

# Seamless Progression from the MSN or PMC to the Doctor of Nursing Practice

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# Why Earn a Doctorate?

- ▶ Nursing as a practice profession requires both practice experts and nurse scientists to expand scientific basis for patient care
- ▶ The changing demands of the nation's complex healthcare environment requires the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure quality patient outcomes



# The DNP

- ▶ Greater emphasis on practice
- ▶ Less emphasis on theory, meta-theory, research methodology and statistics
- ▶ Includes integrative practice experiences and an intense practice immersion experience
- ▶ Practice application-oriented DNP project

# Benefits of the DNP

- ▶ Development of needed advanced competencies for increasingly complex practice, faculty and leadership roles
- ▶ Enhanced knowledge to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes
- ▶ Enhanced leadership skills to strengthen practice and health care delivery



Photo: VUSN Graphics



# MSN to DNP Seamless Transition

- ▶ Must enroll in the DNP program within 12 months of MSN graduation or PMC completion
- ▶ To be eligible for seamless transition an August 2021 graduate must apply and enroll in DNP program by August 2022



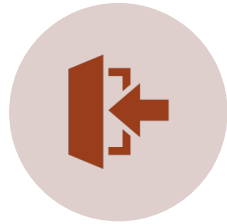
# MSN to DNP Seamless Transition

- ▶ Only valid for the first year after MSN graduation
- ▶ VUSN graduates are encouraged to apply to the DNP program
  - However, the full DNP application will be required

# Common Inquiries



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THE DNP AND THE  
PHD



SEAMLESS TRANSITION  
OR APPLY IN THE  
FUTURE



DUAL SPECIALTY  
ENROLLMENT



SPECIALTY APRN  
CERTIFICATION



EMPLOYMENT



500 PRACTICE HOURS

# DNP Curriculum at VUSN

- ▶ 5-Semester Plan
  - ▶ 6-Semester Plan
- } **36 Credits**
- ▶ Four elective credits
  - ▶ Minimum 500 post-master's practice hours integrated across the curriculum
    - Most completed in the DNP project course



# Electives

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Leadership in Inter-professional Practice
- ▶ Cancer and Implications for Care
- ▶ LEAN Methodology
- ▶ Addressing Global Health Disparities: An Interdisciplinary Perspective
- ▶ Leadership in Inter-professional Practice
- ▶ LGBTI Health in Inter-professional Practice
- ▶ Genetics in Clinical Practice
- ▶ Independent Study



# Specialty Focus Option



DNP Fellowship in Genetics

# DNP Plus Post Master's Certificate

- ▶ Nurses with an MSN who want to add another specialty
- ▶ Apply early for DNP +PMC due to limited number of PMC spaces available
- ▶ Program of study individualized
- ▶ 20-30 semester credit hours over 3 semesters added to the DNP curriculum
- ▶ Post-master's courses can count as DNP elective credit hours
- ▶ Additional application requirements
  - One letter of reference from person who holds doctoral degree



# Cost



Financial aid



Scholarships



Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment

2 education electives required

# DNP Intensives

- ▶ Three to four day intensive at the start of each semester
- ▶ Anticipated Dates:
  - ▶ Last week in August 2021
  - ▶ Mid-January 2022
  - ▶ Mid-May 2022

# Enrollment Options

- ▶ August 2021
- ▶ August 2022
  - Gap Year: apply for the 2022 cohort after September 15, 2021
  - Apply for a PMC by October 1, 2021



# As a returning user, create a **NEW** application to “nursing practice”

▶ <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/>

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## Graduate and Professional Admissions

### Application Management

**Returning users:**

[Log in](#) to continue an application.

**First-time users:**

[Create an account](#) to start a new application.

Note: To protect the privacy and security of your application, you must register your email address. Once created, you may access your account at any time, using your registered email and self-selected password.

# Area of Study: Choose “Nursing”

## Program: Choose “Nursing Practice”

# Program

Program to which you are applying

Area of Study

Nursing ▼

Program

Nursing Practice ▼

Degree

DNP ▼

Term

2020 Fall ▼

**\*If the term you want to apply to is not available, then that term is not an option or the application deadline for the program has passed. Please contact the program/department for questions.**

# Indicate You are a Current VUSN Student

Are you currently a VUSN student or have you completed your MSN degree or postmaster's certificate at Vanderbilt within the last 12 months?

Yes ▼

What certification will you be obtaining?

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner ▼

Do you also wish to seek a Post-Master's Certificate?

