

MERVYN M. DYMALLY
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Program

Expand your career options with the *DNP Program*



Charles R. Drew University
of Medicine and Science

A Private University with a Public Mission

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Nursing (DNP) Program prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. The DNP is designed for nurses holding Masters in Nursing degrees with a NP, who are interested in completing course requirements leading to a doctoral degree in nursing. Graduates of this program are eligible to be leaders in the field of Nursing Practice and Education.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The 40-credit program, which is completed through precepted clinical settings, provides a flexible, executive-education format in which the theoretical content of each course is taught in a one-weekend session, totaling three-weekend sessions per course. Each weekend session is online (3 hours synchronous followed by 12 hours asynchronous). Students are required to be on campus, during the first-weekend session of the program (Immersion Weekend) and the last weekend session of the program (DNP Project presentations). A detailed schedule will be provided for the on-campus sessions. The didactic portion will be taught using both face-to-face and web-enhanced pedagogical approaches for student/faculty collaboration, faculty presentations, and clarification of theoretical content. All clinical courses are offered as immersion practicum experiences, conducted in faculty-approved, in-person, precepted clinical settings. Students are admitted to this program as a cohort in Spring and Fall.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION & FINANCIAL AID

All applicants are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid at the time they apply for admission into academic degree program

The Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing offers rolling admissions in this program and applications are welcomed until the class is filled

You will receive priority consideration to CDU graduate programs if requirements are met

Apply now to be considered for the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing Scholarship

Please check with your Human Resources department at your healthcare organization regarding any tuition reimbursement eligibility that you may have and can be applied to your tuition at CDU

ABOUT CDU

Founded in the 1960's following years of community advocacy to significantly improve medical services for the residents of southeast Los Angeles County

Named in honor of Dr. Charles R. Drew, a brilliant African-American physician recognized for his pioneering work in blood transfusions and preservation

The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science's Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

MISSION STATEMENT

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science is a private non-profit student-centered University that is committed to cultivating diverse health professional leaders who are dedicated to social justice and health equity for underserved populations through outstanding education, research, clinical service, and community engagement.

VISION

Excellent health and wellness for all in a world without health disparities.

Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete and submit a DNP application available online via NursingCAS
 - Application Fee \$75
- Graduate of an accredited college or University with a Master of Science Degree in Nursing with Advanced Practice Specialty (Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS))
 - Graduate Program Accreditation Requirements (Applies to both Domestic and International applicants): Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or a National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLN CNEA)
 - To confer the DNP degree: **1,000 post-Baccalaureate or Entry Level Masters' Program clinical hours** of face-to-face, healthcare system preceptor experience are required to meet the AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (2006)
 - Evidence of 500 clinical hours** - Students are accepted as advanced practice registered nurses, NP, or CNS, providing documentation of the acquired 500 hours of direct patient care.
 - Students acquire the remaining 500 hours during the plan of study of the DNP Program.** DNP students conduct their 500 clinical hours on off-work hours at one approved healthcare facility-which can be at their place of employment.
 - Applicants who fall below the eligibility requirements will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In each case, additional supplemental items may be required.
 - Official transcripts from all regionally accredited institutions
 - International Students: Courses completed outside the U.S. must be evaluated for U.S. course equivalency (see further requirements below)
- Licensing Requirements (Applies to both Domestic and International applicants)
 - Unencumbered APRN license in the state where you plan to do your clinical hours. **Must be obtained prior to the CDU DNP program orientation**
 - Required to submit proof of certification in an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty (NP, PMHNP, CNS, CRNA, CNM etc.)
 - If you are a CDU Alumni from the NP or Psych NP Programs and your enrollment date was prior to 8.4.21, you must provide the ANCC Verification of Certification
 - DNP students are required to maintain an unencumbered APRN License as required in the state in which the student will be practicing. If there is a licensure change status to an encumbered APRN license, the student will need to take an LOA from the CDU DNP program to obtain appropriate licensing.
- Professional resume or curriculum vitae
- Personal goal statement- Self-Evaluation
 - The Personal Goal Statement-Self Evaluation **should address all of the following areas:**
 - What impact do you foresee your doctor in nursing practice degree will have in your nursing practice?
 - What motivates you to earn your doctor in nursing practice degree?
 - What topics are you interested in exploring to complete a DNP project that will focus on change that impacts healthcare outcomes.
In what Healthcare system do you foresee doing your DNP project?
 - Discuss if you are in clinical practice, including the following, and describe the practice, name, and location to include city, state, and zip code.
 - Describe and discuss two of your strong assets/characteristics.
 - Describe and discuss two areas where you would like to see improvement.
- Statement-Evaluation Requirements:
 - APA format using Microsoft Word and must include both a cover and reference page
 - Approximately 750 words in length
 - Two to Three reference citations from any source
- Three letters of recommendation (academic or professional)
 - Recommendations should address the following areas:
 - Relationships with work associates (paid or voluntary)
 - Work competence
 - Communication and interpersonal skills with persons of diverse backgrounds
 - Leadership skills or potential
 - Values, ethical standards, responsibility, and initiative
- Please CLICK HERE for the Letter of Recommendation Form (Recommendation form is required)
- Virtual interview with DNP Program Director, DNP Assistant Director and DNP Faculty may also be present.
- ***Transferable Credits from a previous DNP program taken within one year will be determined by the DNP Program Director.
- For International Students:**
We do not require a separate application or additional fee, and you should be prepared to meet all of the admissions requirements as outlined above.
- Application Requirements for all applicants submitting coursework outside of the USA
- CDU requires a course-to-course evaluation that lists all subjects/courses completed at the post-secondary level, a U.S. semester credit and grade equivalent for each course, a U.S. grade point average (GPA), the level of undergraduate courses designated as lower or upper-division, and the degree awarded with the title and date conferred. Below is a list of approved evaluation sources:
 - World Education Services (WES)
 - Josef Silny and Associates (JSA)
 - Global Credential Evaluators (GCE)
 - International Education Research Foundation (IERF)
 - Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute (ACEI)
 - American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, International Education Service (AACRAO IES)
- If you need assistance with immigration (I-20 form, F-1 visa, SEVIS, etc.), our Office of International Affairs will be able to assist you. You can contact CDU's Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) and Director, Office of International Affairs Dr. Lejeune Lockett lejeunelockett@cdrew.edu or (323) 357-3458

CDU Completion Curriculum Plan

			CREDITS ACQUIRED	CLINICAL HOURS
YEAR 1 SCH#3187	DNP 201	Doctor of Nursing Practice Roles and Theory Development	3/0	
	DNP 203	Information-Systems for Quality of Improvement of Patient Care	3/0	
	DNP 205	Health Care Organizational and Systems Leadership	3/0	
		Total Semester Credits/Hours	9/0	
YEAR 1 SCH#3187.2	DNP 213	Data Analysis for Evidence Based Practice I	3/0	
	DNP 215	Health Care Organizational and Systems Financial Management	3/0	
	DNP 225	Interprofessional Research and Practice	3/0	
		Total Semester Credits/Hours	9/0	
YEAR 1 SCH#3187.3	DNP 221	Data Analysis for Evidence Based Practice II	3/0	
	DNP 211	Quality Improvement and Management for Research and Practice	0/4	180
	DNP 231	Health Care Policy Analysis and Advocacy	3/0	
		Total Semester Credits/Hours	6/4	180
YEAR 2 SCH#3187.1	DNP 728	Seminar in Evidence-Based Quality Improvement for Scholarship and Practice	0/6	270
		Total Semester Credits/Hours	0/6	
YEAR 2 SCH#3187.2	DNP 735	Clinical Preventions and Interventions for Population Health	1/2	90
	DNP 739	DNP Project Residency	3/0	
		Total Semester Credits/Hours	4/2	
		Total Program Credits/Hours	28/12	540
		(Total 40)		

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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