

**SECTION I:
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING OVERVIEW**

Introduction

This handbook was developed to facilitate your study and student life. The electronic version of the DEPARTMENT OF NURSING STUDENT HANDBOOK is located on the StudentCanvas site. It is the responsibility of all nursing students to read the Student Handbook, as well as understand and comply with all nursing department policies and procedures.

4. Promote academic and professional student success through the academic rigor of our programs, integrating best practices in nursing education and addressing the needs of today's diverse learners.
5. Promote student inquiry into advanced study and nursing scholarship through life-long learning strategies.
6. Contribute to the University, the community and profession of nursing with a faculty that engages in leadership, scholarship and practice activities.
7. Build educational offerings and programs that meet the evolving needs of students and the health care environment.

The DNP goals, program student outcomes and course objectives are congruent with the established national standards.

DNP Program Goals

1. The graduates of the clinical doctorate degree program will be prepared to function as experts in their areas of specialty with distinct depth knowledge in complex health care systems.
2. The graduates of the DNP program will distinguish themselves by their ability to provide direct care, as well as to conceptualize new delivery models, based in contemporary nursing science and informed by organizational, political, cultural, and economic trends.

GRADUATE PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The program outcomes are the expected student learning outcomes, reflecting characteristics of the expected graduate of the Graduate Program and the key concepts selected by the UT Nursing Faculty. *Please note the UT DON is transitioning to the 2021 AACN Essentials and 2022 NONPF Core Competencies. The Nursing Program's Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) describe the graduate as one who will be able to:

Graduate Program Outcomes

1. Integrate nursing science and theory with knowledge from ethics, biophysical, psychosocial, and organizational sciences to develop and evaluate advanced nursing practice.

AACN ESSENTIALS [The AACN Essentials \(2021\)](#)

CORE COMPETENCIES FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING EDUCATION Domains and Descriptors

Domain 1: Knowledge for Nursing Practice

Descriptor: Integration, translation, and application of established and evolving disciplinary nursing knowledge and ways of knowing, as well as knowledge from other disciplines, including a foundation in liberal arts and natural and social sciences. This distinguishes the practice of professional nursing and forms the basis for clinical judgment and innovation in nursing practice.

Domain 2: Person-Centered Care

Descriptor: Person-centered care focuses on the individual within multiple complicated contexts, including family and/or important others. Person-centered care is holistic, individualized, just, respectful, compassionate, coordinated, evidence-based, and d

Overview of the DNP Program

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program prepares experts in specialized advanced nursing practice. The program prepares DNP students in one of ~~two~~ concentrations:

Advanced Practice Nurse NP Concentration will allow students to design, implement, and evaluate evidence

DNP CURRICULUM

The DNP program is transitioning to the AACN Essentials (2021) in Fall 2024

Required DNP Courses:

All DNP students take:

NUR 700	Introduction to DNP Role and Clinical Inquiry	1
NUR 701	Clinical Epidemiology for APNs	3
NUR 702	APN Care of At-Risk Vulnerable Populations	2
NUR 703	Research Translation for APN Clinical Practice	3
NUR 704	Healthcare Informatics and Information Systems for APN Clinical Practice	3
NUR 705	Healthcare Leadership and Management for APNs	3
NUR 706	DNP Project I: PICOT**	2
NUR 707	Health Policy and Advocacy for APN Clinical Practice	3
NUR 708	DNP Project II: Project Plan**	2
NUR 710	DNP Project III: Implementation***	3
NUR 711	DNP Project IV: Evaluation and Dissemination*** One of the following required:	2
NUR 709*	Genomics and APN Clinical Practice (APNs)	3
NUR 720*	Leadership in Changing Healthcare Environments (Leadership)	3

Subtotal: 30

**A minimum of 1000 practicum hours are required for APN concentration students to graduate. 500 verified practicum hours from MSN programs can count towards the required 1000 hours.

*** These courses each require practicum hours.

SECTION II: ADMISSIONS

GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission Criteria for the DNP Program

Admission to the DNP program is competitive. Those who meet stated requirements are not guaranteed admission. Nor are those who fail to meet all of the requirements necessarily precluded from admission if they offer other appropriate strengths.

General Admission Requirements

- x Completed application.
- x Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions of education.
- x A minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 in the previously completed nursing master's program professor holding a doctorate from the previously completed master's program.
- x Personal statement of professional goals and how admission to the DNP program will facilitate applicant's professional goals (APA format, 500 words) <http://www.ttu.edu/ncn/2013/04/24/>

For Leadership in Population and Community Health Concentration

- x An unencumbered RN license and a Master's degree (MS, MSN, MBA, MHA, MPH or related discipline).
- x Current resume or curriculum vitae indicating employment experience in advanced nursing practice for at least one year.

For Graduates of the UT MSN Program

Licensed nurse practitioners who earned their MSN from UT with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are guaranteed admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

- x Students must have national certification as a nurse practitioner. The personal statement, documentation of MSN clinical hours and one-year clinical practice requirements are waived.
- x Students who graduated from the MSN program within the last five years are exempt from submitting letters of recommendation. Those who graduated more than five years ago must submit one letter of recommendation.
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DNP Plan of Study

YEAR 1

Semester

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT & REGISTRATION

Upon admission to the program, each student will be assigned a nursing academic advisor, in the DNP program this is either the DNP Program Director or a DNP program

SECTION III:
PROGRESSION PLANS

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DNP Program Progression Plan

Final Course Grading

Final course grades are rounded up for 0.5 or higher only. For example, a final course grade of 93.5 would be rounded to 94 = A; whereas, a grade of 93.49 stays at 93.49 = AB. Individual exams, quizzes, and assignments are not rounded. Only the final course grade is rounded. In addition, requests to review previously graded work for grade change are not allowed once final course grade is recorded. Extra credit opportunities after the course has concluded are not provided, as it is the determination of the department that the grade earned during the pendency of the course and is not altered after the end of the course when the final earned results are known. These policies are in place to ensure consistency and to be objectively fair to all students.

