



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The demands of the rapidly changing and complex health care environment require the highest levels of scientific knowledge and practice expertise. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree prepares graduates to design and lead system-level improvements to achieve excellent patient care and practice outcomes.

Florida Southern College is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious U.S. News and World Report and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the Princeton Review. Situated in the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, students enjoy our location with its ease of access to surrounding areas.

Program Overview

The DNP program at FSC is a leadership focused post-master's program of study designed to prepare graduates in health care policy and advocacy, finance, information systems, project management and organizational leadership. Emphasis is on the application of evidence for the improvement and enhancement of patient care and health care delivery systems.

- Minimum of 38 credits required for graduation*

*All applicants will be required to provide evidence of practice hours completed at the Master's level. An individualized plan of study will be developed, if indicated, to ensure fulfillment of the 1,000 hour post-baccalaureate practice requirement for the DNP degree.

Program Length

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is offered in a format that will allow you students to complete the program in as few as six semesters or two years.

Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your priorities.

Program Strengths

- The convenient hybrid format doctoral program is designed specifically for working health care professionals.
- On-campus Executive Sessions once a semester, scheduled on weekends (Friday/Saturday) provide a valuable opportunity to engage and interact with both faculty and fellow students.
- Faculty include advanced practice leaders and experts with a wide range of clinical, policy, administrative, and academic expertise.
- FSC has established excellent partnerships with local health care and community-based organizations to support practice-immersion and experiential learning.
- Small class sizes allow for the development of personal relationships with faculty and dynamic, personalized instruction.

Accreditation

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).

Contact Information

Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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– Linda S. Comer, PhD, RN, CNE, Dean and Professor, School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Program Requirements

- DNP 7100** Philosophical, Theoretical, Professional, and Conceptual Foundations
- DNP 7110** Leadership & Interprofessional Practice
- DNP 7120** Introduction to DNP Project
- DNP 7200** Professional, Business, and Scholarly Writing
- DNP 7210** Health Care Business and Financial Management
- DNP 7300** Practice Scholarship: Evidence-based Practice and Quality Improvement
- DNP 7310** Data Management and Analytics for Evidence-based Practice
- DNP 7400** Clinical Prevention and Population Health
- DNP 7410** Health Policy and Advocacy in Health Care
- DNP 7420** Information Management and Technology
- DNP 7500** DNP Project and Practicum I
- DNP 7510** DNP Project and Practicum II
- DNP 7520** DNP Project and Practicum III
- DNP 7530** DNP Project and Practicum IV

Total Required Courses

38 hours

Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. Pending SACSCOC approval, students in the DNP program may be eligible for state or federal financial aid. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding.

Next Steps

- Talk to your Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you.
- Attend an information session.
- Complete the application online at **www.flsouthern.edu/apply**.
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205.
- Connect with us on Facebook at @FSCNursingandHealthSciences.

Admission Criteria and Requirements

- Completed online application
 - Official transcripts of all academic work
 - BSN and Master's degree (MS or MSN) in nursing from an accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program with certification as a Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Practitioner at a regionally accredited college or university
- OR**
- BSN and Master's degree in nursing (MS or MSN) in nursing leadership, health policy, or informatics from a nationally accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program at a regionally accredited college or university
 - Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in graduate level course work
 - Résumé or CV of educational and work experience
 - Professional statement describing rationale for pursuing the DNP degree, professional goals, and how completion of the DNP degree will support attainment of professional goals
 - Minimum of three letters of recommendation including one from a current or recent supervisor, one from a former faculty member, and one from a doctoral prepared health professional
 - Proof of current active licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida
 - Completion of a criminal background check, proof of immunization, and a ten-panel drug screen prior to beginning the program (if admitted)
- * Live or virtual interview (by invitation only)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to **evening@flsouthern.edu** or mailed directly to:

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The mission of the Florida Southern College School of Nursing and Health Sciences is to prepare health professionals to provide quality care for diverse populations.

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