Doctorate in Nursing Practice, D.N.P.

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Admission Requirements for All D.N.P. Students

Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is competitive. Ideal candidates demonstrate a history of academic success, strong leadership, and potential for future success in leadership and practice scholarship. Applications are submitted on-line through CollegeNET and are available at: <https://www.applyweb.com/ricg/>

A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee.

1. Current unrestricted Registered Nurse licensure in the state of intended practice
2. Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) **or**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) **and** master’s degree in nursing or a related field

1. Attainment of a cumulative masters GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
3. Completion of a graduate level inferential statistics course within the past five years with a minimum grade of C is required prior to matriculation
4. Verification of the number of clinical/experience hours completed at the masters/graduate level. Verification should be provided by the program director or chairperson on school letterhead.
5. A statement of intent which should demonstrate the candidates leadership and practice experience, reason for pursuing doctoral study, and the students potential area of focus for the DNP Scholarly Project. This statement should be representative of the applicants writing ability. Statement should be 2-4 pages, double-spaced and written in 12-point font.
6. Current resume or curriculum Vitae
7. Three letters of recommendation

**International Applicants**

1. Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States
2. An official report of scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language.

Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview prior to admission

Retention Requirements for All General Declared Nursing Majors

Students who earn less than a B in a required nursing course will be placed on probationary status and must earn a minimum grade of B in all required nursing courses over the next 9 credits.

Handbook

The School of Nursing *Handbook for Doctor of Nursing Practice Students* provides detailed and essential information about the graduate nursing program. It is available online at www.ric.edu/dnp.

Course Requirements - Full-Time Students

First Semester

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| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship | 3 | F |
| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement | 3 | F |
| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 3 | F |

Second Semester

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| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 708 | Interprofessional Collaborative Practice | 3 | Sp |
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| NURS 720 | D.N.P. Project Planning Seminar | 1 | Sp |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | 1 | Sp |

Third Semester

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| NURS 730 | D.N.P. Proposal Development | 3 | Su |

Fourth Semester

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| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support | 3 | F |
| NURS 709 | Population Health | 3 | F |
| NURS 740 | D.N.P. Project Implementation | 2 | F |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II | 1 | F |

Fifth Semester

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| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 705/HCA 503 | Health Care Policy and Advocacy | 3 | F, Sp |
| NURS 750 | D.N.P. Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 1 | Sp |

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Course Requirements - Part-Time Students

First Semester

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| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship | 3 | F |
| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement | 3 | F |

Second Semester

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| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | 1 | Sp |
| NURS 708 | Interprofessional Collaborative Practice | 3 | Sp |

Third Semester

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| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 3 | F |
| NURS 709 | Population Health | 3 | F |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II | 1 | F |

Fourth Semester

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| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 720 | D.N.P. Project Planning Seminar | 1 | Sp |

Fifth Semester

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| NURS 730 | D.N.P. Proposal Development | 3 | Su |

Sixth Semester

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| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support | 3 | F |
| NURS 740 | D.N.P. Project Implementation | 2 | F |

Seventh Semester

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| NURS 705/HCA 503 | Health Care Policy and Advocacy | 3 | F, Sp |
| NURS 750 | D.N.P. Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 1 | Sp |

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