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

In this program courses are delivered in an 8-week blended format, offering you flexibility while maintaining a close relationship to faculty members. The small class size, progression as a cohort, and faculty members who live the mission of the university, are just a few of the unique features. Our nursing faculty bring clinical expertise, academic rigor, and a passion for nursing into the curriculum so that you are prepared to inspire and lead the future of nursing.

Entry Points

The MSN–DNP Leadership track starts each Fall semester. This program is designed for direct or indirect care advanced practice nurses who want to focus in leadership and earn their doctorate consistent with the ANCC goals. There is no required certification and generalists are encouraged to apply to this track. After completion, you may be eligible to sit for the Nurse Executive Basic National Certification Exam in this specialty. The program is designed to be completed in as few as 1.5 calendar years (10, 8-week sessions).

The MSN–DNP Family Nurse Practitioner track starts each Spring semester. This program is designed for any MSN nurse who wants to become a Family Nurse Practitioner at the doctoral level. You will be eligible to sit for the national certification exam in this specialty. The program is designed to be completed in as few as 2.5 calendar years (14, 8-week sessions).

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

Clinical Requirements

Clinical experiences will meet the requirements for Family Nurse Practitioner certification and AACN recommendations for scholarly work toward the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The number of clinical hours required is 1,046. Clinical Hours obtained in MSN program may be evaluated to transfer up to 500 hours.

To best serve your needs, Holy Family University maintains a clinical placement program specialist to assist you with field placement.

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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: 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.
- A competitive candidate would have a GPA of 3.5.
- All applications must have a minimum of one-year experience providing direct nursing care prior to enrollment.
- 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 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 with Director of the DNP Program.

Please submit all application materials to rapiddegree@holycfamily.edu or postal mail at:
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