



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)



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Average Time to Completion:
21 months; part-time

Class Format:
Combination in-person/online

Application Deadline(s):
Rolling



About the Program

The practice doctorate is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) curriculum builds on the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program by providing education in evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems thinking, among other key areas. Post-master's DNP graduates will likely seek leadership roles such as advanced practice nurses, managers of quality initiatives, executives in healthcare organizations, directors of clinical programs, and faculty responsible for clinical program delivery and clinical teaching.

To fulfill the requirements of the post-master's DNP, students complete 30 credits, including 15 credits of the DNP Scholarly Project. Using a synthesis of theoretical and empirical evidence, including health outcomes data, doctoral candidates identify and plan a Scholarly Project that addresses a need identified in a clinical setting. Based on an understanding of environmental influences, these culminating projects aim to benefit groups, populations or communities and often include changes in policies, procedures or programs.

The post-master's DNP program is offered in the evenings at our Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I. Classes are taught in a hybrid/blended format with a combination of online and in-person classes. Financial aid is available.

At the completion of the 30 credits for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate organizational and system leadership to improve the quality of health care for patients.
2. Design, implement, and evaluate strategies to address the environmental influences of culture, economics, ethics, law, policy, politics, society, and technology on health outcomes.
3. Engage in the processes of critical thinking, communication, change, and lifelong learning as an advanced practice nurse.

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Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the U.S.) with a grade point average of at least 3.0 are invited to apply.

The following materials must be submitted:

- Completed online application.
- Transcripts for bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Copy of active, unencumbered RN license issued in the U.S.
- Copy of unencumbered APRN license and certification (if applicable).
- Personal statement.
- Completion of a timed writing assignment.
- Portfolio (include curriculum vitae/resume) that includes a description of current and past clinical practice as well as any presentations and/or publications.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Interview with the graduate nursing admissions committee.
- Evidence of completion of three credits in statistics.
- Evidence of completion of three credits in master's-level advanced research course.
- Online writing sample.

Admitted students to, or recent graduates of, Salve Regina University's MSN program may submit a streamlined internal application for the post-master's DNP.

About Salve Regina University

Salve is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate programs are tailored to the unique needs of adult students, combining the integration of knowledge and personal values with the development of greater competency in both theory and practice. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Courses

- NUR620: Epidemiology (3 credits)
- NUR625: Organizational and Systems Leadership in Healthcare (3 credits)
- NUR645: Research Methods (3 credits)
- NUR615: Ethical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR633: Business and Legal Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR650: DNP Scholarly Project: Development (3 credits)
- NUR655: DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation (6 credits)
- NUR660: DNP Scholarly Project: Evaluation (6 credits)

Accreditation



Salve Regina University's bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036, 202-887-6791.

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