

Comparison of DNP and PhD

	DNP	PhD
Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare nurse scholars at the highest level of advanced nursing practice as leaders in direct and indirect care and as leaders in applying and translating research into practice. Based on AACN Essentials of the DNP Degree (AACN, 2004) Terminal degree in scholarly practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare clinical nurse scholars as leaders in conducting a thematically based program of research that advances knowledge building for health care. Based on Indicators of Quality In Research-Focused Doctoral Programs in Nursing (AACN, 2010) Terminal degree in clinical science research
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to a scholarly practice career Oriented toward improving outcomes of care An intense scholarly practice immersion experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to a clinical science research career Oriented toward developing new knowledge An intense mentored research experience
Program Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributes to transforming the health care delivery system via practice, policy change, scholarship, system design, and/or cost analysis Advances health care delivery through translation of research into evidence-based practice in administrative & clinical practice Works on and leads interdisciplinary practice teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributes to health care improvements via the development of new knowledge Advances the nursing discipline through research, education, and health care policy Works on and leads interdisciplinary research teams
Final Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A theory and evidence-based clinical/organizational application inquiry project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion and defense of an original research
Career Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership positions at all system levels in nursing and clinical services, clinical information technology, and faculty. Leadership in applying and translating research into practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct and disseminate clinical research. Research directors in health care facilities and/or faculty in academic institutions