

NURSE PRACTITIONER DNP PROGRAMS

The Nurse Practitioner (NP) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed for practicing nurses with a bachelor's degree in nursing to pursue advanced practice nursing as a nurse practitioner. The program of study begins with core graduate nursing courses and courses that lay the foundation for NP practice in one of five possible specialty areas: adult-gerontology, family, neonatal, pediatrics, and psychiatric mental health. Students will then complete their clinical hours while continuing with course work that emphasizes skills that address complex health care problems, population health, evidence-based practice, patient advocacy, leadership, and health care economics, all impacting health care systems. Students complete a DNP project and earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the end of the program and are eligible to sit for their certification exam.

St. Catherine's Nurse Practitioner DNP Program educates nurses to:

- Assume the role of nurse practitioner and provide advanced practice nursing care to patients in the primary care setting
- Develop advanced competencies for increasingly complex nurse practitioner roles
- Enhance knowledge that improves individual and population health outcomes
- Assume a leadership role within care systems to strengthen healthcare practice, programs, and policies

DNP: Nurse Practitioner

- DNP: Adult-Gerontology (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/adult-gero/>) Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/adult-gero/>)
- DNP: Family Nurse (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/family-nurse-practitioner/>) Practitioner (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/family-nurse-practitioner/>)
- DNP: Neonatal (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/neonatal/>) Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/neonatal/>)
- DNP: Pediatrics (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/peds/>) Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/peds/>)
- DNP: Psychiatric Mental Health (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/psyc-mental-hlth/>) Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/psyc-mental-hlth/>)