Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

For Nurses who have a Bachelor’s or Higher Degree

The DNP program offers the terminal degree in Nursing Practice and is designed as a post-baccalaureate or higher degree program to meet our statewide demand for a highly competent nursing workforce equipped with the skills to ensure the delivery of safe, quality nursing care in Hawaii. The curriculum incorporates the AACN Essentials for Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006) as the foundation for the curriculum, integrating evidence based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice.

DNP Degree Entry Pathways

Students can enter the DNP program through one of these pathways.

- RN with a bachelor’s degree in nursing
- Graduate Entry Program in Nursing – Non-nurses with a non-nursing bachelor’s degree
- RNs with an associate degree in nursing and a non-nursing bachelor’s degree
- RNs with a master’s degree

DNP Specialties

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Organizational Leadership (Post-Master to DNP)
Program Outcomes

At the conclusion of the program, the graduate is awarded a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The graduate is competent in the eight Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006) and prepared to serve as an emerging leader in clinical and executive positions, translating science and policy directions to improve patient and population-based care delivery.

Partnership in the Nursing Education Exchange

University of Hawaii at Manoa is a member of NEXus (The Nursing Education Exchange). NEXus is a collaboration between participating doctoral programs in nursing that allows doctoral students enrolled at member colleges and universities to take courses that may not be offered at his/her home institution for a common tuition price. Students may fulfill requirements by enrolling in NEXus courses.

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