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FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available in the form of graduate loans. Information is available at: www.umass.edu/umfa

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Post Baccalaureate: Public Health Nurse Leader Role Concentration

College of Nursing

Program Information

The University of Massachusetts/Amherst College of Nursing offers award-winning graduate programs. This distance-accessible program is offered through asynchronous delivery method of online courses with practicum experiences arranged in the student’s own community. All course work is offered through Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) www.umassulearn.net.

Lessons in Leadership, Policy, Research, and Knowledge

The University of Massachusetts/Amherst College of Nursing offers the Doctor in Nursing Practice (DNP) degree to prepare advanced practice nurses at the highest level for complex evidence-based nursing practice. This professional nursing preparation will include advanced coursework in leadership, health policy, research translation and advanced public health knowledge and skills. This DNP role is driven by evolving nursing roles in an increasingly complex healthcare system, new scientific knowledge, and ongoing concerns about the quality and outcomes of nursing in our healthcare system.

Accreditation

The Nursing Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national nursing education accrediting body and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

DNP Role Concentration Courses: Public Health Nurse Leader

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<td>Financial Management of Health Institutions</td>
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<td>Advanced Public Health Nursing I</td>
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Graduates of the DNP program will practice at the highest level. Specific expected outcomes of the program are to prepare graduate nurses who will:
- Engage in nursing practice using the advanced knowledge from nursing and related disciplines to improve health outcomes
- Provide leadership and collaborate with leaders
- Synthesize and translate evidence from nursing and other disciplines to manage complex health problems
- Provide culturally-competent care to respond to health disparities and societal needs

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Core competencies essential for those preparing for direct care roles and for population-based roles build on eight essential content areas:

1. Scientific underpinnings for practice
2. Organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement, and systems thinking
3. Clinical scholarship and analytic methods for evidence-based practice
4. Technology and information for the improvement and transformation of healthcare
5. Healthcare policy for advocacy in healthcare
6. Interprofessional collaboration for improving patient and population healthcare outcomes
7. Clinical prevention and population health for improving the nation’s health
8. Advanced nursing practice for improving the delivery of patient care

DNP Program Information

Please visit our website at www.umass.edu/nursing for more information on our program, and visit the CPE website for online learning and distant education at www.umassulearn.net. Students may transfer credit hours once matriculated into the program. The transfer credit policy is as follows: No more than a total of twelve (12) graduate credits may be transferred. Of these, a maximum of six (6) credits may be from any one of the following sources:

- Course(s) taken at another regionally accredited college/university within the United States
- Course(s) taken while enrolled as a non-degree graduate student
- Course(s) taken as an undergraduate student over and above requirements for the baccalaureate degree
- Response course(s) offered through the Continuing and Professional Education

Admission Criteria

Applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Each applicant must be a graduate of nationally accredited school or college of nursing and hold a current professional license.

Applicants must present evidence of the following:

- Official transcripts from colleges/universities attended
- Baccalaureate or master’s degree in nursing, or an associate’s degree in nursing and a non-Nursing baccalaureate degree
- Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B) or higher
- Two letters of recommendation
- Scholarly writing sample e.g., scholarly paper, publication (see application for instructions)
- Statement of professional goals (see application for instructions)
- Current Resume or CV
- Documentation of professional licensure and certifications
- Evidence of completion of undergraduate statistics and health assessment course or equivalent if required by specialty
- TOEFL scores where applicable

*See application for instructions

Clinical Experience

All students are required to secure their own clinical practicum sites & preceptors in this program. Our Clinical Placement Coordinator will assist students as needed. Practicum arrangements are made prior to beginning selected courses and must be approved by the College of Nursing faculty, the Clinical Placement coordinator or the Program Director.

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DNP Core Courses

All students will take core courses (foundation core and capstone courses) that include the following. In addition to the above DNP core courses, applicants will complete role courses as needed. An individually tailored plan of study will be created by transcript review after admission.

Foundation Core:

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<td>N630</td>
<td>Research Methodology in Nursing</td>
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<td>N651</td>
<td>Nursing Ethics, Health Policy &amp; Politics</td>
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<td>N701</td>
<td>Healthcare Quality</td>
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<td>N704</td>
<td>Health Disparities and Social Justice</td>
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<td>N715</td>
<td>Intermediate Biostatistics</td>
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<td>N725</td>
<td>Leadership of Public Health Systems</td>
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Capstone Courses

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<td>Capstone II: Practicum: DNP Project Proposal Development (112 contact hours)</td>
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<td>N798W</td>
<td>Capstone III: Practicum: DNP Project Proposal Finalization and Approval (106 contact hours)</td>
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<td>N840</td>
<td>Capstone IV: Project Implementation &amp; Monitoring (168 contact hours)</td>
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<td>N898A</td>
<td>Capstone V: DNP Project Completion, Evaluation and Dissemination (168 contact hours)</td>
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