

## Post-MSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Online DNP Program for Future Researchers, Clinical Leaders, Policy Makers, and Field Influencers

### Program Overview

Recognizing the increasing complexity of our nation's health care environment, Nursing@Simmons offers an online Post Master's to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for board-certified APRNs. The Nursing@Simmons online DNP program integrates evidencebased practice with strong analytical and leadership principles to prepare nurses for the highest level of professional nursing practice, and to meet the challenges presented in today's changing landscape of health care. The academically rigorous curriculum focuses on pioneering research, theory, and policy and enables students to directly apply what they learn in the classroom to advance their nursing practice. As a student, you will stay up to date on the ever-changing dynamics of nursing practice with curriculum that includes the study of ethics and the biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences.

### Why Pursue a DNP?

The Nursing@Simmons online DNP program prepares students to:

- Become leaders in organizations and health care systems and promote secure and efficient health care delivery to individuals and populations.
- Conduct practice-based research.
- Use informatics, data, and technology to improve processes and implement change in health care systems.
- Design and apply policies that affect health care financing, safety, quality, practice regulation, access to care, and efficacy of care.
- Collaborate with professionals and teams across disciplines to improve health outcomes for patients and populations.
- Create and establish evidence-based interventions that enhance population health and clinical prevention.



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Nursing@Simmons's approximate student-to-faculty ratio



**50,000+**

Members in Simmons's worldwide alumni network



**24/7**

Access to high-quality video coursework and recorded video sessions

## Simmons School of Nursing

Since 1902, Simmons School of Nursing has been educating top-quality health care professionals. Simmons School of Nursing is an innovator in health care education with nationally recognized faculty members who practice clinically in a variety of settings. Our students share a passion for lifelong learning and for enabling others to lead healthy lives.

## Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to Nursing@Simmons's Post-MSN to DNP program, each applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have:

- A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from a regionally accredited U.S. postsecondary institution
- A current U.S. registered nurse (RN) license and board certification in the U.S in an advanced practice specialty (NP, CNS, CNM, CRNA), both in good standing
- A minimum of two years of professional experience as a licensed RN (experience as a board-certified advanced practice registered nurse is recommended and preferred)
- Successful completion (with a grade of 83 or better) of a three-credit course in statistics and a three-credit course in health assessment

## All Post-MSN to DNP Applicants Must Submit the Following:

- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- One- to two-page personal statement
- Transcript(s) of their academic record
- Three letters of recommendation
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score if their native language is not English. The Simmons School of Nursing TOEFL code is 3761.
- Supplemental documents from their professional portfolio (optional)

## Accreditation



Simmons University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Nursing@ Simmons is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national accrediting agency that ensures the quality of nursing programs.

## Student Support Services

- A dedicated Admissions Counselor to guide you through the application process
- A Student Services team that includes technical and academic support
- A placement team that will work with you to find a clinical opportunity

## Program Requirements

Post-MSN to DNP students complete 30 course credits and a minimum of 1,000 clinical hours. Clinical hours completed during the student's MSN degree program will count toward this minimum. The DNP program is offered on a part-time basis only and can be completed in as little as 7 terms.

