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Graduate and Professional & Online Studies

## Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice. The DNP offers the professional nurse an alternative to a research-focused doctoral program. The DNP is a practice-focused degree to prepare graduates to function at the highest level in specialty practice or to assume leadership positions in health care organizations. The DNP is a blended program with residential colloquia held at the Hardin Valley campus in Knoxville.

### accredited & achievable

- The program is 24 months (6 semesters) in duration\*
- The program will provide transcribed hours required to meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the national nursing informatics certification exam
- Hybrid online with face-to-face opportunities for networking, knowledge and research sharing
- Three (3) face-to-face colloquia. Two days at the beginning of year 1; two days at the beginning of year 2; and three days at the end of year 2 (at program completion)
- 36 semester hour program
- Cohort-based learning model
- The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at King University is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).
- Operates on an approval status with the **Tennessee Board of Nursing**
- Member of the **American Association of the Colleges of Nursing**
- 1,000 post-baccalaureate clinical hours required and culminates in a translational research project
- Specific plans of study available upon request.
- King University is accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**.

### requirements

- Completion of a Master of Science in Nursing degree with specific course work in nursing theory, nursing research, healthcare informatics, and social, cultural and political perspectives on healthcare and delivery systems. (A graduate level statistics course completed within the last five years prior to program matriculation is highly encouraged, but is not an admission requirement).
- \$125 non-refundable application fee
- Complete application online at [apply.king.edu](http://apply.king.edu)
- 3 recommendations – at least one from a current or former supervisor and at least one from a former dean or academic faculty nursing instructor
- 2-3 page proposal identifying an evidence-based practice project. This may be a practice improvement issue, a clinical management problem, or an area of clinical research that the applicant will address while in the program
- 300 word essay describing the reason for seeking a DNP completed in current APA format

- A narrative description of past and current clinical practice
- Official transcripts of all academic work demonstrating a Baccalaureate and Master degree with a minimum GPA of 3.25 from a master degree program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Copy of current curriculum vitae or resume which includes the following professional and scholarly accomplishments:
  - Professional podium or poster presentations, publications, or secured grants, etc
  - Professional organization participation (membership or offices held)
  - Volunteer work and community services
  - Professional awards and honors
- Copy of current license (RN and APN, if applicable)
- Copy of certification in advanced practice specialty, if applicable
- Verification of Post-Baccalaureate Clinical and Practice Hours Document completed by the candidate's graduate nurse program (Available in the DNP Handbook)
- An in-person or electronic interview with nursing faculty
- An academic writing sample upon completion of the interview with the DNP Admissions Committee
- Admission exam is not required, however, GRE scores may be submitted
- For program, Laptop computer, with Microsoft Office 2010 preferred and wireless and webcam capability required
- **Application packets will be accepted January 1 to June 1 for the fall program start.**

*\*Students unable to complete the program in two years or 6 semesters may elect to progress at a slower progression depending on the length of their translational research project. All degree requirements must be completed within 6 years of the first enrollment semester as a degree seeking student.*

### affordable

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Affordable Payment Plan – *Semester costs may be divided into monthly payments without interest charges.*
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement (if applicable)— *No up-front payments required for amount reimbursed by employer.*
- Free nationwide scholarship search engine [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**DNP major courses**

<b>Semester 1</b>		
NURS 7000	Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3 s.h.
NURS 7001	Nursing Informatics	3 s.h.
<b>Semester 2</b>		
NURS 7005	Applied Statistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3 s.h.
NURS 7006	Evidence-Based Practice / Translational Research	3 s.h.
<b>Semester 3</b>		
NURS 7017	Health Care Policy & Advocacy in Healthcare	3 s.h.
NURS 7012	Translational Research Project Development	3 s.h.
<b>Semester 4</b>		
NURS 7016	Leadership of Complex Systems & Organizations	3 s.h.
NURS 7011	Population Health Epidemiology & Data Analysis	3 s.h.
<b>Semester 5</b>		
NURS 7022	Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3 s.h.
NURS 7023	Translational Research Project Implementation	3 s.h.
<b>Semester 6</b>		
NURS 7032	Translational Research Project Evaluation	3 s.h.
KING 7990	Comprehensive Assessment	0 s.h.
<b>Please select one from the list below</b>		
NURS 7027	Theoretical Foundations of Knowledge Development	3 s.h.
NURS 7028	Transforming Healthcare Performance Through Information Technology	3 s.h.
<b>Total</b>		<b>36 s.h</b>

<b>Residency courses (may be taken to complete additional practicum hours; must be approved by faculty advisor prior to enrollment)</b>		
NURS 7007	Clinical Experiential Learning Hours	1-3 s.h.
NURS 7018	Clinical Experiential Learning Hours	1-3 s.h.

<b>DNP PROGRAM TUITION &amp; FEES</b>	
Estimated Tuition and other related fees for the program are broken down as follows:	
<b>TUITION PER CREDIT HOUR</b>	\$ 755
<b>ONLINE TECHNOLOGY FEE FOR ALL ONLINE COURSES</b>	\$ 100
<b>TUITION PER SEMESTER</b>	\$ 4,730
<b>TOTAL TUITION (36 S.H.) AND TECHNOLOGY FEES</b>	\$ 28,400
<b>TRAVEL COSTS FOR COLLOQUIA</b>	<i>varies by person</i>
<b>CLINICAL INSURANCE COST</b>	\$ 65
<b>CASTLEBRANCH DOCUMENT COLLECTION</b>	\$ 35
<b>BACKGROUND CHECK PER AGENCY REQUIREMENT</b>	<i>As applicable**</i>
<b>GRADUATION FEE</b>	\$ 250
<b>BOOK ESTIMATE (per course)</b>	\$ 300

\*\* All nursing students must clear a criminal background check before admission to the clinical settings utilized by King University. Nursing students should be aware that clinical facilities have the right or responsibility to preclude students with certain criminal histories from any facility. Additionally, any state board of nursing may deny licensure based on a student's criminal history.

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