

DOCTORAL

DNP / MBA

School of Nursing  
School of Business

SIUE

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## DNP/MBA at SIUE

This collaborative program offers post-master's, advanced practice nurses the option of obtaining both an MBA and DNP simultaneously.

The MBA is designed to develop the professional capabilities of managers working in business, focusing on topics such as:

- Quantitative analysis
- Decision-making
- Negotiation
- Enhancing quality and innovation
- Program management
- Ethical management of resources in a global environment

Guided by faculty mentors in the DNP program, nurses emerge as leaders, transforming their practice and healthcare 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. All educational strategies focus on the development of meaningful relationships and scholarship competencies needed at the highest level of nursing practice.

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## Course Format

### DNP

- Online
- On-campus immersion experiences

### MBA

- Online
- Accelerated eight-week sessions

Out-of-state students applying for this program are strongly encouraged to discuss clinical requirements with the assistant dean of graduate programs. Clinical arrangements are not able to be made in all states.

Please note that international students are ineligible to receive a student visa for this program.

## What can I do with a DNP/MBA?

The interprofessional DNP/MBA concurrent degree program provides master's-prepared nurses with the scholarly knowledge, political awareness, and financial skills to become entrepreneurs, chief nursing officers (CNOs), or chief executive officers (CEOs) of major healthcare institutions, collaborating with other professionals to design cost-effective models of accountable healthcare.

This concurrent degree will be essential for helping potential nursing executives promote innovative change in a variety of environments. The program benefits students with master's preparation as indirect care providers (administrators) or direct care providers (NPs, CRNAs, midwives, or CNSs).

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## Standard Program of Study

The post-master's DNP is 30 credits, with eight of those credits focused on the final project. The MBA is 36 credits, and four of the nursing DNP courses are considered electives within the MBA program, for a combined total of 54 credits for the concurrent DNP/MBA. While the School of Business courses are offered in online, seven-week sessions, the School of Nursing courses are offered online over the whole semester. This allows students who are full time to primarily only have two courses progressing simultaneously within a semester.

### Year 1

### Year 2

Summer	ACCT 524 Accounting for MBA's	3	CMIS 526 Information Systems & Technology	3
	NURS 617 Applications of Epidemiology	3	NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice	3
	Total Credits	6	Total Credits	6
Fall	MBA 521 Quantitative Analysis (first half of semester)	3	MKTG 525 Marketing Analysis & Applications (second half of semester)	3
	MBA 522 Decision Making in Organizations (second half of semester)	3	NURS 620 Healthcare Informatics	3
	NURS 600 Theory Guided Practice	3	NURS 695a Introduction to DNP Project	1
	Total Credits	9	Total Credits	7
Spring	ECON 528 (second half of semester)	3	FIN 527 Corporate Finance (first half of semester)	3
	Elective	3	NURS 606 Leadership and Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Credits	6	NURS 695p DNP Project (completion of Phase A and B)	2
			Total Credits	8

### Year 3

Summer	NURS 695p DNP Project (completion of Phase C)	2
	Total Credits	2
Fall	MBA 534 Strategic Management (first half of semester)	3
	NURS 601 Ethics Studies for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Credits	6
Spring	NURS 695p DNP Project (completion of Phase D and E)	4
	Total Credits	4
Total Hours 54		

- Two preferably from nurses holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to completing the course work, students must also satisfy a comprehensive examination requirement by earning a grade of B or above in MBA 534. Students who earn a grade below B will be given a second opportunity to complete the course in a satisfactory manner. Performance of individuals who fail to earn a B or above in the second attempt will be reviewed by two additional members of the School of Business Curriculum Committee who may recommend that the student be dropped from the program or, in rare instances, be permitted a third attempt to earn a grade of B or above under another instructor.

Students must successfully complete all course work and practicum hours; develop an electronic portfolio; develop, implement, evaluate, and prepare a written doctoral practice project; and complete an oral presentation of the 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.

## Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees

- 54
- Visit [siue.edu/graduate-tuition](http://siue.edu/graduate-tuition) for detailed tuition information

## Immersion Experiences

Students who are admitted to the program attend an immersion experience the first year and an immersion experience 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.

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### Contact Information

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## Application Deadline

The priority application deadline is February 1 for summer applicants, June 1 for fall applicants and November 1 for spring applicants. Applications may still be accepted after these deadlines if space allows.

## Admission Requirements

- Graduate School applications and \$40 fee (A separate application must be submitted for both the DNP and MBA program, indicating on the second application that the desire is to "add a program." If applications for both programs are submitted for the same term, only one \$40 application fee is required.)
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- A master's degree in nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree appropriate to their advance nursing practice role
- Minimum cumulative master's GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Submission of a resume or curriculum vitae
- Submission of personal statement about a potential DNP project idea that is patient or practice focused and their goals for the DNP program
- Submission of personal history information for MBA application
- Submission of GRE/GMAT waiver to the MBA program director at [testwaiverrequest@siue.edu](mailto:testwaiverrequest@siue.edu)
- Submission of three (3) reference forms
- One must be from your current manager

This information is concurrent with the 2022-2023 academic catalog. Courses are subject to change at any time.