

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

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### Residence

This Doctor of Nursing Practice program is delivered solely through distance education modalities and does not have any residence requirement.

### Continuous Registration

A student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program who has completed all coursework on his/her degree plan other than DNP Scholarly Project/Practicum IV is required to be in continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been completed. See Continuous Registration Requirements (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#registrationandacademicstatustext>).

### Practicum

The DNP degree requires a minimum of 1,000 hours of practice post-baccalaureate (BSN). Practice hours from a master's nursing program can apply towards the 1,000-hour, post-baccalaureate practice requirement (AACN, 2015). DNP students holding a Master's degree in nursing and national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse (nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist) can apply up to 500 hours towards the 1,000-hour, DNP practice requirement. Students will complete remaining hours through the DNP Scholarly Project.

The student will submit verification of up to 500 practice hours from their Master's program in NursingCAS during the application process. All practice hour requests require review and approval by the Director of the DNP Program.

Students with fewer than 500 practice hours will complete necessary hours through completion of prescribed electives. These electives will be determined in a program-planning meeting between the student and the DNP program director

### DNP Project Overview

#### Practicum I (minimum 120 practicum hours)

Activities: Identify clinical problem, project title, external expert reviews, project aims, outcome measures & anticipated project impact.

Deliverables: DNP Project Proposal; IRB/CITI training

#### Practicum II (minimum 120 practicum hours)

Activities: Project timeline; Proposed budget; IRB application

Deliverables: IRB application submitted; project budget and timeline

#### Practicum III (minimum 120 practicum hours)

Activities: Data collection timeline and plan; dissemination plan

Deliverables: IRB approval; data collection; timeline and dissemination plan

#### Practicum IV (minimum 120 practicum hours)

Activities: Data analysis; Finalize DNP project paper; DNP project presentation

Deliverables: Data analysis; DNP project paper; project presentation; submission of manuscript, abstract for podium/poster presentation.

### 99-Hour Cap on Doctoral Degrees

In Texas, public colleges and universities are funded by the state according to the number of students enrolled. In accordance with legislation passed by the Texas Legislature, the number of hours for which state universities may receive subvention funding at the doctoral rate for any individual is limited to 99 hours. Texas A&M and other universities will not receive subvention for hours in excess of the limit.

Institutions of higher education are allowed to charge the equivalent of non-resident tuition to a resident doctoral student who has enrolled in 100 or more semester credit hours of doctoral coursework.

Doctoral students at Texas A&M have seven years to complete their degree before being charged out-of-state tuition. A doctoral student who, after seven years of study, has accumulated 100 or more doctoral hours will be charged tuition at a rate equivalent to out-of-state tuition. Please note that the tuition increases will apply to Texas residents as well as students from other states and countries who are currently charged tuition at the resident rate. This includes those doctoral students who hold GAT, GANT, and GAR appointments or recipients of competitive fellowships who receive more than \$1,000 per semester. Doctoral students who have not accumulated 100 hours after seven years of study are eligible to pay in-state tuition if otherwise eligible.

Doctoral students who exceed the credit limit will receive notification from the Graduate and Professional School during the semester in which they are enrolled and exceeding the limit in their current degree program. The notification will explain that the State of Texas does not provide funding for any additional hours in which a student is enrolled in excess of 99 hours. Texas A&M University will recover the lost funds by requiring students in excess of 99 hours to pay tuition at the non-funded, non-resident rate. This non-funded, non-resident tuition rate status will be updated for the following semester and in all subsequent semesters until receipt of a doctoral degree. Please see the Tuition Calculator (<https://tuition.tamu.edu/>) at the non-resident rate for an example of potential charges.

The following majors are exempt from the 99-Hour Cap on Doctoral Degrees and have a limit of 130 doctoral hours:

- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Psychology
- Counseling Psychology
- Epidemiology and Environmental Health
- Genetics and Genomics
- Health Services Research
- Medical Sciences

- Microbiology
- Neurosciences (School of Medicine)
- Nutrition
- Oral and Craniofacial Biomedical Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Public Health Sciences
- School Psychology
- Toxicology

### **Application for Degree**

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#registrationandacademicstatustext>) section.