

# POST GRADUATE HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP D.N.P.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at The College of Saint Scholastica prepares future nursing leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead health care change and advance population health at the highest levels of nursing practice. The Department of Nursing offers two DNP degree options: Baccalaureate to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSDNP) and a Post-Graduate DNP.

The Post-Graduate DNP is for students with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's degree in nursing, or a related field. Requirements include online courses with synchronous and asynchronous webinars. Candidates for the DNP degree at CSS complete 500 practice hours related to the DNP Essentials. Practice hours align with the scholarly doctorate project and individual professional goals in leadership, diversity, business, policy, information technology, and population health. The program can be completed in 4 full-time semesters.

## Contact Information

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## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the arts, sciences, and humanities in promoting at least one of the four spheres of care: wellness, chronic disease management, regenerative/restorative, or palliative.
2. Evaluate values and behaviors consistent with professional nursing standards and the Benedictine values.
3. Appraise the use of information and technology to promote health and safety within dynamic health care systems.
4. Develop evidence-based interventions that promote the health and well-being of nurses, individuals, or communities.
5. Generate collaborative partnerships to address social determinants of health and advocate for health equity.
6. Evaluate resources needed to design safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.

## Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Post Graduate Healthcare Leadership D.N.P.

### Program Requirements

Major Credits: 35-39

DNP Practicum Hours: 1000

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
A gap analysis is completed on all students entering the degree program to determine if additional coursework or practicum hours are required.		
HIF 6010	Foundations Health Informatics	3

MHA 6010	Health Services Leadership	3
MHA 6355	Healthcare Finance I	3
NSG 8110	Introduction to the DNP	3
NSG 8201	Clinical Project I	3
NSG 8206	Clinical Project II	3
NSG 8207	Clinical Project III	3
NSG 8213	Evidence Based Practice & Health Outcomes	3
NSG 8323	Quality Improvement	3
NSG 8620	Health Policy, Ethics & Law	3
NSG 8673	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
NSG 8674	Biostatistics for the DNP	1

### Practicum Requirement

1000 D.N.P. Practicum Hours are required. 500 hours are integrated into the core coursework. Post Graduate D.N.P. students often transfer in practicum hours from their Masters degree.

NSG 8999	Independent Study	1-5
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**Total Credits 35-39**

## Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, graduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**