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The University of Scranton
PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Doctor of Nursing Practice: **Post Master's Leadership**

WHY SCRANTON?

Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You'll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited programs.

JESUIT VALUES

- *Fosters academic, professional and personal development*
- *Focus on social justice, empowerment, advocacy and leadership*
- *Development of clients to their full potential*
- *Emphasis on appreciation of diversity*

AT A GLANCE

EXECUTIVE MODEL FORMAT

- Weekend executive model designed to accommodate full-time practice and academic commitment
- 30-credit program can be completed in 21 months
- Classes meet over one weekend per month for up to four times each semester
- Allows for increased collaboration among students
- Monthly face-to-face contact between students and professors
- Facilitates a direct access to faculty and advisors on a regular basis while enriching the academic experience

REAL WORLD RESULTS

Filling a Growing Need

- Scranton's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program was ranked No. 113 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2022 "Best Graduate Schools."
- Our program will position graduates well for the changes and opportunities expected to arise for health care practice in the future, including advancement in independent practice, leadership positions in a variety of practice settings, executive positions in health care organizations, directors of clinical programs, faculty positions responsible for clinical program delivery, and teaching positions in the clinical setting.

ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING

Faculty Engagement

PERSONAL ATTENTION

- Learn from an incomparable faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
- Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
- Work alongside a faculty member who will assist with personal academic planning throughout the program.

GETTING RECOGNIZED

Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.

CCNE ACCREDITED

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and post-graduate APRN certificate program at The University of Scranton are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

At **$772 per credit**, the tuition cost for our DNP program is among the most competitive in PA and for regionally accredited universities

"A program that is personable and supportive in every way possible with fantastic educators and mentors"

— Lindsey Hayde-Sexton, DNP, CRNA '19

CURRICULUM *Programs of Study*

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE: >> *MISSION STATEMENT*

The Mission of the Department of Nursing at The University of Scranton is to prepare nurses at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels, who are grounded in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, and committed to excellence in practice for the 21st century. Our graduates have the knowledge and competencies to deliver high-quality, evidence-based, holistic person-centered care.

Our Post Master's Leadership, DNP program is uniquely offered in an executive leadership format and is specifically designed to accommodate full-time practice and full-time academic commitment. This hybrid model allows for on-campus and on-line course work. Our 30-credit program can be completed in 21 months, with entry in fall and graduation two years later in May.

In addition to course work, each student will complete an evidence-based scholarly project and clinical practice hours.

FIRST YEAR, FALL:

NURS 700: Epidemiology and Biostatistics
NURS 710: Information Systems and Health Care Technology

FIRST YEAR, SPRING:

NURS 720: Advanced Scientific Inquiry
NURS 730: Translating Evidence into Practice

FIRST YEAR, SUMMER:

NURS 740: Health Care Management for Advanced Practice Nurses
NURS 750: Promoting Health in Vulnerable Populations

SECOND YEAR, FALL:

NURS 760: Advanced Health Care Policy
NURS 780: DNP Scholarly Project I

SECOND YEAR, SPRING:

NURS 770: Professional Leadership and Organizational Change
NURS 790: TDNP Scholarly Project II

DO MORE

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of their educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. *More at:* **scranton.edu/ga**

Career Development Services

Nursing students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office's online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. *More at:* **scranton.edu/careers**

WHAT NEXT? *HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE*

Applicants who have questions about our nondiscrimination policy, or have concerns about discrimination on the basis of sex should contact: Title IX Coordinator, c/o • The Office of Equity & Diversity • Institute of Molecular Biology & Medicine, Rm 315 • TitleIX@scranton.edu • 570.941.6645

ADMISSION

Admission Criteria for Acceptance

Admission is based on a combination of indicators: previous academic performance, three professional letters of recommendation, relevant professional experience and an interview.

APPLY NOW

Students are admitted to the DNP program for the fall semester only. Completed applications for fall admission must be received by August 1st of the year of expected enrollment. To apply and for additional admission requirements, please visit: **scranton.edu/dnp**

SCHEDULE A VISIT

Personal appointments with an Admissions representative are offered Monday through Friday and can provide insight to the application and admission process. Sign up online to register for your visit at: **scranton.edu/gradvisit**

CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

You are encouraged to contact the Interim Program Director, Dr. Jo Ann Nicoteri, for information on the academic components of the nursing program. To contact Dr. Nicoteri, please email **joann.nicoteri@scranton.edu** or call **570.941.4345**.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Students are admitted to the Post Master's Leadership, DNP program for the fall semester only. Completed applications for fall admissions must be received by August 1 of the year of expected enrollment. Applicants for the program must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a master's degree in nursing (MSN) from an accredited program with preparation in an advanced nursing practice specialty
- Have an MSN GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Be licensed as a registered nurse
- Submit three professional references
- Submit a three to four page essay describing current and past clinical practice, scholarly career achievements, and the proposed topic for the scholarly project (topic may be a practice improvement issue or a clinical management problem)
- A personal interview with the program director or a faculty member to clarify goals and objectives is required

CONTACT

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