

Doctor of Nursing Practice

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR
NURSING CAREER





Pave your way to autonomy and independence

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at A.T. Still University (ATSU) empowers nurses to take ownership of their career trajectory and contribute significantly to healthcare delivery, with an emphasis on serving underserved populations.



A core curriculum tailored for your success

The DNP program includes coursework built for taking on leadership roles. Core curriculum includes:

- Organizational Leadership
- Nursing Inquiry, Evidence-Based Practice, and Change
- Clinical Applications
- DNP Project Conceptualization
- DNP Project Design
- DNP Project Implementation
- DNP Project Evaluation
- Plus 4 concentration courses

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

- 7 core courses
- 4 concentration courses

CONCENTRATIONS*

- Organizational Leadership
- Nurse Educator
- Population Health

CERTIFICATE*

- Nurse Educator

**The DNP concentrations and Nurse Educator Certificate each consist of 12 credits/4 courses.*

Step into leadership

ATSU-CGHS' Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program expands students' personal and professional horizons in advanced practice nursing. Graduates will gain knowledge and skills in healthcare leadership and management that will refine and deepen evidence-based practice in nursing. The DNP requires successful completion of seven online courses and a clinical experience resulting in a scholarly final project.

As compared to the research-oriented PhD, the goal of the Doctor of Nursing Practice is to develop a specialty practice that influences healthcare outcomes for a variety of clients, ranging from individuals to a population.

The benefits of earning the DNP include acquiring advanced competencies in leadership, quality improvement, collaborative practice, health policy, information systems, and population health within an ethical framework. The DNP integrates web-based instruction, directed readings, discussion boards, and a variety of assignments with collaboration between students, faculty, and healthcare leaders. Students have the opportunity to focus on one of three concentration areas, which include organizational leadership, nurse educator, and population health.

PROGRAM ATTRIBUTES

- 100% online flexibility
- No residential requirement—continue working while you study
- 33 credit hours
- AACN-recognized program
- Complete the program in 2 years or less
- 4 start dates per year
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*
- Apply your learning with a clinical practicum component

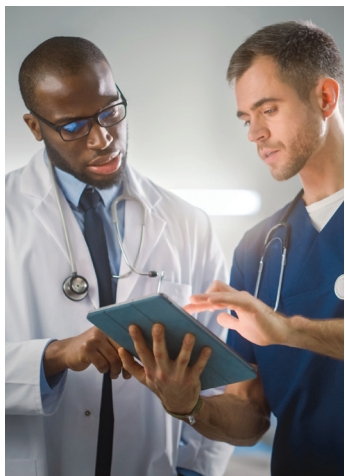
**The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at A.T. Still University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).*



DEDICATED
FACULTY TO
SUPPORT
YOUR
PROGRESS

“Our DNP program combines personalized faculty mentorship, small class sizes, and flexible practicum opportunities to support each student’s professional goals. Students benefit from one-on-one guidance while completing meaningful practice experiences—often within their own workplace—allowing them to immediately apply evidence-based leadership and quality improvement skills in real-world settings.”

— **Lisa St. Pierre, DNP-Ed, MSN-Ed, APRN, CNE**
Program Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice

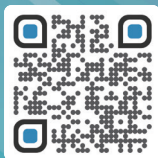




A doctorate built for working professionals

“My advice to students would be just keep going one class at a time and one assignment at a time, because it’s flexible and you can work on your own time, at your own pace. You have time to work a full-time job, have a family, still have social engagements, and you can work on the degree as well.”

— Michelle Hanson, DNP, RD, MSN
ATSU alumna '23



Shape healthcare through an evidence-based contribution

Completion of the program includes coursework and faculty guidance to support the production of an evidence-based DNP Project. Contribute to moving healthcare and the nursing profession forward with an applied project such as a quality improvement concept, a practice innovation, or a policy change.