Nursing Practice (Professional Program: DNP)

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The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed for professional nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing with a focus on clinical or administrative practice. The DNP program is consistent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s call to produce advanced nursing clinicians who are able to address complex care needs. In addition, it is supported by the National Academy of Science which has advocated for the development of professional practice doctorates as a route to advanced clinical work in nursing. The DNP is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The DNP degree curriculum at UIC consists of three domains of competencies for advanced practice in direct clinical care or systems: a) core practice competencies, b) specialty-specific practice competencies, and c) role competencies. Our mission is to develop advanced practitioners of nursing into evidence-based, intra-disciplinary providers who meet the needs of a rapidly expanding healthcare field.

The DNP requires completion of 63-90 credit hours (dependent on specialty focus), and can be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Most students will complete the DNP degree within 3-6 years. The Doctor of Nursing Practice has multiple routes of entry. The program can be completed at one of our six regional campuses (Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, Quad Cities, Springfield, Urbana).

The following specialty concentrations are available:

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Advanced Population Health Nursing
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Health Systems Leadership and Informatics
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Midwifery
- Nurse Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Primary Care
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner

The Doctor of Nursing Practice at UIC is considered a professional program and is not administered by the Graduate College. Applications for this program are processed through the College of Nursing. For more information on the DNP program, admission requirements, and the application process, please consult the following website: http://www.nursing.uic.edu/academics-admissions/doctor-nursing-practice#program-overview