Doctoral

DNP/MBA

Degrees Available at SIUE
• Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Post-Master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Course Format
• Online with two on-campus immersion experiences

DNP/MBA at SIUE
The concurrent Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Nursing Practice program combines courses and expertise from the School of Business and School of Nursing.

This collaborative program offers post-master’s, advanced practice nurses the option of obtaining both a Master of Business Administration and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

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, and program management. The ethical management of resources in a global environment is emphasized through the curriculum. MBA courses are offered online in accelerated eight-week sessions.

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. To facilitate learners’ access to DNP education, the program is offered primarily online with two immersion experiences lasting two to three days.

Career Opportunities
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. These concurrent degrees 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).

Admission Requirements
• Graduate School application and $40 fee
• Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
• Submit a CV, three references, and a potential project form in the application
• The applicant must hold a Master of Science in nursing as an advanced practice nurse or have a master’s degree in an advanced nursing practice role with completed practicum hours. Nurses with degrees from nurse educator programs may be considered for admission if their current primary nursing role is healthcare system based (i.e., patient educator for specialty units, clinical educator for hospital, administrator of healthcare systems based education, etc.).
• A cumulative master’s GPA of 3.0 (A=4.0) or higher.
• Current unencumbered RN licensure and in good standing.
• Successful completion of an application interview.
• Successful completion of a drug screen and criminal background check, to be performed after initial acceptance to the program.

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and 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

Application Deadline
The priority application deadline is March 1 for summer and fall applicants. Additionally, students may apply for dual degrees, both an MBA and a DNP, with an additional application submitted to the School of Business and a request to waive the GMAT/GRE exam. Students who are accepted into the School of Business MBA program concurrently may have the graduate statistics course waived for the School of Nursing.
Curriculum

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, eight-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.

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.

Immersion Experiences

Students who are admitted to the program attend a three-day immersion 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.

School of Nursing Retention Policy

Scholarship appropriate for students in a School of Nursing graduate program is demonstrated through satisfactory completion of course work, defined as obtaining a course grade of A or B. Students who obtain a course grade of D or F in a graduate nursing specialization are withdrawn from the graduate program without the option of repeating the course. Students may only earn one course grade of C and stay enrolled in graduate nursing programs. If a second course grade of C is earned, students are automatically removed from the graduate nursing program, regardless of the cumulative GPA. Repeating a course in which there is originally a course grade of C does not eliminate the original course grade of C from being applied toward this exclusion policy.