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university of south carolina

Doctor of Nursing Practice–Master’s Entry (Clinical)

Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is an advanced practice doctoral degree. The program objectives are to provide students with the skills to manage health care of individuals and/or communities in complex health care systems, conduct research utilization studies to innovate practice, influence health care policy at the local, state, and national level, and assume leadership roles in health care. All courses are available online; however, students will be required to come to Columbia for clinical check-off with faculty.

Admission Requirements

Regulations governing admission to graduate study in nursing include those established by both the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Specific requirements for admission are:

1. A masters degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. General GRE verbal and quantitative scores.
3. Registered nurse licensure in South Carolina or eligibility for South Carolina Licensure.
4. Transcripts of all previous college studies.
5. Completed application to The Graduate School with the College of Nursing supplement.
6. Written references from three doctorally prepared nurses.
7. Admission interview.
8. Evidence of writing competence.
9. Certification as an advanced practice nurse or masters degree in nursing administration.
10. A portfolio of knowledge, skills, and expertise.

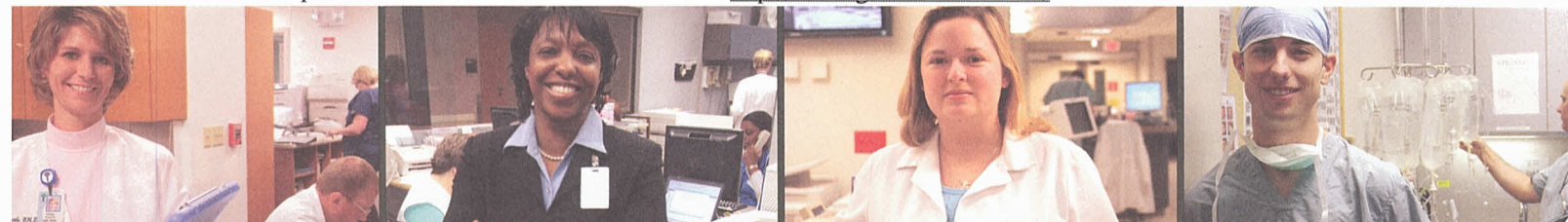
Application Process

Applications are to be completed and submitted online to the Graduate School at www.gradschool.sc.edu. Completed applications may be submitted throughout the year (**deadline is May 1st**). Curriculum is designed as Fall start only. Students will be notified of admission status by June 15.

Degree Requirements

1. Graduate residency of at least 18 graduate credit hours for three consecutive semesters.
2. Completion of an approved program of study.
3. Completion of a research utilization project.
4. Five hundred (500) clinical hours.
5. At the time of graduation, the student's cumulative grade point average must be at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Additionally, the student's average on all grades recorded on the Program of Study must be 3.00 and the student's GPA for courses numbered 700 or above, recorded on the Program of Study, must be at least 3.00.
6. Program must be completed within 8 years.

For complete information see Graduate Bulletin: <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/>



Sample of full-time curriculum (part-time also available)

1ST Fall

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 737	Seminar on Advanced Practice Roles	1
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 898	Research Internship	3
NURS 734	Conceptual Basis of Health Systems	<u>3</u>
Semester Total: 10		

Spring

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 840A	Independent Study in Nursing Science (Advanced Clinical Course)	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 779	Health Politics	<u>3</u>
Semester Total: 9		

Summer

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
HGEN 700	Medical Genetics for Health Professions	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	<u>2</u>
Semester Total: 6		

2ND Fall

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	<u>3</u>
Semester Total: 4		

2nd Spring

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 820	Nursing Leadership Residency	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
Semester Total: 4		

TOTAL PROGRAM = 33 Hours

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