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 physicians, the nursing shortage, and the increasing complexity of patient care, the field of nursing needs clinicians 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 completed in your local community. Enrollment occurs throughout the year.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in nursing and education. All faculty in the DNP program are doctorally prepared.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
Enrich and deepen your specialty practice by engaging in practice experiences focused on system quality improvement and population health.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards, faculty office hours, and live seminars. Tutoring is available for students through the center for teaching and learning at no additional cost. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to help you navigate the school, work, and life balance.

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.

BUILD PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EXPAND EXPERTISE
Our DNP is a practice-focused terminal nursing degree that prepares graduates to improve patient and health care system outcomes.  
- 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.

MEET THE DEMAND FOR DOCTORALLY-PREPARED NURSES
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.

PREPARE FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
Be ready to pursue new career opportunities inclusive of leadership roles in clinical and non-clinical settings.
Our DNP curriculum is based on the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice recommended by the AACN. The courses are updated regularly by industry experts, to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in health care.

**CORE COURSES**
- Scientific Foundations for Practice Doctorate
- Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Population Health
- DNP Project - Analytic Methods and Project Proposal
- Ethics, Policy, and Advocacy for Population Health
- Clinical Decision Making for Practice Doctorate
- Transforming the Health Care Organization
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- DNP Project Implementation and Evaluation
- DNP Project Dissemination

**PRACTICE EXPERIENCES**
The DNP practice experiences 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 consultant who is dedicated to their success. A minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practice hours are required for degree completion.

**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 consultant and in collaboration with a mentor at the practice site.

**PROGRAM DETAIL**
Credit Hours: 48–57
Program Length: 1.5 years

Note: The actual number of credits required for graduation may range from 48 to 57 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.

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.

**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
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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Career and Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- One of the nation’s fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 45% from 2020 to 2030.6
- Due to an acute physician shortage, demand is high for advanced practice nurses who can perform many of the same services as doctors.7
- The AANC 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 OUTCOMES8

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

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

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

The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

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

Gain a Dedicated-to-You Advisor

From the moment you request information all the way to graduation, you'll work with the same advisor for 1-on-1, personalized support. The idea? Build a partnership with a deep understanding of your needs and career aspirations. From registration and financial aid to assistance throughout your degree journey, our advisors are invested in supporting your success.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer 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.
3 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete. The number of required credits may vary depending on the number of supervised practice hours you bring into the program at the time of enrollment, which could affect how long it will take to complete the program.
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.
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. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for state-specific licensure information.
8 Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.