



Doctor of

# NURSING PRACTICE

**Come Back Highly Qualified to Shape the Future of Health Care**

With a shrinking number of physicians, a nursing shortage, and the increasing complexity of patient care, the field of nursing needs clinicians and leaders with advanced scientific knowledge and expertise. Purdue 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 a rapidly evolving health care environment.



# Why Study Online at Purdue Global's School of Nursing?

## **Built for Working Nurses**

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule. Enrollment occurs throughout the year, and clinical practice experiences can be completed within your community — even where you currently work.

## **Backed by the Power of Purdue**

Earn a doctoral degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the health care field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## **Faculty at the Forefront of the Field**

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

## **Practical Experience You Can Count On**

Enrich and deepen your specialty practice by engaging in practice experiences focused on system quality improvement and population health. The school, work, and life balance.

## **Personal Support**

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

## **An Education That's Proven and Respected**

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.<sup>1</sup>



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

# Earn a Valuable Nursing Credential to Advance Your Career and Education

<b>BUILD PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EXPAND EXPERTISE</b>	<b>MEET THE DEMAND FOR DOCTORALLY-PREPARED NURSES</b>	<b>PREPARE FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS</b>
<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"><li>Analyze data and scientific research to improve nursing practice.</li><li>Provide organizational and system leadership to continuously improve quality of health care and foster interprofessional collaboration.</li><li>Evaluate ethical, legal, and social factors in shaping and developing health policies.</li></ul>	<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.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Be ready to pursue new career opportunities inclusive of leadership roles in clinical and non-clinical settings.</p>

# Curriculum

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

## Core Courses

- Professional Role Development of the DNP-Prepared Nurse
- Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Population Health
- Ethics, Policy, and Advocacy for Population Health
- Clinical Decision Making and Collaboration
- Transforming the Health Care Organization
- DNP Project Proposal
- Change Management and Clinical Data Analysis
- DNP Project Implementation
- 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:** 50

**Program Length:** 1.5 years<sup>4</sup>

Note: Students need to complete 1,000 hours of postbaccalaureate practice as part of the supervised academic program prior to graduation.

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Admissions Requirements:** A master's degree with an upper-level major in nursing from a program accredited by CCNE, ACEN, or CNEA is required. If you possess a bachelor's degree, you will need to complete Purdue Global's MSN-DNP Path before continuing on to the DNP program. 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.”

Dr. Amy Daly  
Faculty member and DNP Program Lead<sup>5</sup>

## Additional Programs

### Executive Juris Doctor

- Health Law track

### Graduate Certificates

- Nurse Executive Leader
- Nurse Educator

### Postgraduate Certificates

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook

- One of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow 40% from 2024 to 2034.<sup>6</sup>
- Due to an acute physician shortage, demand is high for advanced practice nurses who can perform many of the same services as doctors.<sup>7</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup>

## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>8</sup>

### 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

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## Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.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.<sup>8</sup> From registration and financial aid<sup>9</sup> 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](https://PurdueGlobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

<sup>1</sup> Source: [www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list](https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list). Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

<sup>2</sup> Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, DNP Fact Sheet, June 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> This testimonial was obtained by Purdue Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Source: Association of American Medical Colleges, The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2016 to 2030, 2018 update.

<sup>8</sup> 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 does not registered nurse roles. Refer to [Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu) for state-specific licensure information.

<sup>9</sup> Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.