No ▼

## Entry Credential

Indicate the highest nursing credential you will have when you enter VUSN:

Nationally certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, registered nurse anesthetist or nurse practitioner ▼

Track of Interest

Advanced clinical practice ▼



# Update your Information in Slate

- ▶ Academic history to include attendance at VU
- ▶ Use personal email
  - VU email address will expire after graduation
- ▶ RN licensure
  - Add certification if taking a gap year
- ▶ Indicate 5 semesters or 6 semesters
  - Both are considered full-time for financial aid

# Application in Slate

- ▶ **If applying only for DNP, Do NOT need:**
  - Application fee
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Experiences
  - Resume/CV
  - Statement of purpose

# Request a Free Transcript from YES



<https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/transcripts/>



Request for the transcript to be sent to:

[cdm@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:cdm@vanderbilt.edu)

# Quick Review of Steps to Apply

- ▶ Open the application for fall 2021 at <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/>
- ▶ Select "nursing practice" as your program and degree of "DNP." The application will be prepopulated with your prior information.
- ▶ Update your demographic, licensure, and academic history to include your attendance at VUSN.
- ▶ Request an official VU transcript through the transcript portal in YES. Have it sent to [cdm@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:cdm@vanderbilt.edu). Do not provide any other transcripts.
- ▶ Answer "yes" to "Are you a current VUSN student or have you completed your MSN degree or post-master's certificate within the last 12 months?" The correct application will then appear.
- ▶ Do not include references or pay the application fee.
- ▶ Submit the fall 2021 DNP application.



# Admission Email

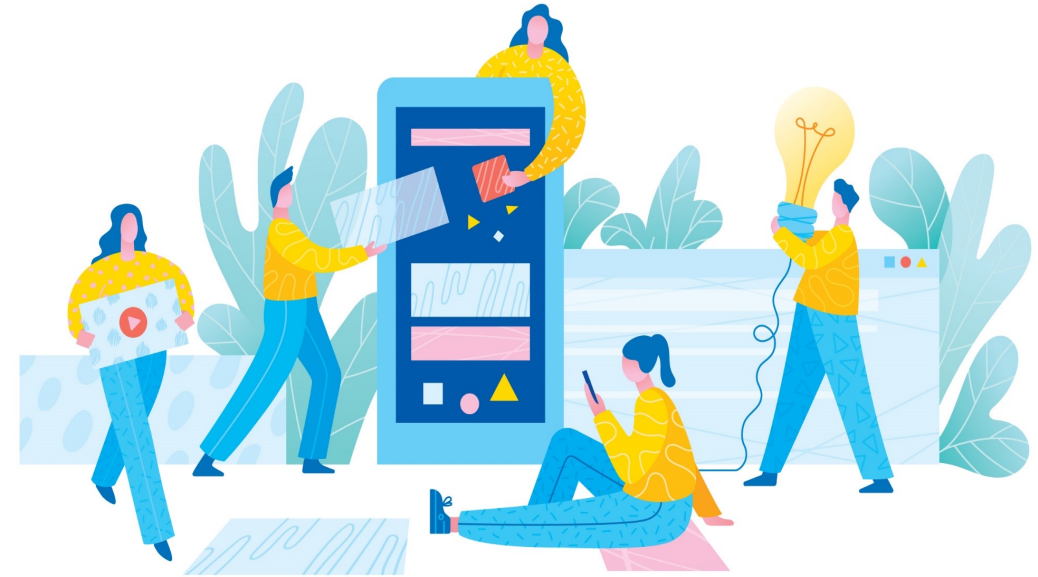
- ▶ Sent by mid-February and will continue on a rolling basis
- ▶ Must accept or refuse the admission offer
  - \$ 500 deposit waived
- ▶ If offer accepted, but plans change, notify Admissions Office

# Application for the DNP Plus Post Master's Certificate

- ▶ Apply to “*nursing practice (DNP)*” program
- ▶ On the DNP application you will indicate that you want to complete PMC as part of your DNP program of studies
- ▶ DNP+PMC application deadline for priority review for admission to the specialty is October 1, 2021

# Application for the DNP Plus Post Master's Certificate

- ▶ Requires
  - **3 Essay questions**
    - Statement of professional goals
    - Why you want a post-master's certificate
    - Understanding of the advanced practice role in your post-master's certificate specialty
  - **1 Reference letter**
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# The DNP Essentials

- ▶ American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2006). The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice
- ▶ The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Current Issues and Clarifying Recommendations, August 2015

[www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)



# Questions

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