Our nation's complex healthcare environment has created a great demand for nurse leaders who are innovative, have specialized knowledge and advanced nursing practice expertise.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a doctoral degree that prepares nurses for the highest level of nursing practice. The DNP preparation includes enhanced leadership, evidence-based clinical and management knowledge and skills, development of advanced competencies for transforming healthcare delivery and practice for quality and value.

Upon completion of the program graduates will be able to design, implement, manage and evaluate health care systems and provide the highest level of leadership for their specialty.

Why you should pursue your advanced degree at the UT Health Science Center.

The UT Health Science Center San Antonio offers you a top-rated DNP program with exceptional faculty and considerable resources of a major academic health center, enabling you to enjoy leadership training, clinical and community experience, as well as opportunities for interdisciplinary research not afforded by many other nursing programs. The HSC exhibits nationally recognized faculty, cutting edge technology, extramural grants, financial aid and many other resources. Our information technology, library holdings, clinical laboratory, space, and various models of clinical practice are among the best in the country.

The DNP degree offers three tracks for study.

- **Nurse Practitioner Leadership**

  Applicants to the Nurse Practitioner Leadership track must hold current national certification as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or eligibility to sit for certification and a current, unencumbered advanced practice license in the state of Texas.

- **Executive Administrative Management**

  It is recommended that applicants who are applying to the Executive Administrative Management track have a Master’s degree in Administrative Management or equivalent.

- **Public Health Nurse Leadership**

  This track includes a Public Health Certificate from The UT Houston School of Public Health. All advanced practice nurses are encouraged to apply.

Admission Criteria:

This program is designed for applicants who hold a Master’s degree in Nursing. Applicants pending completion of an accredited Master’s program prior to the term of application may still apply. A comprehensive approach will be used to determine admission to the DNP program.

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM (DNP)

Factors included for consideration for admission to the DNP program:

- **Master’s in Nursing** from a nationally accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- **Registered Nurse Licensure.** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or eligibility to sit for certification and a current, unencumbered advanced practice license in the state of Texas.
- **Grade Point Average** of a “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- **Official transcript(s)** from each post-secondary institution attended are required, regardless of whether or not a degree was earned.
- **Basic statistics course**
- **Reference Letters.** Three letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant’s qualifications for doctoral education in nursing.
- **Resume or curriculum vitae.**
- **Interview.** Applicants may be invited to an interview.
- **Statement of Goals and Interests** (Please complete as part of NursingCAS).
- **International Applicants** who have completed college-level coursework outside of the United States must have all international coursework evaluated, which can be completed by sending transcripts to a foreign credential evaluation service.
- **International applicants – English proficiency test**
  
  International applicants must have one official copy of a TOEFL or IELTS score. TOEFL and IELTS scores are to be no more than two years old. A Minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on paper examination; 250 on computer-based examination; or 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 is required.
  
  TOEFL school code: 3383

**Assessment of Course Credit and Clinical/Practicum Hours**

DNP students must meet a minimum of 1,000 hours of advanced clinical/practicum experience post BSN to DNP. To facilitate review of direct and indirect hours from masters and/or post masters programs, applicants must complete the Verification of Hours Form once admitted to the program.

Once conditional admission is granted, the following items are required:

- **Current CPR Certification** (American Heart Association – BLS)
- **Current Immunizations** (see the School of Nursing website under “newly admitted students” for details on immunizations http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/index.asp)
- **Current health insurance**
- **Pass criminal background check**
- **Professional liability insurance**

**Financial Aid and Scholarships**

**Scholarships:**

- General Scholarships
- Applications are distributed to enrolled students via email to their livemail student account.

**Loans:**

- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):
  

**Grants:**

- Federal/State grants are available for qualified applicants. Submit your FAFSA early to be eligible.

**Application and Deadlines**

All applicants must submit the application, transcripts, references, resume/curriculum vitae and payment through NursingCAS.

- **Admission Deadlines:**
  
  DNP fall entry: February 1st

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