



# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

## BE A LEADER IN HEALTH CARE

Elmhurst's online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares you to manage complexity, lead change and improve population health at a systems level.

**28**  
Months to degree completion

**36**  
Semester hours

**45%**  
Overall employment growth from 2022-2032

*(Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov)*



**Elmhurst University**

School of Graduate Studies

## TAKE YOUR NURSING PRACTICE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Elmhurst's DNP program utilizes hands-on training and a focus on systems leadership to teach you the broad-based skills and perspective you need to make a difference across complex structures. You'll be equipped to help make system-level changes that have a direct impact on patients and communities. This program will develop your leadership skills and increase your ability to create and sustain positive outcomes so that you be an influential leader in the health care industry.

## EARN YOUR DNP ONLINE

Our flexible DNP is specifically designed to accommodate the schedules of working nurses. The program is online, with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous classes. But online learning doesn't mean distance learning—you and your classmates will go through the program as a cohort, giving you a supportive community of study partners and colleagues.

**Clinical hours are integrated throughout the curriculum, making it easier to complete your doctoral degree.**

## THE RIGHT PEOPLE ON YOUR SIDE

Our nursing faculty are scholars who have earned the highest possible degrees in their fields. Each student will have a faculty mentor assigned to be a guide throughout the duration of the program. Our faculty have expertise in diverse areas of nursing practice:

- Administration
- Community Health
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Pediatrics
- Public Health
- Research

The faculty take pride in creating genuine connections with students and giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve.



Elmhurst University has a tradition of high-quality education and excellence in nursing. We are passionate about student success and committed to helping take your nursing practice to the highest level.

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#### PROGRAM FORMAT

100% Online

Part-time

Fall start only



#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 30

Scan for more info:



## Leverage a Legacy of Leadership

Elmhurst has been leading the way in nursing education for over 50 years. Today, U.S. News & World Report ranks our undergraduate and graduate nursing programs among the best in the nation.

### FALL SEMESTER YEAR 1

NRS 701 **Introduction to the DNP Role**

NRS 704 **Healthcare Information Systems**

### SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 1

NRS 711 **Epidemiology**

NRS 710 **Translating Evidence into Nursing Practice**

### SUMMER SEMESTER YEAR 1

NRS 703 **Leadership in Organizations and Systems**

### FALL SEMESTER YEAR 2

NRS 709 **Advanced Health Promotion Across Diverse Cultures**

NRS 708 **Health Policy Development and Implementation**

### SPRING/SUMMER/FALL SEMESTER YEAR 2

NRS 713 **DNP Project**

NRS 714 **DNP Scholarly Product**

## Admission Requirements

The following admission requirements are based on students entering with a minimum of 250 MSN clinical hours:

- Master's degree in nursing from an accredited institution OR a bachelor's degree in nursing AND a master's degree in another subject area (i.e. - MBA, MHA, etc). Prospective students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.
- Active license and employment as a registered nurse.
- Recommendations from three people who can attest to the applicant's professional nursing performance in both formal and informal leadership.
- Current resume documenting work history including levels of responsibility, areas of professional growth, and prior professional educational experiences.
- Interview with Graduate Program Director or designee.
- Official documentation of practice hours completed in MSN/MS courses.
- Submission of a written statement including the following:
  - Identification of a relevant problem/issue that aligns with the program's mission to meet the needs of a diverse society
  - Describe the evidence-based and interprofessional change that the problem/issue involves
  - Describe what level the change impacts (system, organization, regional, or national level)
  - Identification of potential preceptor/facilitator