

# Graduate School of Nursing

## ONLINE **Post Master's** to DNP Program



The University of Massachusetts Medical School is the commonwealth's first and only public academic health sciences center, home to the School of Medicine, *Graduate School of Nursing* and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The Post Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program is for applicants who have a master's degree as registered nurses certified and practicing as advanced practice nurses or in the role of nurse administrators who seek a doctoral degree in nursing as clinical and health care practice leaders.

The purpose of the Post Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the University of Massachusetts Worcester is to prepare nurse practitioner and nurse administrators graduates for advanced nursing practice leadership roles. The curriculum is designed to educate students to improve and transform health care through systems leadership, research translation, policy, and advanced clinical knowledge. Graduates are prepared to assume advanced nursing practice leadership roles in hospitals and community-based settings, health care organizations, and schools of nursing as clinical faculty.

The Post Master's DNP prepares students to meet the objectives of The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2006)

### Why consider the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing GSN DNP Program?

- ◇ Only publicly funded nursing school in the commonwealth with a sole focus on graduate education.
- ◇ Part of a top rated Medical School that includes interprofessional and state of the art education.
- ◇ ONLINE courses with three interactive onsite Saturday meetings during each semester.
- ◇ Small student to faculty ratio.
- ◇ Excellent time to graduation record.

### Post MS DNP Candidates:

- ◇ Certified Nurse Practitioner
- ◇ Certified Nurse Anesthetist
- ◇ Certified Nurse Midwife
- ◇ Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- ◇ Nurse Administrator

Please refer to the UMSS GSN website for admission requirements: [www.umassmed.edu/gsn](http://www.umassmed.edu/gsn)

Post MS DNP Curriculum		Full-Time Study Plan			
Fall Semester Year One		Spring Semester Year One		Summer Session Year One	
N705H Trends Influencing the DNP	3cr	N704 Principles of Epidemiology	3cr	N715H Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry	3cr
N706H Health Policy for Health Care Professionals	3cr	N723H Quality & Patient Safety in Health Care Orgs	3cr	N814H Genomics for Clinical Practice (APRNs only)	3cr
N707H Biomedical Informatics	3cr	N710H Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods	3cr	N708H Org. Systems and Healthcare Financing	3cr
N709AH DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal	1cr	N709BH DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal	1cr	N709CH DNP Scholarly Project Proposal	1cr
Fall Semester Year Two		Spring Semester Year Two			
N776H Leadership for APRNs	3cr	N777BH DNP Practicum	1cr	Total Academic Credits 39	
N777AH DNP Practicum	1cr	N773 DNP Project: Evaluation	2cr		
N772H DNP Project: Implementation	2cr	Nxxx Elective (Nurse Admins only)	3cr		
		Part Time Study Plan			
Fall Semester Year Three		Spring Semester Year Three		Summer Session Year One	
N705H Trends Influencing the DNP	3cr	N704 Principles of Epidemiology	3cr	N715H Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry	3cr
N707H Biomedical Informatics	3cr	N723H Quality & Patient Safety in Health Care Orgs	3cr	N708H Org. Systems and Healthcare Financing	3cr
Fall Semester Year Two		Spring Semester Year Two		Summer Session Year One	
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**Admission** to the DNP in Nursing program is based on an overall appraisal of the applicant's ability to undertake doctoral study and of their potential contributions to advanced nursing practice. An admission interview is required. Applications to the DNP program will be considered complete when all of the following have been received:

- ◇ Completed on-line application via Nursing CAS
- ◇ Completed Personal Statement (see Nursing CAS for further instructions)
- ◇ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- ◇ Two letters of recommendation, from persons whom you have been in contact within the last five years: (1) A recent supervisor who can evaluate APN (Advanced Practice Nurse) or nurse administrator employment experience, (2) A professional reference from a Masters or Doctoral prepared nurse who can speak to your potential for academic success and can evaluate your leadership potential as an APN or nurse administrator with a DNP. submitted to Nursing CAS
- ◇ Evidence of an unrestricted license Massachusetts licensure as an RN
- ◇ Resume submitted to Nursing CAS and Completed Checklist from website
- ◇ Application fee made payable to the Graduate School of Nursing
- ◇ A notarized proof of residency (all applicants, both Massachusetts Residents and non-residents, must submit)