

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 non-nursing Master's degrees (eg. Master in Human Resource (HR) or Master in Public Health) holder eligible for DNP?**

Yes, non-nursing Master's degrees holder is 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 outside of nursing.**

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

You should dedicate 2 weeks physical class per semester and **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 need to 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 his/her resources.

Timetabling

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

Students are expected to spend about 2 weeks per semester in NUS to attend physical classes. Beyond the 2 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.

2. Tuition fees rebate

With effect from AY2026-2027, **Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents are eligible for a 20% rebate.***

*The rebate **cannot be combined** with other scholarships, study awards, grants, sponsorships, bursaries, or other forms of financial assistance. If you are a scholarship or financial aid recipient, please contact us for more information on how your fees will be billed.

3. Are international students eligible for the tuition fee rebate?

No, the tuition fee rebate is for Singaporean/Singapore Permanent Citizen only.

4. Are there any scholarships available?

No, there is no scholarship available.

5. Are the tuition fees paid in a lump sum?

The tuition fees are paid over four semesters during the two-year period. For details for the payment, please refer to [here](#).

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">• Focus: Clinical practice and leadership.• Designed for: Advanced practice nurses, nurse leaders, and educators who want to translate research into practice and improve healthcare outcomes.• Emphasis: Clinical expertise, healthcare systems, quality improvement, evidence-based practices, and leadership.• Career examples: Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Healthcare Administrator, Nursing Faculty, and Policy Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus: Research and academia.• Designed for: Nurses who want to generate new knowledge through research and advance theory.• Emphasis: Primary research, theory development, and scientific inquiry.• Career examples: Nurse Scientist, Researcher, University Professor, and Policy Consultant