



## School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

# Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Holy Family University is proud to offer our Rapid Degree DNP Program designed to prepare nurses for advanced practice roles as clinical scholars. Graduates are skilled in the application of theory and research, evidence-based practice, measurement of aggregate outcomes, and transformation of health care systems to ensure quality and safety. As a graduate, you will build on your education and experience to influence change and lead the future of nursing.

Our nursing faculty bring clinical expertise, academic rigor, and a passion for nursing into the curriculum. Using a cohort model, courses are designed in eight week sessions suited for the professional nurse.

### Entry Points

The **Online MSN–DNP Leadership** track (35 credits; 1000 clinical hours) prepares nurses to assume leadership roles from the boardroom to point-of-care delivery positions. The track is designed to be completed in as few as 5 semesters with classes beginning each Spring and Fall semester.

The **Online MSN to DNP Leadership for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)** track (26 credits; 500 clinical hours plus 500 transfer clinical hours) takes your career to a new level of transformative leadership. The track is designed to be completed in 4 semesters part time or 3 semesters full time and is available each Spring and Fall semester.

*Online DNP tracks are available to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware residents.*

The **MSN–DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** track is designed for any MSN nurse who wants to become an FNP at the doctoral level. You will be eligible to sit for national certification as an FNP. The program is designed to be completed in as few as 2.5 calendar years (14, 8-week sessions) with cohorts starting each semester. The courses are delivered in an 8-week blended format (meeting once a week or less).

The **BSN–DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** track starts each Fall semester. This program is designed for the BSN nurse who wants to become an FNP at the doctoral level. At program completion, approximately 4 years, you will be prepared and eligible to sit for national certification as an FNP.

*Cohort opportunities may be available at your work location for the above DNP tracks providing discounted tuition. A cohort is a tight knit learning community of students, usually 10-12, enrolled throughout their entire academic nursing program. If you are unable to stay within the cohort, you are able to complete the program at full tuition.*

**Feel free to contact us  
with any questions.**

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### Admission Requirements – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Holy Family University School of Nursing admission process is based on a holistic review approach. Each applicant is assessed individually, which includes a balanced consideration given to experiences, attributes, academic metrics and how the applicant might contribute value as a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Each application is reviewed to assure that all students who complete the process are considered. The following documentation is required to be considered:

- Application and application fee. (Fee is waived for alumni.)
- Current unencumbered license as a registered professional nurse.
- All official transcripts from your previous nursing schools reflecting completion of the degree. Recognition of degree will only be considered from CCNE, ACEN or CNEA accredited BSN and/or MSN program.
- BSN-DNP program candidate transcripts must include nursing research, statistics, nursing leadership, and community health nursing coursework.
- MSN-DNP/FNP candidate transcripts must reflect: Advance Pathophysiology; Advanced Pharmacology; and Advanced Physical and Health Assessment course that includes baseline competency in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures performed by advanced practice nurses in the primary care setting.
- An undergraduate program minimum of 3.0 or above required.
- No undergraduate nursing course grade less than a 'C'.
- Two letters of recommendation from a professional and/or clinical source.
- Current resume or CV.
- Statement of goals and potential scholarly project essay. The candidate is to write an essay on a topic to include professional goals related to the DNP and a health care issue that could possibly serve as the inspiration for a future DNP scholarly project.
- English language proficiency: If English is not your first language, or if English is not the primary language spoken in your home, submission of TOEFL results is required. Applicants must achieve the minimum score of 22 in all sections (writing, speaking, reading and listening).
- Personal interview may be requested.

**Please submit all application materials to [rapiddegree@holyfamily.edu](mailto:rapiddegree@holyfamily.edu) or postal mail at:**

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