

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE



PREPARING NURSING LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

Purdue University Global's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares advanced practice registered nurses to perform at the highest level of nursing, while staying competitive in the rapidly changing health care environment. With the shrinking number of primary care providers, the nursing shortage, and the increasing complexity of patient care, the field of nursing needs clinical experts and leaders with advanced scientific knowledge and expertise.

WHY STUDY ONLINE AT PURDUE GLOBAL'S SCHOOL OF NURSING?

FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING NURSES

Complete your coursework 100% online, on your schedule. The required practice experiences can be done at a location of your choice. Enrollment occurs throughout the year.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in nursing and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Enrich and deepen your specialty practice by engaging in practicums focused on system quality improvement and population health.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.¹



The Doctor of Nursing Practice at Purdue University Global is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** (www.CCNEAccreditation.org).

EARN A VALUABLE NURSING CREDENTIAL TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER AND EDUCATION

Build Professional Skills and Expand Expertise	Meet the Demand for Doctorally-Prepared Nurses	Prepare for Leadership Positions
<p>Our DNP is a practice-focused terminal nursing degree that prepares graduates to improve patient and health care system outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze data and scientific research to improve nursing practice.Provide organizational and system leadership to continuously improve quality of health care and foster interprofessional collaboration.Evaluate ethical, legal, and social factors in shaping and developing health policies.	<p>The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has called for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree to be the new standard of education for advanced nursing practice.²</p>	<p>Be ready to pursue new career opportunities, including clinical and leadership roles ranging from nurse executive to nurse practitioner.</p>

CURRICULUM

Our DNP curriculum is based on the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice recommended by the AACN.³ The courses are updated regularly by industry experts, to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in health care.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- **Scientific Foundations for Practice Doctorate**
- **Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Population Health**
- **Ethics, Policy, and Advocacy for Population Health**
- **Clinical Decision Making for Practice Doctorate**
- **Transforming the Health Care Organization**

PRACTICUMS

Practicums are designed to empower students to integrate theory and scientific evidence in the quality improvement of health care systems or in population health for the nation's major health care concerns. Each student will be guided by a DNP Faculty Mentor who is dedicated to their success. A minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practice hours is required for degree completion.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 48–60

Program Length: Less than 1.5 years of full-time study (48 credits)

Note: The actual number of credits required for graduation may range from 48 to 60 credits depending on the number of supervised practice hours you bring into the program at the time of enrollment. Independent study options are available for those students who need additional coursework to achieve a minimum of 1,000 hours of postbaccalaureate practice as part of a supervised academic program prior to graduation.

SCHOLARLY PROJECT

The program culminates in the successful completion of a practice-focused project over the course of several terms. This project must demonstrate a student's ability to synthesize scientific evidence and develop new systems or population health approaches that produce real-world outcomes in their practice settings. Students complete the scholarly project under the mentorship of a DNP Faculty Mentor.

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Admissions Requirements: To enroll, you must possess a Master of Science in Nursing degree. If you possess a bachelor's degree in nursing, you must complete Purdue Global's Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path. For complete requirements, refer to the University Catalog.



"The DNP curriculum is designed to prepare nurses to practice at the highest level of nursing to improve health outcomes for populations."

Amy Daly

Professor and DNP Program Lead
School of Nursing⁴

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- **RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- **Master of Science in Nursing**
- **Post-Master's Certificates**
 - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
 - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
 - Executive Leader
 - Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care
 - Nurse Educator

CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- One of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 36% from 2016 to 2026.⁵
- Due to an acute physician shortage, demand is high for advanced practice nurses who can perform many of the same services as doctors.⁶
- The AACN has called for moving the current level of preparation necessary for advanced nursing practice from the master's degree to the doctorate level.²

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES⁷

Potential Responsibilities

- Develop and evaluate new practice approaches to improve health care delivery, meet current and future health needs, ensure accountability and patient safety, and evaluate effective strategies for managing ethical dilemmas.
- Leverage technology to evaluate programs and improve outcomes of care.
- Lead interprofessional teams.
- Develop and evaluate health care policy, and advocate for justice and ethics in all health care arenas.
- Integrate evidence-based clinical prevention and population health services for individuals, aggregates, and populations.
- Design, deliver, and evaluate health care using refined levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability.
- Appraise existing literature, design and implement studies, apply relevant findings to practice, and disseminate findings to improve health care outcomes.

Settings

- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Primary care offices
- Educational settings
- Community and public health centers
- Governmental facilities

CAREER SERVICES

Our Nursing Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities, and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.



This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **www.PurdueGlobal.edu**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, *DNP Fact Sheet*, October 2018, and *The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Current Issues and Clarifying Recommendation*, August 2015.

3 Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, *The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice*.

4 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

5 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Fastest-Growing Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

6 Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, *The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2016 to 2030, 2018 update*.

7 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions. This program was not designed for initial certification and licensure for advanced practice registered nurse roles. Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet the requirements for any specific state for licensure or certification. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.