



Doctor of Nursing Practice

School of Nursing

Preparing Nursing Leaders for the Twenty-First Century.

Kaplan University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses to thrive in today's 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 the highest levels of scientific knowledge and expertise.

To meet this need, 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.¹

Kaplan University's online Doctor of Nursing Practice could open the door to new career opportunities, including clinical and leadership roles ranging from nurse executive to nurse practitioner.²

WHAT'S INSIDE:

- › [Career Outcomes](#)
- › [Curriculum Highlights](#)
- › [Kaplan University Overview](#)

Enroll today. Contact an Admissions Advisor at **866.318.2694 (Toll Free)** or visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu.



A Degree Designed to Expand Your Career and Practice Expertise.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed to prepare nursing leaders to practice at the highest levels of professional nursing and accommodates students pursuing careers in executive leadership and advanced practice nursing roles.²

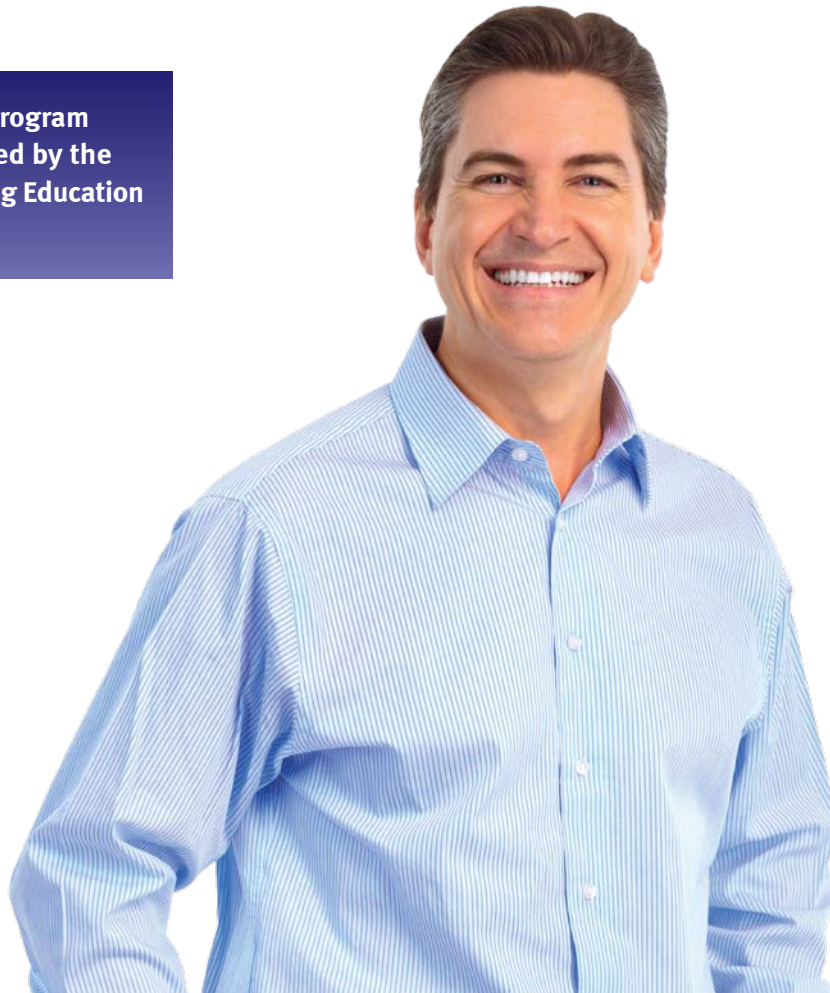
Kaplan University is deeply committed to supporting our students and recognizes that nurses are exceptionally busy with competing demands. Our DNP program is delivered online and students complete clinical practice experiences within their communities. The clinical practice experiences enable students to invest time in activities that inform their unique and individualized DNP scholarly project and prepare them for the role of DNP.

Our DNP program is based on the *Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.³ It is designed to prepare nurses to analyze data and scientific research to improve nursing practice; provide organizational and system leadership to continuously improve the quality of health care and foster interprofessional collaboration; and evaluate ethical, legal, and social factors in shaping and developing health policies.

Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path

Kaplan University's Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path allows students with a bachelor's degree in nursing to earn their Master of Science in Nursing and progress to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Students can choose from three specialized pathways: executive leader, adult-gerontology primary care, nurse practitioner, or family nurse practitioner primary care. Speak to an Admissions Advisor for more details.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Kaplan University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org).



A Practice-Focused Curriculum to Prepare Nursing Leaders

Kaplan University's Doctor of Nursing Practice curriculum emphasizes:

- Analyzing data and scientific research to improve nursing practice
- Providing organizational and system leadership to continuously improve quality of health care and foster interprofessional collaboration
- Evaluating ethical, legal, and social factors in shaping and developing health policies

Clinical Practice Experiences

Students enrich and deepen their specialty practice by engaging in clinical practice experiences. These experiences are designed to empower students to integrate practice and theory in the delivery of complex health care within their specialty areas. Each student will be guided by a DNP Faculty Mentor who is dedicated to his or her success. All students must earn a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practice hours for degree completion.

Scholarly Project

The program culminates in the successful completion of a practice-focused project that is completed over the course of several terms. This project must demonstrate students' ability to synthesize knowledge, develop new systems, and produce real-world outcomes in their practice settings. Students complete their scholarly project under the mentorship of a DNP Faculty Mentor.

Program Detail

You must possess a bachelor's degree with an upper-level major in nursing and have successfully completed the Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path to enroll in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. You are also eligible to enroll if you previously completed a Master of Science in Nursing at another accredited institution.

Kaplan University can accept nurses of all advanced practice registered nursing roles. At this time, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is available only in select states. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.



Kaplan University— A Different School of Thought®

A Commitment of Support for Military Students

We provide specialized support and benefits, including:

- Military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Reduced tuition rates for graduate programs and a 10% tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including members of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs)
- Specially trained advisors who understand military culture, procedures, and educational benefits

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN and a Master of Science in Nursing program.

Note From the Dean

“As dean of the Kaplan University School of Nursing, I lead faculty who are committed to educating nurses to deliver health care that is evidence-based, safe, and sensitive to the culture of the patient, family, and community at large. In today’s health care environment, nursing professionals are challenged as never before, but we are also in a better position to make a difference, from the bedside to the boardroom.”

Marilyn Wideman

Marilyn Wideman
DNP, RN, FAAN
Dean, School of Nursing



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit kaplan.edu/info. For gainful employment information about our nursing programs, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/nursing/ge.

1 Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, DNP Fact Sheet, June 2015, <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/media-relations/fact-sheets/dnp>, and The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Current Issues and Clarifying Recommendation, August 2015, <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/aacn-publications/white-papers/DNP-Implementation-TF-Report-8-15.pdf>.

2 Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields. Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for or pass those exams. In some cases, field experience, additional coursework, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams. Students should research the requirements in the state in which they intend to seek employment.

3 American Association of Colleges of Nursing, The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice, October 2006, www.aacn.nche.edu/publications/position/DNPEssentials.pdf.

Enroll today. Contact an Admissions Advisor at **866.318.2694 (Toll Free)** or visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu.

