



# Doctor of Nursing Practice and Doctor of Philosophy Dual Degree

## Overview

There is an increasing need for doctorally prepared nurses, and an especially crucial need for nursing scientists and nursing faculty. Students graduate as both advanced practice nurses and nurse researchers with the expertise to impact nursing research and how health care is delivered and have many career options.

The dual degree **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) / Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** offers BSN-prepared nurses the opportunity to simultaneously achieve their DNP and PhD degrees. The dual degree plan shares 30 credits between both degrees. Students complete both a DNP capstone project and PhD dissertation, focusing their research on the implementation-translational-clinical end of the spectrum.

The dual DNP/PhD is available in the following DNP concentration:

- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist



## Admission Criteria

Applications are reviewed in their entirety and appraised for evidence of intellectual inquisitiveness and rigor, and commitment and motivation for scholarship and the development of nursing science. Applicants must satisfy the admission criteria for both the PhD and DNP program.

Full admission criteria are available at [nursing.pitt.edu/degree-programs/dual-dnpphd](https://nursing.pitt.edu/degree-programs/dual-dnpphd)

## Deadlines

February 1 or May 1 (international applicants are advised to apply by February 1)

Complete applications received by  
**February 1:** Admission decision expected by  
**June 1**

Complete applications received by **May 1:**  
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