



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

BE A LEADER IN HEALTH CARE

Elmhurst's online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares you to manage complexity, lead change and improve population health at a systems level.

28
months to
degree completion

36
semester hours

12
courses

45%
overall employment
growth from
2022-2032

*(Bureau of Labor
Statistics, bls.gov)*



School of
Graduate Studies

TAKE YOUR NURSING PRACTICE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Elmhurst's DNP program utilizes hands-on training and a focus on systems leadership to teach you the broad-based skills and perspective you need to make a difference across complex structures. You'll be equipped to help make system-level changes that have a direct impact on patients and communities. This program will develop your leadership skills and increase your ability to create and sustain positive outcomes so that you will be an influential leader in the health care industry.

EARN YOUR DNP ONLINE

Our flexible DNP is specifically designed to accommodate the schedules of working nurses. The program is online, with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous classes. But online learning doesn't mean distance learning—you and your classmates will go through the program as a cohort, giving you a supportive community of study partners and colleagues.

**Clinical hours are integrated throughout the curriculum,
making it easier to complete your doctoral degree.**

THE RIGHT PEOPLE ON YOUR SIDE

Our nursing faculty are scholars who have earned the highest possible degrees in their fields. Each student will have a faculty mentor assigned to be a guide throughout the duration of the program. Our faculty have expertise in diverse areas of nursing practice:

- Administration
- Community Health
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Pediatrics
- Public Health
- Research

Our faculty take pride in creating genuine connections with students and giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve.

LEVERAGE A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Elmhurst has been leading the way in nursing education for over 50 years. Today, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks our undergraduate and graduate nursing programs among the best in the nation.



Centered on students, Elmhurst University's DNP program prepares nurse leaders to navigate and transform the evolving health care landscape.

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PROGRAM FORMAT

100% Online

Fall start only

28 months to degree completion



PREFERRED APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 30

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Course Sequence

The DNP Program consists of 7 core courses and 2 project courses. The first 7 courses are delivered in focused 8-week modules, meeting one evening per week, allowing you to concentrate on one course at a time. The final courses focus on your scholarly project, which is completed over the final 3 terms of the program.

YEAR ONE

Fall Term

NRS 701	Introduction to the DNP Role
NRS 704	Healthcare Information Systems

Spring Term

NRS 711	Epidemiology
NRS 710	Translating Evidence into Nursing Practice

Summer Term

NRS 703	Leadership in Organizations and Systems
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YEAR TWO

Fall Term

NRS 709	Advanced Health Promotion Across Diverse Cultures
NRS 708	Health Policy Development and Implementation

Spring/Summer/Fall Term

NRS 713	DNP Project
NRS 714	DNP Scholarly Product

Admission Requirements

- Master's degree in nursing from an accredited institution OR a bachelor's degree in nursing AND a master's degree in another subject area (i.e. - MBA, MHA, etc). Prospective students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.
- Active license and employment as a registered nurse.
- Recommendations from three people who can attest to the applicant's professional nursing performance in both formal and informal leadership.
- Current resume documenting work history including levels of responsibility, areas of professional growth and prior professional educational experiences.
- Interview with graduate program director or designee.
- Official documentation of practice hours completed in MSN/M.S. courses.
- Submission of a written statement including the following:
 - Identification of a systems-level problem or issue aligned with the Department of Nursing's mission to address the needs of a diverse society, which the candidate intends to explore for their DNP project
 - Description of your professional goals and how graduate nursing study at Elmhurst University will support achieving these outcomes
 - Identification of potential preceptor/facilitator



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