

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/doctor-of-nursing-practice-dnp/>

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

40-44 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURS 6294	DNP Residency (Required for non-APRNs)	0-4
NURS 6183	Systems and Care Models	3
NURS 6283	Implementation and Evaluation Models and Frameworks for Application	3
NURS 6293	Population Health	3
NURS 6323	Informatics and Research in Nursing	3
NURS 6412	DNP Project I: Plan Development	2
NURS 6411	DNP Practice Immersion I	1
NURS 6512	DNP Project II: Project Management	2
NURS 6522	DNP Practice Immersion II	2
NURS 6364	DNP Project III: Implementation and Evaluation	4
NURS 6902	Special Topics (DNP IV: Project Dissemination )	2
NURS 6622	DNP Practice Immersion IV	2
NURS 6393	Biostatistics for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6434	Quality Improvement Methodologies	4
NURS 6493	Evidence-Based Practice: Translating Best Practices	3
Choose one of the following		3
NURS 6383	Organizational Systems: Transformational Change in Health Care Systems	
Elective		
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>40-44</b>

## Admission Requirements

- A cleared background check with the TWU-designated vendor is required for admission.
- Students who have applied to the DNP program must have an assessment of the number of clinical hours they are bringing forward as post-master’s students. An analysis of these hours and the student’s ability to meet the 1000-hour threshold required for graduation from a DNP program will be a consideration in the admission process.
- Must have proof of a negative ten (10) panel drug screen on file with the TWU-designated vendor.

## Clinical Course Requirements

Prior to enrollment in any clinical nursing course, each DNP student must show proof of:

- Professional liability insurance provided through a TWU student liability group policy.

- Current professional licensure to practice with an unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Texas, and if applicable an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license in Texas.
- Current immunizations as required by The College of Nursing.
- Prior to enrollment in the clinical courses, the DNP student must have completed at least 1 year of full-time experience as a master’s degree prepared RN; and if applicable as an APRN.
- Successful completion of the ten (10) panel drug screen is required within ninety days of beginning the first clinical course.
- Students are required to meet clinical agency requirements such as drug testing, immunizations, and personal health insurance (and other requirements if indicated by the clinical agency) prior to beginning clinical courses.

## Special Requirements

- Grade of B or higher is required in all courses. A student who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, F) in two different nursing courses at the graduate level or who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, F) twice in the same graduate-level course will be removed from the nursing program. For the purpose of removal from the nursing program, a grade of less than B is counted as a grade of less than B even if the course has been successfully repeated.
- Students admitted to the doctoral program provisionally, based on GPA (but no less than a 3.0), must complete the first 12 semester credit hours of coursework with a grade of B or higher in each course; at least 6 semester credit hours must be in nursing courses. A provisionally admitted student will be dismissed from the program if a grade of C or lower is made in any course during the provisional period.

## Clinical Required during the Program

- Minimum of 540 clinical contact hours in the selected area(s) of clinical expertise.

## DNP Project

- The DNP Project includes several scholarly components (paper, project proposal, and final project presentations) that provide an analysis of an organizational and/or clinical practice gap that will be addressed by one of the following: evidence-based practice; health policy; quality improvement initiatives; program development, implementation, and evaluation; or development of a clinical practice guideline. The DNP project encompasses various methodologies to address organizational and/or clinical practice gaps that exist in the hospital, clinic, community, or other clinical settings which support the needs of diverse patient populations.