





**“The DNP is the ultimate clinically practice focused degree awarded to nurses who have aspirations of translating evidence-based care into practice, improving systems of care, and measuring outcomes of groups of patients and communities. Our DNP graduates are prepared to effect change and take on high-level roles in health systems, academia, and policy making, with the goal of improving health outcomes for individuals, communities, and the nation as a whole.”**

Tricia K. Gatlin  
Dean, Wegmans School of Nursing

## WELCOME

The Wegmans School of Nursing at St. John Fisher University prepares its graduates to practice in increasingly complex, diverse, economically challenged, and research-based health care organizations. The science of nursing practice is enhanced at Fisher by the values-based education that is rooted in the educational philosophy of the Basilian Fathers. This is the tradition at Fisher and the model of education that best serves nursing professionals practicing in a world of challenges and discovery. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the Wegmans School of Nursing continues this educational mission and tradition through the preparation of advanced practice nurses who will provide expert patient care, assume health care leadership roles, and evolve advanced nursing practice in response to society's changing needs.

The format of the DNP program includes an innovative structural design created to meet the needs of practicing nurses. Instructional activities include blended hybrid courses, the integration of technology throughout the coursework, and the use of simulation, case studies, and seminars. We expect that our graduates will make major contributions in the fields of advanced practice, clinical scholarship, and leadership in health care organizations. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our program with you. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at [grad@sjf.edu](mailto:grad@sjf.edu) or call 585-385-8064.

Sincerely,

Tricia K. Gatlin, Ph.D., RN, CNE  
Dean, Wegmans School of Nursing

## OVERVIEW

The DNP program is a rigorous advanced practice clinical doctorate which reflects the evolution and development of professional nursing. The program has two entrance points. Students who have completed a bachelor's degree in nursing may enter at the post baccalaureate program. As part of the post baccalaureate program, students will be prepared as either a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist. The post baccalaureate entrance program is a minimum of 62 credits and three years of full-time study. Students interested in the post baccalaureate program should consult the admission criteria for the master's program in nursing.

Those students who have a master's degree in nursing and advanced specialization as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse midwife, or nurse anesthetist may enter the post master's program. The post master's entrance program is a 33-credit, two-year program of full-time study.

# PURPOSE, PROGRAM OUTCOMES, AND GOALS

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the DNP program is to prepare the graduate as an expert clinician for direct or indirect care roles in advanced practice and in clinical leadership'

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

At the completion of the program the student will enact the following outcomes:

Implement and evaluate clinical practice based on scientific knowledge'

Assume advanced practice nursing roles as an expert clinician'

Demonstrate advanced leadership skills necessary to meet the challenges of increasingly complex health care organizations'

Demonstrate analytical methodologies for the evaluation of clinical practice and the application of scientific evidence to improve professional practice'

Apply clinical scholarship methodologies for organizational quality improvement, evidence-based practice, and health care outcomes'

Use advanced skills to design, develop, and implement the use of contemporary technological information systems'

Demonstrate expertise in the analysis, formulation, and implementation of health care policies'

Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams necessary to meet health care needs of individuals and populations'

Apply ethical theories, legal and practice standards, and advocacy to decision-making in health care issues'

Apply population-based methodologies for health promotion and disease prevention in advanced practice'

## GOALS

The goals of the program are to:

Provide a high-quality educational program that prepares candidates for successful careers as clinical experts and leaders'

Implement a program of study that promotes expert clinical practice, continuous practice improvement, effective leadership practices, and clinical scholarship'

Participate in the evolution, development, and improvement of clinical practice for professional nursing'

Create and implement a rigorous clinically focused doctoral program which demonstrates the continuous improvement of clinical practice and scholarship'

Impact and improve clinical practice, clinical outcomes, health policies, and care delivery methodologies'

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE BY THE NUMBER

**2** PROGRAM  
ENTRY POINTS

**5** POST-BACCALAUREATE  
OPTIONS

**1** FISHER  
FAMILY

## PROGRAM DESIGN

The DNP program provides both full and part time options for students. Courses are held on weekdays evenings during the fall spring and summer semesters. A student who chooses the full time option can complete the 33 credit hour post masters program in six semesters. A part time student who takes two courses per semester can complete the post masters program in seven semesters.

It is expected that each DNP student will complete a minimum of 1000 hours of clinical practice in accordance with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's DNP Roadmap Task Force

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## **CURRICULUM**

For information about the curriculum and or detailed course descriptions please refer to the Graduate Catalog at



## ABOUT THE WEGMANS SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Wegmans School of Nursing builds on Fisher's values-based education to produce nursing graduates trained to provide exceptional patient care!

Program offerings include the traditional nursing and RN to BSN online programs at the undergraduate level, master's programs in nursing and mental health counseling, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program!

## ACCREDITATION

The baccalaureate, master's, and DNP programs at St. John Fisher University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education! The Wegmans School of Nursing is also accredited by the New York State Education Department!

## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

To schedule an appointment, attend an Information Session, or observe a class, call the Office of Admissions at 585-385-8064 or visit <http://go.sjf.edu/graduate>!