



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The demands of the rapidly changing and complex health care environment require the highest levels of scientific knowledge and practice expertise. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree prepares graduates to design and lead system-level improvements to achieve excellent patient care and practice outcomes.

About FSC

Florida Southern College is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious *U.S. News and World Report* and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the *Princeton Review*. Situated in the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, students enjoy our location with its ease of access to surrounding areas.

Program Overview

The DNP program at FSC is a leadership focused post-master's program of study designed to prepare graduates in health care policy and advocacy, finance, information systems, project management and organizational leadership. Emphasis is on the application of evidence for the improvement and enhancement of patient care and health care delivery systems.

Under the standard program plan, students take two or three classes each semester and complete degree requirements, including project and practicum requirements, in six semesters or two calendar years. Individual programs of study are available for working professionals who prefer to complete degree requirements at a more moderate pace over a longer period of time.

Accreditation

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

Program Strengths

- The **fully online** coursework in our doctoral program is designed specifically for working health care professionals.
- Faculty include advanced practice leaders and experts with a wide range of clinical, policy, administrative, and academic expertise.
- FSC has established excellent partnerships with local health care and community-based organizations to support practice-immersion and experiential learning.
- Small classes allow for the development of personal relationships with faculty and dynamic, personalized instruction.

Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your priorities.

Program Length

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is offered in a format that allows students to complete the program in as few as six semesters or two years.

Contact Information

Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES IS VERY PLEASED TO OFFER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPOWER EXPERT NURSES TO ADVANCE THEIR EDUCATION WITH A PRACTICE-FOCUSED DOCTORATE AND GRADUATE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTRIBUTES NECESSARY FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE OF PATIENTS, WHILE ALSO SERVING AS LEADERS, EDUCATORS, AND INNOVATORS IN THE PROFESSION. THE LEADERSHIP-FOCUSED PROGRAM PROVIDES THE ABILITY TO BECOME INNOVATIVE HEALTH CARE LEADERS TO LEAD ORGANIZATIONS IN CHANGE TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE AND HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES. THIS DEGREE IS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA.

– Laly Joseph, DVM, DNP, CNE, MSN, APRN, ANP-BC, FNAP, Dean and Professor

Program Requirements

- NUR 7100** Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement Models for Health Care Transformation
- NUR 7110** Leadership and Interprofessional Practice
- NUR 7120** Introduction to the DNP Project
- NUR 7200** Scientific and Scholarly Writing
- NUR 7210** Health Care Business, Financial, and Quality Management
- NUR 7300** Research Principles and Concepts for Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 7310** Data Analytics for Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 7400** Population Health Assessment and Improvement
- NUR 7410** Health Policy and Advocacy in Health Care
- NUR 7420** Information Management and Technology
- NUR 7500** DNP Project and Practicum I
- NUR 7510** DNP Project and Practicum II
- NUR 7520** DNP Project and Practicum III
- NUR 7530** DNP Project and Practicum IV

Total Required Courses

38 hours

Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding.

Next Steps

- Talk to your Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you.
- Attend an information session.
- Complete the application online at **www.flsouthern.edu/apply**.
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205.

Admission Criteria and Requirements

- Completed online application
 - Official transcripts of all academic work; international students are required to have all transcripts from colleges or universities outside the United States evaluated by World Education Service, Josef Silny and Associates, Academic Evaluation Services, Inc. or another similar approved transcript evaluation agency prior to submission to Florida Southern.
 - A master's degree in nursing from an accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program with certification as a Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Practitioner at a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent for international students
- OR**
- A nursing master's degree in informatics, administration / practice leadership, public health / community health, or health policy from a nationally accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program at a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent for international students
 - Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in graduate level course work
 - Résumé or CV of educational and work experience
 - Proof of current active licensure as a registered nurse in good standing in the State of Florida OR in the state, territory, or locale where the student will complete DNP Project and Practicum requirements
 - Complete a virtual admission interview at the discretion of the faculty (by invitation only)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to **evening@flsouthern.edu** or mailed directly to:

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The mission of the Florida Southern College School of Nursing and Health Sciences is to prepare health professionals to provide quality care for diverse populations.

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