Are you compelled to enhance patient care, be active in health policy, and be a nursing leader? If so, GW’s DNP in Nursing Practice prepares you to incorporate evidence-based practice, organizational and interdisciplinary concepts, policy, and research into clinical practice and leadership; be a nurse educator; and, engage in health policy discussions and decision-making.

The landmark Future of Nursing report, by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, says nurses need to take greater responsibility in health care—and recommends doubling the number of doctorally-prepared nurses by 2020. The national nursing faculty vacancy rate was almost 9% in 2013—with most of the vacancies requiring or preferring a doctoral degree [source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)]. DNP graduates are prepared to seek faculty roles in schools of nursing.

There is a high demand for doctorally-prepared nurses in order to keep pace with the health care environment that requires highly-educated nurses and nurse leaders.

WHY GW IS A SMART CHOICE

As you pursue your DNP: Nursing Practice 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
+ **CONVENIENCE** – use any internet-connected computer
+ **VALUE** – top-ranked school with comparatively low tuition
+ **SHARED MISSION** – providing high quality care and 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
+ **POLICY EXPERTISE** – GW is evolving as the school of nursing for health policy

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAPACITY AND WIDEN YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

The GW DNP: Nursing Practice prepares you to be a:

- Nurse Executive
- Nurse Administrator
- Chief Nurse Officer
- Nurse Manager
- Head Nurse
- Chief Nurse
- Chief Nursing Executive
- Nursing Faculty Member
- And more…

“As a current DNP student, I wanted to take the opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed my first year in this program! The faculty and program director have been amazing teachers and highly supportive.”

Jenny Barnhouse, MS, RN, CNE
Current GW DNP Student
Instructor, Oklahoma University College of Nursing
“GW’s DNP program allowed me to complete my doctorate while improving care delivery for my patients directly—the program immediately enhanced my patient care—and the value of the program, as well as the support of the faculty, was excellent.”

Lamin Juwara, MSN, CRNP, DNP ’12
Senior Nurse Practitioner, Medical Oncology Branch
National Cancer Institute

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 hone 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

Specific courses include:

• Population Health
• Health Care Enterprise
• Organizational and Interdisciplinary Concepts
• Knowledge Management
• 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 across the country for idea exchange and support

FACULTY
Drawn from diverse health care 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.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
You enter the DNP: Nursing Practice pathway in the fall as a full- or part-time student.

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 ............................................36

*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.