



School of Graduate Studies and Research

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Clarion and Edinboro Universities Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program consists of 27 credits that can be tailored to students' interests through specialty electives in advanced clinical practice and clinical nursing education. Courses can be taken part-time over 6 semesters in an online format. The program is designed to be flexible, affordable, and professionally rewarding. Online delivery of didactic content builds on the success of this delivery method with the MSN program. Students will be able to complete clinical practice hours near their homes or, in many cases, in their work settings.

**Admission Requirements and Procedures:** Visit the [Graduate School webpage](#) and click the "Apply" link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "account" link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email [help@collegenet.com](mailto:help@collegenet.com).

## Admission Requirements and Procedures

Applicants must have a master's degree\* in nursing or health science from a nationally accredited program. This may be direct care such as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetist, clinical specialist, nurse midwife or in-direct care such as nurse administrators and nursing informatics.

The student must also meet the following requirements:

1. Completed online application form
2. Non-refundable application fee (\$40 payable at the time of online application submission)
3. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
4. \*Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or other bachelor's degree from an accredited program with a GPA of 3.25 or higher (*applicants must have at least one degree in nursing, either a BSN, BSN equivalent, or a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Applicants with only a diploma degree in nursing or ASN cannot be accepted*)
5. \*MSN or other master's degree from an accredited program with a GPA of 3.25 or higher (*Applicants with a master's degree other than nursing may require additional coursework prior to enrollment, as determined by a review of official transcripts*)
6. A graduate course in research with a grade of "B" or higher or successful completion of graduate thesis (***Completion of a graduate level capstone project will be considered upon review of the project***)
7. Two professional recommendations; excluding peer reference
8. Resume/CV
9. Current unencumbered licenses as a Registered Nurse
10. Written documentation of completed clinical hours in a master's program (DNP degree requires a total of 1000 hours of clinical time between the master's and doctoral programs)
11. A type-written 1-2 page personal statement describing your learning goals
12. A telephone interview

\*Students who have not yet completed their master's degrees:

- Admission can be granted to students contingent upon anticipated graduation from their master's degree program during their initial semester in the DNP program.

**Please note: Because this is a consortium program with Clarion University, all applications are processed through the Clarion website. When you click the link below to apply, you will be redirected to the appropriate page on clarion.edu.**

[Click here to apply.](#)

Please submit all application materials in a large envelope to the administrative site:

Graduate Admissions  
Clarion University  
840 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214

**Application Deadline: Accepting applications until all seats are full. Classes begin May 2017.**

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## Curriculum

NURS 806 Leading Nursing in Health Care Systems  
NURS 807 Information Management in Health Care  
NURS 808 Methods of Evidence Based Practice  
NURS 809 Advanced Topics in Nursing Practice  
NURS 810 Advanced Topics in Clinical Management  
NURS 850 Doctor of Nursing Practice Internship I  
NURS 851 Advanced Clinical Practice Internship II  
NURS 900 Doctor of Nursing Practice Project (Clinical Dissertation)

### Degree Requirements:

Students will submit end of program portfolios in an electronic format. Options available to students include the use of wikis, such as those found at Google Sites, which can be password protected yet be accessible to potential employers. Portfolio guidelines will mirror those currently used in the Clarion and Edinboro Universities' MSN Program. A panel of DNP faculty will review and grade the portfolios using a grading rubric based on the program objectives and DNP competencies. A score of 84% or better will be required to pass this comprehensive assessment. A DNP Project is also required. The DNP project is initiated the summer of year 2 and supported by pre-requisite courses in Analytical Methods and Evidence Based Practice, Information Management in Health Care, and Leading Nursing in Health Care Systems. Guidelines for the project can be found in the syllabus for NURS 900: Doctor of Nursing Practice Project (Appendix C). Dissemination of the project will be in the form of a written paper and presentation to peers and a panel of faculty. Presentation to project stakeholders, publication, or presentation at a conference is also required. As with the portfolios, a grading rubric will be used and a grade of 84% or better will be required to meet this competency.

As a practice doctorate, all students are required to complete 1000 clinical practice hours between their master's and doctoral programs. Clinical practice hours provide students an opportunity to enhance and integrate prior learning and to acquire and apply DNP and advanced clinical practice competencies in a mentored clinical setting. Recognizing that students come from diverse backgrounds and a broad range of experiences, students will identify their own learning goals and follow a faculty-approved plan. Students will be responsible for arranging internship hours with a preceptor from their community; a growing list of preceptors from the MSN program will be available to those residing in Western Pennsylvania. Faculty oversight will be through phone, email, and grading of online assignments.

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**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at [gradstudies@edinboro.edu](mailto:gradstudies@edinboro.edu) or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the Doctor of Nursing Practice, please contact Dr. Colleen Barrett at (814) 732-1643 ([cbarrett@edinboro.edu](mailto:cbarrett@edinboro.edu)).

**Office for Students with Disabilities:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](#).

**Graduate Assistantships:** [Graduate Assistantships](#) are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or [finaid@edinboro.edu](mailto:finaid@edinboro.edu).

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#) is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#).

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Information and printable forms regarding **Veterans' Education Benefits** and the **Montgomery GI Bill** are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs

approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

*Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity education institution and employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disability in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the ADA. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Office of Human Resources and Faculty Relations, Reeder Hall, (814-732-2810) or the Office of Social Equity (814-732-2167), 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444.*

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