ABOUT YOUR Clinical Placements

Providing students with high quality, diverse clinical experiences for all students is a top priority for the School of Nursing. The school maintains relationships with more than 250 sites that span five states and a broad range of settings. Students are carefully placed in settings that provide a rich array of experiences that match their specialty focus, interest areas and other considerations, including geographic location. Faculty assume all responsibility for securing clinical placements for their students.

“In the DNP program we learned about changing the system, about bringing evidence to practice and that’s what I do now.”

Jennifer Platt, DNP graduate and pediatric nurse practitioner at University of Minnesota Children’s Hospital

Learn more about the program, ask a question or schedule a visit.

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice program will prepare you to lead, deliver and improve care by bringing the latest evidence-based knowledge to your clinical practice.

Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates are in high demand as the need increases to improve health outcomes for all and care for people with complex, chronic conditions. As the highest clinical degree for nursing practice, the DNP degree is rapidly becoming the standard for advanced practice nurses. This degree will empower you to expand your impact and influence in an area of health care that interests you.

As a student in one of the three largest DNP programs in the country, you will be exposed to a world of opportunities in nursing:

- **Extraordinary mentors:** Learn from caring faculty who are nationally and internationally recognized as leaders in practice, education and research.
- **Vast clinical opportunities:** Gain experience in a diverse array of clinical environments and learn from highly qualified interprofessional clinical experts – all carefully selected and working in partnership with School of Nursing faculty.
- **Program flexibility:** The partially-online program gives you the flexibility you may need to balance school, family and work demands.
- **New financial support:** Includes $1 million awarded per year for DNP scholarships from the Bentson Foundation.

The post-baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed for registered nurses who have an entry-level degree in nursing – such as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or master’s entry-level nursing degree – and are interested in significantly expanding their scope of responsibility and their ability to improve health care outcomes.

In taking this next step to earn the highest nursing practice degree you will be equipped to evaluate systems and utilize research to lead changes in protocol, practice and health care policies in a wide array of settings. Graduates of the DNP program are prepared to create and lead new models of care delivery for communities locally, across the nation and around the world.

**Specialize in One of the Following Areas**
- Adult Health/Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Adult Health/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Health Innovation and Leadership
- Integrative Health and Healing
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nurse Midwifery
- Nursing Informatics
- Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Public Health Nursing
- Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner

Because the Doctor of Nursing Practice curriculum is centered around building your capacity to lead, innovate and improve systems of care based on the latest discoveries, students benefit from learning at a world class research university.

As part of the University of Minnesota’s Academic Health Center comprised of pharmacy, dentistry, medicine, public health, nursing and veterinary medicine, nursing students learn and practice in interprofessional teams and participate in clinical research projects.

Ranked 15th in the country among schools of nursing in research funding from the National Institutes of Health, the School of Nursing is continuously discovering new and more effective interventions to improve health, reduce costs and enhance the patient experience.

The school is the oldest continuously operated school of nursing based in a university in the country and was founded in 1909. The school’s dynamic past informs its bright future.

The School of Nursing’s new Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center, a state-of-the-art simulation learning resource, provides students and faculty with a continuum of authentic health care settings for practice scenarios, using and testing the latest technologies and creating innovative care delivery models.