

School of Nursing

*9th in DNP & 12th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Nursing Grad Schools
4th in NIH funding (2018) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*

OVERVIEW

The Nurse-Midwife DNP is a practice-focused doctoral program that prepares Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) who will be leaders at the highest level of clinical practice. Graduates function in a full range of services for women from adolescence to beyond menopause. This major in Pitt Nursing's DNP program will enable graduates to attend births in home, birth centers, and hospital settings; provide primary health care for women and newborns; promote, maintain, and restore health while diagnosing and managing health problems in women and childbearing families; participate in quality improvement efforts and lead in mobilizing community health resources.

The Nurse-Midwife DNP program is unique in providing strong evidence-based primary care and healthcare systems foci for graduates practicing as CNMs. Coursework and clinical practice hours develop knowledge and skills necessary for advanced practice, including content on health promotion/protection and management of women's reproductive health and the care of childbearing families. Additional course/clinical work provides further knowledge focusing on using evidence in clinical decision-making, developing leadership skills, implementing viable clinical innovations, and applying research and theoretical understanding to facilitate changes in practice. A culminating DNP Project reflects the student's application of knowledge gained throughout the curriculum.

Preaccreditation status has been granted by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). According to ACME procedures, the program will be reviewed for full accreditation status after graduation of the first Nurse-Midwife DNP class. Questions may be directed to ACME (midwife.org/ACME). Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Nurse-Midwifery offered by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). After passing the exam, the graduate may apply for state licensure as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) by the appropriate State Board within the United States.

CURRICULUM FORMAT

BSN to DNP

- Onsite
- Full-time (3 years) / Part-time (varies)
- 102 credits (includes 1,440 clinical residency hours)
- Curriculum Plans: Full-time (nursing.pitt.edu) / Part-time (individualized with program coordinator)
- Fall Term admission

ADMISSION CRITERIA

BSN to DNP

- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- ≥ 3.0 GPA in BSN (from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program)
- Competitive GRE scores
- Prerequisite statistics course (within 10 years) with grade of B- or higher
- One year nursing experience in a Labor and Delivery unit preferred, but not required
- RN Options-Early Admission to DNP available for graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs

APPLICATION (Holistic Review Process)

- Online application: nursing.pitt.edu
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu
- Pre-admission interview (applicants residing at a distance may arrange for a telephone interview)
- **Deadlines: February 15 or May 1** (international applicants are advised to apply by Feb. 15)
Complete applications received by **Feb. 15** - admission decision expected by **June 1**
Complete applications received by **May 1** - admission decision expected by **June 30**

Non-Degree Seeking (Graduate) Option

- Prospective applicants may enroll in a maximum of 12 core, non-clinical graduate credits before beginning the program
- Submit an [application](#) to the [Non-Degree Seeking \(Graduate\) option](#) at nursing.pitt.edu
 - Application fee waived if previous applicant within one year
- After receipt of the application, an academic advisor will contact student regarding course selection/enrollment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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