

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

#### **Admission criteria**

1. **Is 3 years working experience post-master's compulsory for DNP? Can an exception be made for candidates without 3 years working experience post-master?**

**Yes, 3 years working experience post-master is required.** However, exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

2. **Is a Master in Human Resource (HR) holder eligible for DNP?**

**Yes,** holders of a Master in HR are eligible **if** you are currently practising in a healthcare setting.

3. **Does the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) internship year after Master of Nursing (MN) graduation count towards the 3 years working experience?**

**Yes,** the APN internship year after your MN graduation does count towards the 3 years of work experience.

#### **Application procedures**

1. **Do we need to submit the project proposal and 2 recommendation letters?**

**Yes.** You must submit a proposal and two recommendation letters. Please refer to the application criteria for more information.

2. **For the 2 letters of recommendation—must one be from an immediate supervisor and one from a peer, or can it be another combination?**

One letter should be from your direct reporting officer (immediate supervisor). The second can be from a leader who can support your DNP project, he or she does not need to be from nursing.

#### **Enrolment**

1. **Is there a ratio for the number of APNs versus non-APNs?**

**No,** there is no set ratio for APNs versus non-APNs. Selection will be based on the quality of applications.

## **Project proposal**

**1. Are there templates for the proposal write-up for the application?**

**Yes.** The application template is available on the website. Please refer to the [application checklist](#) for the format.

**2. Is there any word limit for the project proposal?**

The maximum word limit is 1500 words, excluding references.

**3. Do we need to engage any on-site (hospital) supervisor for the project?**

**Yes.** You are required to have a clinical site-supervisor for your project.

**4. Does the supervisor need to be in Nursing, or can they be from any healthcare professional?**

The clinical supervisor **can be from a discipline beyond nursing.**

**5. How much time should be allocated to the project and the course?**

You should generally dedicate **around 6–8 hours per week** for learning and project work. However, this may vary depending on your pace of learning, and commitment.

**6. Must the project be from my own organization?**

**No.** The project can be conducted outside your organization, but **you ensure that you have access to, strong commitment, and support from the partnering organization in order to** successfully complete your DNP project.

**7. Must the topic for the clinical project proposal focus on national level healthcare issues?**

**No,** you can focus on a topic that is related to nursing, healthcare, the organizational level.

**8. Must the clinical supervisor be someone you know?**

While it is not necessary to work with a clinical supervisor you already know, doing so can help you to hit the ground running because you are familiar with his/her style, and can more readily access their resources. easily.

## **Timetabling**

### **1. Besides the 2–3 week segments, how will the rest of the semester look like?**

Students are expected to spend about 3 weeks per semester in NUS to attend physical classes. Beyond the 3 weeks, synchronised and non-synchronised sessions will be held virtually in the form of online forum, seminars, project works.

### **2. Are the in-person blocks on weekdays or weekends, and are they full-day sessions?**

The in-person blocks will be held on both **weekdays and weekends**, from **8:30 AM to 5:30 pm per day**.

## **Finance-related**

### **1. Tuition fees**

#### **1. Will local Singapore candidates be eligible to use their SkillsFuture credit for the program fee waiver?**

**No**, this is not an SSG (SkillsFuture Singapore) approved course.

## **Others**

#### **1. Does NUS offer part-time research assistant (RA) or teaching assistant (TA) opportunities for international students to provide partial tuition fee waivers?**

**No**, NUS does not have RA or TA positions for international students for the DNP program. There is **no tuition fee waiver for part-time NUS staff**

#### **2. What is the difference between PhD and DNP certification?**

Please refer to the following table:

DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice):	PhD in Nursing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus: Clinical practice and leadership.</li><li>• Designed for: Advanced practice nurses, nurse leaders, and educators who want to translate research into practice and improve healthcare outcomes.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus: Research and academia.</li><li>• Designed for: Nurses who want to generate new knowledge through research and advance theory.</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis: Clinical expertise, healthcare systems, quality improvement, evidence-based practices, and leadership.</li> <li>• Career examples: Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Healthcare Administrator, Nursing Faculty, and Policy Leader</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis: Primary research, theory development, and scientific inquiry.</li> <li>• Career examples: Nurse Scientist, Researcher, University Professor, and Policy Consultant</li> </ul>
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