

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program with Advanced Diabetes Management

Distance Accessible

The DNP with Advanced Diabetes Management is a practice-focused terminal degree to prepare graduates to practice at the highest level in specialty practice or to assume leadership positions in healthcare as it relates to diabetes management. Graduates of the DNP with Advanced Diabetes Management program will focus on providing care to populations and communities with an emphasis on improving quality and access to underserved, diverse populations. The three components of the DNP are advanced clinical specialty practice, leadership, and practice inquiry. Graduates will employ abilities and skills in these areas to advocate for reasonable, rational, and data-driven health regulations, standards, and evidence-based practices; sustain collaborative and strategic relationships, promote innovative, effective health care programs; and form partnerships with diverse groups to address health disparities. In addition, graduates will be prepared to assume clinical faculty positions to address the critical nursing faculty shortage. Graduates of the DNP program will be able to:

Outcomes

- Synthesize scientific evidence for the development of clinical interventions for practice.
- Evaluate policy, healthcare delivery, and organizational systems for current and future health care needs.
- Translate scientific, theoretical, and ethical principles into healthcare for individuals, families, and populations.
- Incorporate knowledge of current and emerging health technologies to improve healthcare delivery and organizational systems.
- Advocate for social justice, equity, and ethical policies in healthcare.
- Demonstrate intra and inter-professional collaboration to address health disparities and to improve the quality of healthcare across diverse populations and cultures.
- Assume complex leadership roles to advance clinical practice and healthcare delivery at the organizational and systems level and to improve health outcomes of individuals and populations.

Is the program online?

This is a distance accessible DNP program. All core courses are offered in an online format; however, electives taken outside the School of Nursing may not be available in an online format. Students will be required to come on campus between the first and second year for a two to three day intensive experience as well as during the NMD 685 clinical practica. Students may be required to come to campus to work with their advisor on their Scholarly Project.

Do I have to come to campus for Orientation?

Attendance at an on campus orientation is highly recommended, but not required.

Can I be a part-time student?

Yes, but you should plan to take six credits a term as a part-time student in order to progress and keep your knowledge base current throughout the coursework. Six credits are usually equal to taking two 3-credit courses.

How long does it take to complete the program?

If you are a full-time student (9 credits per term) you can complete the coursework in five semesters. If you are part time student (6 to 9 credits per term), the program can be completed in six to seven semesters. Completion of the Scholarly Project may require an additional 1-2 semesters.

Can I enter the program any time during the year?

No, summer (May) and fall (August) terms are the only semesters a student can begin the sequence of coursework.

Can I enroll in non-degree coursework before I am admitted to the DNP program?

No, due to the nature of this program, non-degree courses taken prior to entering the program are not allowed. An exception to this policy is made for students who require additional coursework to complete the requirements for admission. (Example: students who need more coursework to become eligible for certification as an advanced practice nurse).

Can I take courses elsewhere?

Yes. A maximum of six semester credits may be taken at another campus of the University of Alabama System Joint DNP Program or other approved institutions. Prior approval is required, and you should have the courses evaluated by the DNP Program Coordinator at UAB before enrollment in classes at other institutions to ensure the courses will be considered equivalent coursework for the DNP program requirements. To do so, you must obtain the course syllabus and catalog description and send both to the DNP Program Coordinator for consideration. This can be a lengthy process therefore you are encouraged to seek approval from the DNP Program Coordinator at least 8 weeks prior to enrollment at another institution.

Can I work full-time and complete the program?

The School of Nursing does not have a policy that prohibits students from full-time work, unless the student is a UAB employee. However, during the interview process, the faculty will determine what plans you have made to balance the various aspects of your life in order to be successful in the completion of the program. We have found that some individuals working full-time with major family responsibilities are unable to complete the coursework and withdraw early in the program. However, there are examples of dedicated, motivated individuals who work full time and attend school who are successful, although it can be quite stressful. Students must be certain to allow adequate time for doctoral study.

How much time should I be prepared to spend on the scholarly project?

For most students, the Post-Master's DNP curriculum will be a minimum of 40 credits, which includes the development of a practice or leadership focused project. This Scholarly Project is designed to synthesize scholarship in an advanced practice specialty or an area of healthcare leadership and serves as a capstone program experience. All courses are offered in a distance accessible format and students develop the Scholarly Project under the direction of program faculty and onsite mentors.

Does this DNP program prepare graduates to teach?

The required DNP course credits prepare you for advanced practice or leadership positions. The SON recognizes that some students in this program may have had a teaching career and others may not desire to prepare for the faculty role. Therefore, courses that specifically support the instructor role are not required in the basic DNP program of studies. However, coursework is available to students to prepare for the faculty role should they desire teaching as a career goal. Teaching courses may be added to the basic DNP program of study.

Are there funds to support doctoral students?

A listing of School of Nursing scholarships can be found on the School of Nursing web site. Information regarding the application process for these funding opportunities can be obtained from the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at the School of Nursing by calling (205) 934-5483. There are numerous sources of funding, all of which are competitively awarded. Students can apply for funding after they have been *admitted* to the School of Nursing.

Course Number	Course Name	Prereqs	Pre or Co-Coreqs	Credit Hours	Semester
NUR 731	Philosophical, Theoretical, and Conceptual Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing			3	Fall/Summer
NUR 732	Design and Statistical Methods for Advanced Practice Nursing			3	Fall/Summer
NUR 733	Informatics for Advanced Practice Nursing			3	Fall/Spring
NUR 735	Population Health in Advanced Practice Nursing			3	Spring/Fall
NUR 736	Application of Best Practices	NUR 731	NUR 732	4	Spring/Fall
NUR 737	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence			3	Fall/Spring
NUR 740	Health Policy and Politics: Implications in Health Care			3	Fall/Spring
NMD 621	Advanced Diabetes Management I			3	Spring
NMD 622	Advanced Diabetes Management II	NMD 621		3	Summer
NMD 685	Practicum:Adv MD		NMD 622	3	Summer/Fall
NUR 738	Scholarly Seminar			2	F/Sp/Su
NUR 739	Scholarly Project	NUR 738		7	F/Sp/Su
Total				40	

How do I apply?

The application for the DNP program is available online through the UAB Graduate School, using a program called *Apply Yourself*. The link to the page is: <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uab-grad>

For additional information,
visit our website at: <http://main.uab.edu/Sites/nursing/> or contact:

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