DNP with a Nursing Education Concentration

Do you want to teach the next generation of new nurses, educate advanced practice and specialty nurses, and prepare nurses for leadership and management roles? If so, GW’s DNP with a nursing education concentration provides you with nursing practice core competencies and prepares you to be a nursing educator with a more in-depth foundation of teaching and learning principles, adult learning, curriculum development, and assessment and evaluation of education.

There is a national shortage of nursing faculty—nearly 80,000 qualified nursing student applicants were turned away in 2012 with two-thirds of nursing schools pointing to faculty shortages as a reason [source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)].

The national nursing faculty vacancy rate was almost 9% in 2013—with most of the vacancies requiring or preferring a doctoral degree [source: AACN].

The U.S. is projected to experience a nursing shortage that is expected to intensify as the need for health care expands and aging nurses retire [sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics and AACN].

By 2022, 1.05 million job openings for nurses due to growth and replacements are projected [sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics and AACN].

WHY GW IS A SMART CHOICE

As you pursue your DNP with a nursing education concentration online at GW, you will find that as a nationally recognized leader in online nursing education GW offers you:

+ FLEXIBILITY – access courses anytime and work around a busy or unpredictable schedule
+ EXPERTISE – nationally recognized nursing school partnering with GW’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development and evolving as the school of nursing for health policy
+ VALUE – top-ranked school with comparatively low tuition
+ SHARED MISSION – educating nurses to provide high-quality care and to be leaders shaping the future of health care delivery
+ COMMUNITY – diverse colleagues nationwide with whom to share experiences and exchange ideas, and a lifelong connection to GW’s alumni network
+ ACADEMIC RIGOR – interdisciplinary approach designed for today’s complex health care environment

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAPACITY AND WIDEN YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

The GW DNP with a nursing education concentration provides you with nursing practice core competencies and a foundation in teaching and learning principles. This prepares you to:

• Be a nursing faculty member at a university, college, or community college
• Educate nurses and others in a clinical setting
• Teach in community-based environments
• Mentor new, advanced practice, and specialty nurses
• Prepare new nurse leaders and managers
• Develop and evaluate curriculum
• Assess educational offerings
• Address health care policy
• Be a nurse leader
FORMAT
Designed for working nurses, coursework is online and as challenging as an on campus pathway. Like on campus options there is a regular semester schedule and students have textbooks, work on group projects, and complete final exams or projects.
Classes are asynchronous to provide flexibility. Interactive formats give you easy access to course materials, faculty, and classmates. Some courses have synchronous seminars to provide live time with faculty members and other students.
You will have two to three on campus experiences for face-to-face interactions with your classmates and faculty members, to utilize your skills during course seminars, and for networking.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
The rigorous curriculum incorporates the values within the SON vision and mission, and consistent with the ANCC Magnet goals, educates you to be a nurse leader prepared to:

• Provide high quality patient care
• Further evidence-based practice
• Ensure collaboration among health care providers
• Develop quality improvement initiatives
• Engage in policy discussions and decision-making
• Collect and analyze clinical data
• Translate research into practice
• Strategically manage resources
• Utilize technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness
• Foster lifelong learning

Layered on this is a curriculum developed and taught in partnership with the GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development. This curriculum emphasizes principles of adult learning, learning needs assessment, incorporation of technology into instructional design, and strengthening collaboration and high-order thinking skills. Courses include:

• Adult Learning
• Adult Learning Interventions
• Human Resource Development
• Knowledge Management
• Population Health
• Health Care Quality
• Health Services Research and Policy
• Translating Research into Practice
• And more…

A clinical research project of your own design in your last year allows you to engage your new skills.

STRONG EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
You will have a strong support network:

• Positive support from the faculty through academic advising and other direct interactions
• On campus orientation to develop relationships and facilitate communication
• Access to all campus services, with staff and faculty assistance in navigating university systems
• A student writing resource website
• National network of colleagues for idea exchange and support

FACULTY
Drawn from diverse professions, the faculty gives you access to many worldviews and health care perspectives.
Our faculty believes optimal learning occurs when education is student-centered and adult learners are recognized for their professional knowledge, life experience, and self-reflection.
GW’s DNP with a nursing education concentration boasts a low student-to-faculty ratio. The core curriculum is taught by nursing faculty, and students also take courses in GW’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
You enter the DNP with a nursing education concentration in the fall as a part-time student. This option takes three years to complete, at approximately two courses per semester.
For more information about the admissions requirements and process, please visit nursing.gwu.edu/how-apply or contact us at sonadmit@gwu.edu or 571-553-0138.
The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.
This is a post-MSN degree opportunity.

TUITION FINANCIAL AID AND VALUE
2015-2016

TUITION
$1,030/Credit*
Total Credits Needed for Graduation ............................................42

*This graduate tuition rate is fixed for students admitted in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016, and guaranteed for one year past the standard degree completion.

OTHER COSTS
Students are responsible for other costs, including but not limited to: CPR certification, books, certified background check, health insurance, immunizations, and lab fees. For the current listing of all associated costs, visit our website at nursing.gwu.edu/tuition-and-fees.

FINANCIAL AID
GW Colonial Central provides a “one-stop shop” for tuition, student loans, and financing your education. Some employers provide tuition support and some scholarship opportunities are available. Visit colonialcentral.gwu.edu.

Students are eligible to apply for financial aid through GW’s Financial Aid Office (financialaid.gwu.edu). Questions? Contact finaid@gwu.edu or call 202-994-6620.

Also, nursing specific scholarships and other funding sources are identified in the Admissions & Aid section of the school’s website at nursing.gwu.edu.

VALUE
George Washington University is a nonprofit private university. Receive a valuable education from a school of nursing ranked in the top 11% of nursing schools by US News & World Report and whose MSN program is ranked #9.

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