

Doctor of Nursing Practice
(DNP): Earning A Terminal
Practice Degree to Breathe Life
Into Your Nursing Career

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Today We Will Discuss:

- What is the DNP
- Why the DNP
- Why is the DNP for you
- Why pursue the DNP now
- Overview of DNP programs available at UC

What is the DNP?

- Terminal professional degree in clinical nursing practice
- An alternative to the PhD research focused nurse
- The curriculum provides an emphasis on evidence based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership, policy advocacy, informatics, and systems thinking



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What is the DNP?

- In 2004 the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) released a position which called for moving the level of advanced practice **nursing degrees from master's level to doctoral level by 2015**
- In 2005 the National Academy of Sciences released a report endorsing a clinical doctorate in nursing to produce advanced practice nurses who can also serve as expert clinical faculty
- Relatively newer degree with post baccalaureate **and post master's degree options**

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Why the DNP?

- Parity degree
- There is a need for nurses to be trained at the same level as their interprofessional counterparts in medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, dentistry, psychology, and audiology all of which have terminal doctoral degrees



Why the DNP?

- Rapid expansion of knowledge underlying practice
- Increased complexity of patient care
- National concerns about the quality of care and patient safety
- Shortages of nursing personnel which demands a higher level of preparation for leaders who can design and assess care
- Shortages of doctorally prepared nursing faculty
- Increasing educational expectations for the preparation of other health professionals

DNP Statistics

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- From 2014 to 2015, the number of students enrolled in DNP programs increased from 18,352 to 21,995. During that same period, the number of DNP graduates increased from 3,065 to 4,100.

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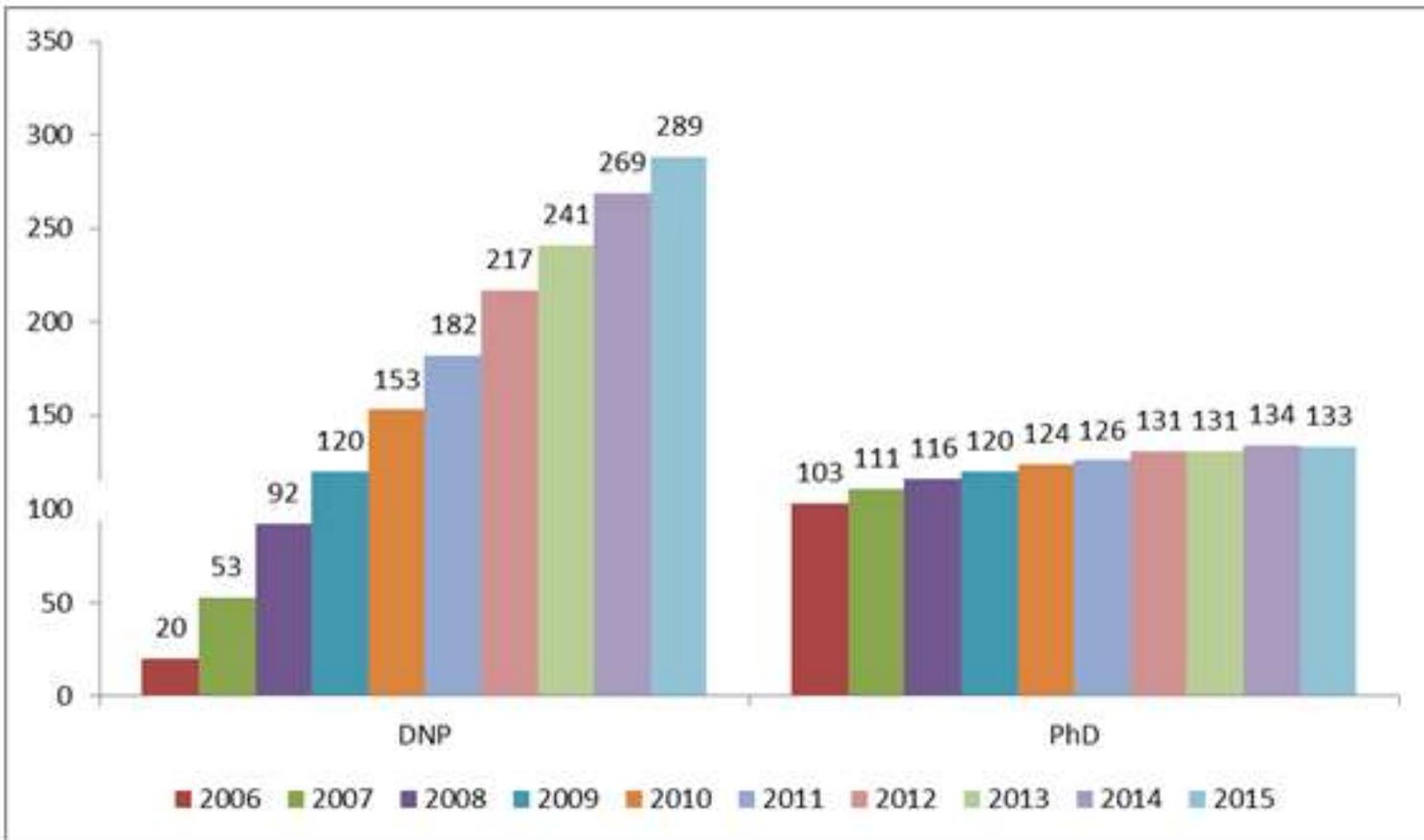
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Growth in Practice- and Research-Focused Doctoral Programs: 2006-2015