Academic Dismissal and Readmission

Students who are academically dismissed due to: 1) the second grade below "B", 2) failure to correct their academic probation status, 3) commission of a critically serious breach of the UT Academic Integrity Policy, and/or engagement in repeated failures to adhere to the UT Academic Integrity Policy, or 4) a second course withdrawal due to risk for academic failure, the course are not eligible for re-admission to the UTDNP Program. Students will be notified in writing of their ineligibility for re-admission to the UTDNP Program.

Students who are dismissed from the DNP program due to other reasons are not eligible for re-admission to the UTDNP Program.

DNP Course Withdrawal:
Due to accreditation

dismissal. Students will be offered this opportunity only one time throughout their academic program. If the GPA falls below 3.0 a second time, they will be academically dismissed.

- Students who withdraw from more than one course due to risk for academic failure will be dismissed from the program.
- A student who has been out of the graduate program for two consecutive semesters or more must reapply for admission to the DNP Program.
- Licensed Nurse Practitioners must maintain current Florida APRN licensure throughout the program.
- Leadership concentration students must maintain a current RN license throughout the program.

Attendance and Absences

Exam Absences

Attendance for all examinations is expected. Students who are absent for an examination will receive a zero (0) for that exam. In extreme extenuating circumstances, a student may submit a formal request for exception to this policy as follows:

- Submit formal letter of request to course faculty.
- Include in letter of request the specific exam and a detailed rationale for the request.
- Attach official documentation of extenuating circumstances.

The course faculty will make the decision to grant or deny the request based on a case-by-case review of individual circumstances. If permission to take a make-up exam is granted, the time and type of examination will be determined by the faculty. Make-up exam items may be of any type, including short answer and essay. Students who log in late for an exam may be penalized.

are not limited to housefire, vehicle collision, and jury duty. Documentation will consist of an official record from the appropriate agency office.

Attendance Policy

Although the DNP program is online and is asynchronous there are some assignments such as exams that will be scheduled on specific dates and times. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to arrive promptly. The anchor day for the DNP program is on Mondays at noon. All new material will be posted at this time. Students are expected to login weekly to o mh3dof

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Academic Appeal Process

The following policy applies to disputes over grading and/or academic decisions at the graduate level:

1. It is understood that the student meets first with the instructor and the program director/department chair to resolve the academic issue at hand.
2. If the matter remains unresolved, the student must notify the program director in writing within five working days that an appeal is forthcoming.
3. Within ten working days of notification, the written or emailed appeal must be submitted to the Director/Chair of the nursing department with specific evidence and all supporting documents.
4. Within five working days of receiving the written or emailed appeal and supporting documents,
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The University of Tampa is committed to provide a campus environment free of the abuse of alcohol and the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs. No employee or student is to report to work, class, labor clinical practicum or to any University activity while under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol.

Americans with Disabilities Act

If there is a student who requires accommodations because of any disability please contact the Academic Success Center for information regarding registering as a student with a disability. You may call (813) 257-3266 or email accessibility.services@ut.edu. Please feel free to discuss this issue with faculty, in private, if more information is needed.

Intervention Project for Nurses (IPN)

Any student displaying behavior in the academic or clinical setting indicative of impairment related to substance abuse, psychological/psychiatric or medical condition will be asked to self-report to the Intervention Project for Nurses (<http://ipnfl.org/>), as contractor for the Florida Board of Nursing in accordance with the Florida Nurse Practice Act.

Suspension and Dismissal

- x The University of Tampa Department of Nursing has established standards of conduct and performance that apply to all nursing students. The standards are commensurate with those that are expected of a healthcare professional. These standards must be upheld in order to remain and progress within the Nursing Program.
- x The following represent conduct and performance that is unacceptable and may be used as grounds for immediate suspension or dismissal from the Nursing Program

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Criminal

6. In the event a record of conviction is found, the record will be screened as to severity by the

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4. Any felony of child abuse.
5. Any felony offense in another state, the elements which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.

Misdemeanors

1. Third degree assault.
2. Any misdemeanor, the underlying factual basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence.
3. A misdemeanor offense of child abuse.
4. Any misdemeanor offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist.
5. Any misdemeanor offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the misdemeanor offenses listed above.

Criminal Histories

1. Convictions/deferred adjudications involving crimes against persons (physical or sexual abuse, neglect, assault, murder, etc.).
2. Convictions related to moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.).
3. Convictions/deferred adjudications related to the sale, possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances.
4. Registered sex offenders.

If a student doesn't have any of the offenses listed above on their record but does have a record of other types of convictions a nursing department administrative review will occur. While the student may be admitted to the program, if no clinical or agency is willing to accept the student based upon a positive background check, the student may not be able to fulfill the program or course/clinical requirements which will place the student in violation of the DON progression policy. Accordingly, the DON reserves the right to dismiss the student.

**SECTION V:
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Miscellaneous

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (Sigma) is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. The vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to be the global organization of choice for nursing. Students enrolled in a nursing program, and who meet

APA STYLE

The Department of Nursing requires all coursework to be formatted using the rules of

Faculty may require you to bring and use your personal laptop for in class course related work, so you should be prepared to bring your laptop with you to class fully charged. UT supports a high-speed wireless network with coverage throughout all of the buildings and the UT campus has over 700 wireless hot spots. NOT () iPads, Tablets (Android, Windows RT) and Chromebooks will not meet the minimum requirements and cannot be used for the activities and assessments required in this nursing program. The laptop requirements meeting the technology requirements of the Nursing