

# Development of Clinical Practice through Education at the Doctoral Level

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**Goal: Challenge our beliefs about what is possible for nurses and nursing....**



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# Nursing began with a vision...

- How to make the world a better place...
- How to care for those less fortunate...
- How to care for the sick and the wounded in wars and conflicts..
- How to change policies locally and nationally and provide better statistical support for health services research...



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# Global Nursing: Why Standardize Advanced Practice?

- Worldwide demand for nurses with expert clinical skills exceeds supply
- Shortage of healthcare personnel one barrier to achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Need for all nurses to understand nursing within the context of global health



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# “We are all in the same storm but not in the same boat.”

-Leona Lee, Chief HR, Unilever



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# What the Research Tells Us about Advanced Practice Nursing Outcomes...

The research on patient outcomes as a result of Advanced Practice Nurses' interventions is compelling:

- Quality of care
- Patient/consumer satisfaction
- Safety outcomes

Continued need for systematic development of leadership science in nursing, at all levels.



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# Why the doctorate for advanced practice?

- Places nursing on par with other health care disciplines, e.g., medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy
- Provides opportunities for enhancing clinical skills at advanced level



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# Consistency with Boyer's Model of Scholarship

- Scholarship of discovery (original research that advances knowledge).
- Scholarship of teaching and learning (systematic study of teaching and learning processes...requires a format that will allow public sharing and the opportunity for application and evaluation by others).
- **Scholarship of application** (activities that involve the rigor and application of disciplinary expertise with results that can be shared with and/or evaluated by peers).
- Scholarship of integration (synthesis of information across disciplines, across topics within a discipline, or across time).



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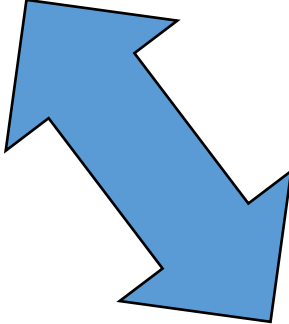
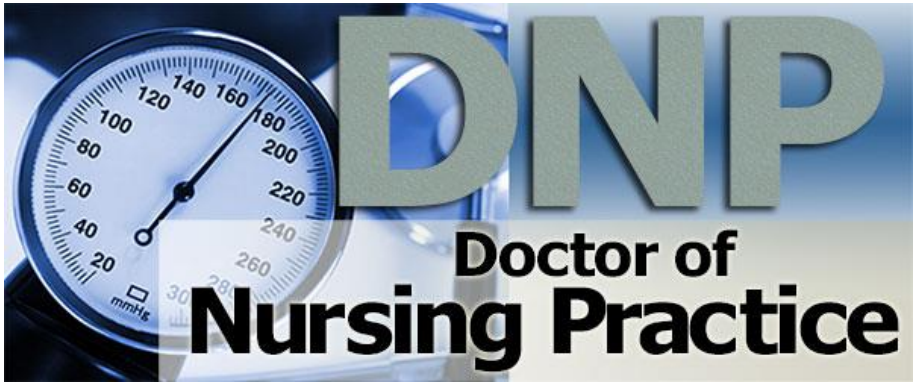
# The US Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Model

- DNP required by 2025 as entry to Nurse Practitioner Practice: Affirmed by National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)
- Recognize that the skillset of the DNP graduate supports the broad and multifaceted needs of the modern healthcare system



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**TURN THEORY  
INTO REALITY**



# The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

- DNP is a clinically focused doctoral degree preparing nurses to achieve advanced competencies that improve care for individual patients, populations, and the health system.



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# DNP Programs for NPs in US

- The number of DNP NP programs continues to grow rapidly.
- In 2014 there were 124 DNP NP programs.
- By 2021, DNP NP programs increased to 254.
- On average, DNP NP programs had greater than 750 direct patient care clinical hours



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# DNP Essentials (AACN)

- Domain 1: Knowledge for Nursing Practice
- Domain 2: Person-Centered Care
- Domain 3: Population Health
- Domain 4: Scholarship for Nursing Discipline
- Domain 5: Quality and Safety
- Domain 6: Interprofessional Partnerships
- Domain 7: Systems-Based Practice
- Domain 8: Informatics and Healthcare Technologies
- Domain 9: Professionalism
- Domain 10: Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development



# Inherent concepts

Excellence in

- Clinical judgement
- Communication
- Compassionate care
- Ethics
- Evidence based practice
- Health policy
- Social determinants of health



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# The DNP Scholarly Project

A systematic, logical, and thorough approach to the design and implementation of a scholarly project that addresses a significant problem and includes an evaluation process based on appropriate metrics, collected and analyzed using methods that provide a valid and reliable determination of project outcomes.



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# ICN Guidelines on Advanced Practice Nursing

- An Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) is a generalist or specialized nurse who has acquired, through additional graduate education (minimum of a master's degree), the expert knowledge base, complex decision-making skills and clinical competencies for Advanced Nursing Practice, the characteristics of which are shaped by the context in which they are credentialed to practice (ICN, 2020).



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**AND...most of all, as we develop  
advanced clinical nursing....**

Think **BIG**



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