3 Cr.)
DNP Project Lab B: Implementation (6 Cr.)
DNP Project Lab C: Evaluation (6 Cr.)