

Doctoral

# Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice

## Degrees Available at SIUE

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The SIUE School of Nursing's post-master's doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program is designed for nurses holding a master's degree as an advanced practice nurse, or holding a bachelor's of science in nursing and a master's degree appropriate to their advanced nursing practice role.

Guided by faculty mentors, DNP candidates enrich and deepen their specialty practice by engaging in transformative educational activities. Through experiential learning, self-assessment and reflection, community engagement, interprofessional relationships, and scientific inquiry, nurses emerge as leaders, transforming their practice and health care in self-identified areas of concern and influence. The program culminates in a doctoral project that reflects a synthesis of the knowledge and skills gained throughout the candidate's educational experience.

To facilitate access to DNP education, the program is offered primarily online, but includes two immersion experiences scheduled for three days in August of each year. All educational strategies focus on the development of meaningful relationships and scholarship competencies needed at the highest level of nursing practice.

Building on their specialty practice, DNP graduates design new models of care; use evidence to improve practice; evaluate outcomes; identify and manage the health care needs of individuals, communities, and populations; and use technology and information systems to improve health outcomes.

## Career Opportunities

The need for innovative strategies to improve the nation's health has created a high demand for doctorally prepared nurses who possess the sophisticated blend of interpersonal, practice, organizational, business and leadership skills as offered in the SIUE DNP program.

## Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- The applicant must hold a master of science in nursing as an advanced practice nurse or have a Bachelor's of Science in nursing and hold a master's degree appropriate to their advanced nursing practice role such as MPH, MHA, MPA, MS, etc. Nurses with degrees from nurse educator programs will not be considered for admission.
- Minimum cumulative master's GPA of 3.0/4.0.
- Completion of a graduate-level statistics course with a grade of B or better within six (6) years.
- Current unencumbered RN licensure.
- Resumé or curriculum vitae.
- Narrative statement of applicant's goals for the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program and project.
- Three (3) reference forms (one of which should be from your current manager and two others preferably from nurses holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field).
- Personal interview
- Statement about a potential DNP project idea

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent electronically to [etranscripts@siue.edu](mailto:etranscripts@siue.edu) directly from the institution or mailed to:

SIUE Graduate and International Admissions  
Campus Box 1047  
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047

# SIUE

School of Nursing



## School Administrators and Faculty Doctor of Nursing Practice

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1995, Saint Louis University

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## Sample Curriculum (subject to change)

	Year 1	Year 2
Fall	N600 Theory Guided Practice	3
	N604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice/Health Care Outcomes	3
	N695a Introduction to DNP Projects	1
	Total Credits	7
Spring	N605 Health Policy and Finance for Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
	N691 Organizational and Systems Leadership in Health Care	3
	N695p DNP Project (completion of Phase A and B)	2
	Total Credits	8
Summer	N617 Advanced Applications of Epidemiology in Practice	3
	N695p DNP Project (completion of Phase C)	2
	Total Credits	5

**Immersion Experiences** Students who are admitted to the program attend a three-day immersion in the first year, and a two-day immersion the second year. Attendance on campus is mandatory for these two immersions. Additionally, students may come to campus for the oral presentation of their final DNP Practice Project.

### Admission Requirements, Cont.

Test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at [graduateadmissions@siue.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@siue.edu).

Applicants may follow-up with the graduate nursing advisor to check the status of their application.

### Application Deadline

Priority deadline is March 1 for the class entering in the fall.

### Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete all coursework and a final doctoral project. Because the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has mandated that DNP graduates complete at least 1,000 hours of practice post-baccalaureate as part of a supervised academic program, master's degree transcripts will be evaluated individually, with a maximum of 500 clinical hours from advanced practice specialization programs counting toward the total 1,000 required hours. Deficit practice hours will be completed in the program.

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