Advanced Nursing Practice (Innovation Leadership), DNP

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Innovation Leadership)
Designed to take the student's thinking and career to the next level, this nationally recognized DNP program leverages innovation theory, complexity science and the application of the latest evidence to advanced health system outcomes.

This program of study is for all clinical leaders, including educators, executives and informaticists, who want to create sustainable health care in the communities they serve.

Students learn how to optimize human and social capital, create measurable impact on their organizations and foster environments of excellence through innovation.

Some of the courses students take include:

- Innovation Leadership for Tomorrow's Health Care
- Financing Health Care for a Sustainable Future
- Navigating Culture to Create Successful Change and Transformation
- Systems Thinking for Improved Organizational Performance

Offered as a hybrid program, most coursework is in the iCourse format which affords optimal flexibility. There are also two to three opportunities per semester for in-person dialogue and exchange.

Acknowledged by graduates as a life-changing experience, this program is one of deep personal discovery and diverse professional enrichment. Students are part of a rich social fabric of highly engaged, intellectually astute and practically sound nursing leaders who are changing health care for the nation.

Los Angeles location: Currently, programs of study are offered in a hybrid learning model. Select courses are offered through in-person instruction in the Herald Examiner building. The majority of courses are offered virtually from Arizona through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning technologies. Students should consult their advisor and schedule of classes for additional information.
At a Glance

- **College/School**: Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location**: Downtown Phoenix, ASU at Los Angeles

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 716)

**Required Core (13 credit hours)**
- DNP 704 Principles of Evidence-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)
- DNP 705 Health Care Outcome Management (3)
- DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)
- DNP 709 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)

**Concentration (9 credit hours)**
- DNP 713 Analysis of Organizational Cultures in Health Care (3)
- DNP 714 Professional Relationships in Healthcare (3)
- NUR 640 Integrative Theories of Innovation Health Care (3)

**Other Requirements (23 credit hours)**
- DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
- DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
- DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
- DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)
- DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

**Electives and Research (36 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
- Applied Project: DNP 716 Leadership of Innovation in Health Care (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students completing a nurse practitioner doctoral program. This program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.
When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this program.

Other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit if the student is in an approved concurrent program.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with program faculty is required.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

An admission examination is not required.
Applications are reviewed on a space-available basis after the priority deadline.

**Application Deadlines**

**Summer**

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the innovation leadership concentration of the advanced nursing practice doctorate have the knowledge and training to change or create sustainable health care in their community.

Career examples:

- chief executive officer
- chief nurse executive
- clinical director

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