

Indiana State University
School of Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice (Post-Master's) Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the [DNP \(Post-Master's\) curriculum](#) entail?

A: The program is a 37-credit hour post-master's program requiring a total of 350 hours of supervised clinical preceptorship. The program can be completed in four semesters. Students complete a DNP scholarly project based on their individual expertise, community needs, and personal interests.

Q: Do I have to come to campus?

A: The majority of our students/graduates only come to campus for graduation. While there are opportunities to come to campus and work with faculty and community partners, we pride ourselves on keeping you in your own communities to continue working to improve health outcomes where you live and work.

Q: Will there be synchronous teaching/learning sessions?

A: Students can expect to have at least 2-3 synchronous online learning sessions each semester. Sessions with faculty and your colleagues are facilitated via live, interactive video conferencing. The dates and times of these sessions are announced 1-2 weeks prior to the start of each semester to allow students to plan for these commitments. While sessions are flexible, students should plan on attending these meetings and are required to present their work in an online forum at the end of each semester.

Q: What are the [clinical guidelines](#) for the DNP (Post-Master's) Program?

A: Students will work under the supervision and guidance of School of Nursing faculty in partnership with one or more community mentors. Mentors serve as subject matter experts to help guide student projects and foster professional growth and development. Through these clinical experiences, students will master the DNP Essentials.

Q: What are the [specifications for mentors](#)?

A: Mentors should be leaders in healthcare or a related industry and possess a terminal degree (DNP, MD, DO, PhD). In some instances mentors without a terminal degree may be approved. Subject matter experts with exceptional skills and experiences may be

endorsed to provide guidance to students with unique projects requiring specialized support.

Q: What does the [DNP \(Post-Master's\) Project](#) entail?

A: The DNP (Post-Master's) project is a rapid-cycle, evidence translation project that takes place over four semesters. Students are asked to identify a problem area of interest and seek out the best available evidence to address a specific need. Projects should align with each student's passion, purpose, and experience. Students actively collaborate with interprofessional teams to improve quality, ensure cost-effective and efficient care, and improve outcomes. Projects ideally focus on underserved, rural, and/or disenfranchised populations.

Q: Can any graduate work be transferred into the DNP (Post-Master's) program?

A: Graduate credits earned from another accredited institution may be transferred and applied to fulfill the required 37-credit hour degree requirement. These decisions are handled on a case-by-case basis. A minimum of 30 credits must be taken at Indiana State University.