AACN, 2016

Why You?

- In the US there are currently 926,119 practicing physicians
- And 3,184,283 practicing registered nurses
- Nursing's impact on our health care system can be great
- With the proper level of education you can lead at the bedside, in the board room, in your communities, and globally



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Why Now?

- Our country and health care system need nurses **now more than ever to lead our nation's health**
- [DNP Story](#)
- [CRNA DNP Story](#)
- What is your now?
- Where do you see yourself in 5, 10, 15 years?



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The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP
 - Nurse Anesthesia
 - Adult Gero Primary Care
 - Adult Gero Acute Care
 - Family
 - Psych Mental Health Lifespan
 - Nursing Administration
 - Pediatric Acute Care
 - Pediatric Primary Care
- Post Master's DNP



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The DNP at UC

- General Requirements for All Programs
 - iPad
 - One year of nursing experience in area of interest
 - GRE for BSN-DNP programs
 - Completion of a DNP project in addition to the specialty clinical hours



The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia
 - 36 months long
 - Full time, onsite program
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the program at local hospitals
 - Students can expect a 64 hour commitment per week for classroom and clinical; this does not include study time
 - Currently accepting applications until December 1st for the January 2018 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Adult Gero Primary Care
 - 9 semesters full time; 12 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 504 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Adult Gero Acute Care
 - 9 semesters full time; 12 semesters part time
 - Onsite/hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester for the first year; once specialty classes begin students are required to be onsite weekly
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 504 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner
 - 9 semesters full time; 12 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 672 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Psych Mental Health Lifespan
 - 8 semesters full time; 11 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 560 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Nursing Administration
 - 8 semesters full time; 11 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 504 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Pediatric Primary Care
 - 9 semesters full time; 12 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 560 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

The DNP at UC

- BSN-DNP Pediatric Acute Care
 - 9 semesters full time; 12 semesters part time
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Clinical sites are coordinated by the students with support from the CoN preceptor liaison
 - 616 clinical hours and 500 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

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- **Post Master's DNP**
 - 4 semesters full time; 6 semesters part time
 - Classes can be taken over the summer or may have the summer off
 - Hybrid program – onsite requirement the first week of each semester
 - Applicants must have a MSN from an accredited institution
 - 1000 DNP practicum hours
 - Currently accepting applications until April 1, 2017 for the Fall 2017 cohort

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- DNP Project
 - Projects in the DNP program are heavily based on leadership, evidence-based practice, quality, improvement and patient safety
 - The project should be based on the achievement of at least one aspect of the triple aim: improved outcomes, decreased cost and improved satisfaction
 - Each student is assigned an advisor and project team to provide guidance and mentorship of the DNP project
 - DNP project will be successfully defended and a manuscript developed for publication prior to graduation

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- #3 RN to BSN Program by BestCollegeReviews.org
- #7 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs for Veterans by US News & World Report
- #8 Best Online Programs by US News & World Report
- #10 Most Social Media Friendly Nursing Schools

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UC CoN

- #22 Best Nurse Anesthesia Programs by US News & World Report
- #28 Best Master's Nursing Programs by US News & World Report (*Top 4% in the Country*)
- #38 Best Nurse Midwifery Programs by US News & World Report
- #48 Best Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs by US News & World Report

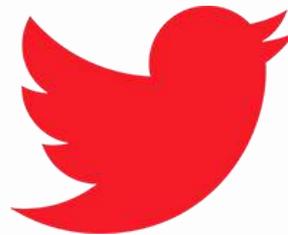
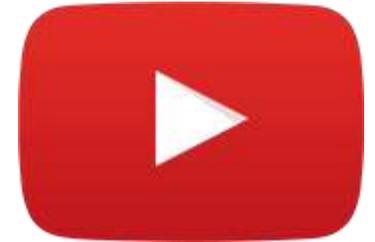
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