

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE, DNP (EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING), DOCTORATE OF NURSE PRACTICE

## DNP ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet and/or furnish the following criteria:

1. Completed Application (<https://www.uscupstate.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/apply/>), application fee (\$45), and residency form with supporting documents.
2. Preferred cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for graduate coursework.
3. Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) & Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a CCNE accredited institution
4. Official transcripts must be sent from the institution to the admissions office at USC Upstate.
5. Personal goal statement (Applicants are required to submit a 1 – 2 page that describe career goals and how the DNP Degree with a concentration in Public and Community Health will be utilized)
6. Current CV or Resume (in addition to their education and professional experiences, to include any certifications, leadership experiences, experiences with diverse or underserved population, paid or volunteer healthcare experiences)
7. A letter of reference that attests to the applicant’s academic ability, professional competency and personal character from doctoral-prepared registered nurses or physician.
8. Unencumbered, active registered nurse (RN) or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license in state where clinical experiences will occur.
9. Must be licensed in the United States
10. Current BLS certification.
11. No GRE Required

(Part-time study is also possible; students should seek guidance regarding required sequencing.)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Prerequisites</b>		
Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from a nationally accredited program		
Unencumbered, active registered nurse (RN) or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license in state where clinical experiences occur		
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURS U801	Translating Science-Based Theories and Evidence into Nursing Practice	3
NURS U802	Epidemiology and Environmental Health for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

NURS U803	Global and Cultural Inequities, Disparities, and Access in Population Focused Health	3
NURS U804	Global and Cultural Diversity in Population Focused Health Practicum	2
NURS U805	Disaster Preparedness and Management for Advanced Community and Public Health Nursing	2
NURS U806	Use of Technology in Population-Focused Care	2
NURS U807	Healthcare Economics, Policy and Finance	3
NURS U808	Organizational Leadership and System Thinking	3
NURS U809	Organizational Leadership and Systems Thinking Practicum	2
NURS U810	Program Evaluation in Community and Public Health Nursing	3
NURS U811	DNP Project Practicum I	3
NURS U812	DNP Project Practicum II	4
NURS U813	DNP Project Practicum III	4
<b>DNP PROJECT (AS NEEDED) <sup>1</sup></b>		
NURS U814	DNP Project Practicum IV	1-3
<b>INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITY for DNP Students (Optional) <sup>2</sup></b>		
NURS U899	Independent Study for DNP Students	1-3
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS <sup>3</sup></b>		<b>37-40</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students who do not complete the DNP project in NURS U813 should enroll in this course to complete the practicum.  
<sup>2</sup> Students who wish to explore a particular research interest have the option of completing an independent study.  
<sup>3</sup> Total hours may vary based on DNP Practicum and individual student’s experience.