**Program Overview**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program builds on the student’s knowledge and expertise to strengthen advanced nursing practice, augment healthcare delivery, and improve patient outcomes. The program’s coursework covers a range of topics, including healthcare policy and advocacy, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, information systems/technology, advanced nursing practice, and organizational and systems leadership.

**Course Description**

The focus of this DNP practicum course is on the evaluation of an evidence-based health project relevant to aggregate, systems, or organizational levels of healthcare. In addition, students develop and plan for the dissemination of a scholarly product generated by that project to a wider community of scholar-practitioners. Students work with an approved practicum mentor to generate practicum portfolio evidence and complete portfolio requirements (CV, self-evaluation, and reflection). The students continue to generate practicum portfolio evidence demonstrating the use of leadership skills and advanced nursing practice knowledge to promote quality improvement.

**Credit & Practicum Hours**

- Quarter Credit Hours: 3 credits
- Practicum Hours: This course requires a minimum of 216 practicum hours.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

By the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

- Synthesize principles of evidence-based practice and appropriate theoretical frameworks in order to evaluate the interventions utilized to address a health care problem at the aggregate, systems, or organizational level.
- Evaluate the planning and implementation of evidence-based interventions used to address a health care issue.
- Appraise the evaluation process of implemented evidence-based interventions to address health care issues at the aggregate, systems, or organizational level.
- Engage in the scholarly dissemination of evidence-based practice activities that promote quality and improved health outcomes.
- Demonstrate leadership skills during the practicum experience that demonstrate advanced nursing practice knowledge.

**DNP Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this program, students will be able to:

1. Translate research findings to direct evidence-based nursing practice.
2. Develop organizational system changes for quality improvement in healthcare delivery in response to local and/or global community needs.
3. Apply optimal utilization of healthcare information technology across healthcare settings.
4. Advocate for the advancement of nursing and healthcare policy through sharing of science-based knowledge with healthcare policy makers.
5. Demonstrate leadership to facilitate collaborative teams for improving patient and populations health outcomes.
6. Utilize advanced nursing practice knowledge to implement methodologies to improve population health outcomes.
7. Establish a foundation for lifelong learning for continual elevation of contributions to the field of nursing through active involvement in professional organizations and/or other professional bodies.