The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed to prepare the nurse who has completed a master’s degree the opportunity to attain skills and knowledge that contribute to nursing practice and health care. Building on their knowledge of nursing, students develop an advanced understanding of nursing theory, clinical inquiry, ethics and leadership. This in turn is integrated with knowledge of business, informatics, technology, and health policy to develop collaborative strategies that optimize the health of individuals, families, communities and systems.

With formative course work and the support of faculty, DNP students pursue capstone projects in specific practice settings, systems, or with specific populations to improve health or health outcomes. Students may innovate a practice change, translate evidence into practice, implement quality improvement processes, or evaluate program outcomes.

**Career Opportunities**
The DNP prepared nurse may use the knowledge attained to improve their practice in their specialty area. Many graduates find themselves in leadership positions with greater influence.

**Why Detroit Mercy?**
- Doctorally prepared faculty mentor students to develop the highest level of nursing competence.
- Classes blend online and face to face meetings scheduled four times per semester. If a student can’t make it in person, an online platform allows them to join class virtually.
- Classes are held on the same day of the week and scheduled in the late afternoon/early evening 2 year, 36 credit program.

**Program Requirements**
For a complete list of degree requirements, please visit the DNP section of the online catalog at [http://www.udmercy.edu/academics/catalog/](http://www.udmercy.edu/academics/catalog/)

**Admission Requirements**
1. Apply online by visiting [udmercy.edu/apply](http://udmercy.edu/apply)
2. Master of Science in Nursing or Nurse Anesthesia from an accredited school
3. Send official transcripts of all undergraduate & graduate coursework
4. Minimum 3.20 GPA from an accredited institution
5. (3) Professional Recommendations
6. Portfolio including Curriculum Vitae or Resume
7. Essay
8. Interview with DNP faculty

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