

Doctor of Nursing Practice MS-DNP

Post-Master's Entry Level Option

PROGRAM FEATURES

- **BUILDS** on master's level competencies for advanced practice nurses
- **LEADS** to highest practice degree in nursing, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- **PREPARES** graduates for practice and leadership at the highest levels
- **FOCUSES** on evidence-based practice, improving health care delivery
- **PROVIDES** doctoral level didactic and clinical education experiences
- **OFFERS** an individualized program of study based on each student's prior educational experiences and individualized educational and professional goals
- **OFFERS** opportunity to seek preparation and certification in a new or second population-focused area of advanced practice (subject to relevant approvals)



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- An individualized program of study is developed for each post-master's DNP student based on educational and professional goals.
- Individualized programs of study are also available for those seeking preparation for certification in a new or second population-focused area of advanced practice.
- Additional course work and practicums in the new area of population specialization are required.
- All MS-DNP students are required to complete the didactic and clinical experiences necessary for achievement of the competencies associated with doctoral education. You must fulfill the requirements associated with the DNP evidence-based practice project and the DNP residency.
- Program length varies based on prior education. Both full-time and part-time plans are available. For information, visit our website: health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/dnp/ms-to-dnp
- Many forms of financial assistance are available through the USF Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid Services. The College of Nursing awards specific scholarships to current admitted students by way of grants and endowed funding.

NOTE: All information contained in this document is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the catalog for your intended term of entry

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master of Science with a major in Nursing from a regionally accredited college or university
- An overall 3.0 GPA
- Licensure as an advanced practice nurse (CRNA, NP, CNM, CNS) - Florida license needed for residencies
- National certification in area of advanced practice

Applicants from countries where English is not the official language must demonstrate English proficiency. Please see USF Graduate Catalog for more information or contact USF Office of Admissions: www.usf.edu/admissions

Attend a Live Information Session:
documents.health.usf.edu/display/CON/Information+Sessions

ACCREDITATION

The Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs at the University of South Florida, College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit a USF Office of Admissions Application

- Submit an application to <https://secure.vzcollegeapp.com/usf/>.
- For questions, call the USF Office of Admissions at (813) 974-3350 or visit <http://www.usf.edu/admissions/contact-us/index.aspx>.

2. Begin a College of Nursing Application via Nursing CAS

- Create your Nursing CAS account <https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
- Review instructions for applying <http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/account-creation/>
- Frequently Ask Questions can be found <http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/faqs/>
- The NursingCAS application is \$65, to be paid when the application is submitted.

Note: A U-number is required in order to submit the NursingCAS application. Individuals who have completed step 1 (applied to USF admissions) will receive an email from USF on how to access their U-number within 48 hours.

3. Upload all required supplemental materials to NursingCAS

- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Sealed official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended should be mailed directly from your college to:

NursingCAS
P.O. Box 9201
Watertown, MA 02471

4. Submit your NursingCAS application

- Once steps 1-3 have been completed, submit the application via NursingCAS.
- Contact NursingCAS to confirm that all official transcripts have been received.
- Application should be submitted at least 5 weeks prior to the deadline.

International Applicants:

All coursework and degrees completed outside the U.S. require an evaluation from an approved evaluating agency. Foreign transcript evaluation services approved by USF Office of Admissions can be found at usf.edu/admissions/international/.

Note: The Florida Board of Nursing also maintains a list of approved evaluating agencies <http://floridasnursing.gov/forms/licensure-info-edu-outside-us.pdf>. Transcript evaluations must be received at the College of Nursing in their original sealed envelopes.

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:**
dnp.health.usf.edu