COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF NURSING
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN POPULATION HEALTH LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
This DNP degree program is a population health-focused post-master’s degree program for nurses from a variety of practice settings to become leaders in addressing the complexity of health care and health care outcomes in the 21st century. Through the lens of the Jesuit tradition, the student builds on a previously earned master’s degree to achieve the highest level of academic preparation that incorporates scientific, philosophical, ethical, and historical perspectives of nursing practice along with a perspective of the complexities of present and future global and holistic health care. Additionally, organizational and systems leadership, population-focused healthcare, health policy that includes advocacy in health care, and inter-professional collaboration to address health care outcomes will be considered. The design, implementation, and evaluation of delivery methods that address outcomes to improve the health of the nation is the capstone focus. Xavier DNP graduates will be well positioned for translating the science of population health nursing as nurse leaders in an ever-changing global health care environment.

Intense immersion experiences in a variety of environments occur throughout the curriculum and focus on integration and application of credible research findings within the evidence base. Innovation and involvement in macrosystems that will ultimately allow students to influence health care outcomes for individuals and populations are also part of the immersion experience. Using conceptual and analytical skills, students will provide leadership in clinical scholarship and synthesize relationships among practice, organizations, diverse populations, fiscal resources, and policy concerns to advance the delivery of quality, safe, efficient and effective health care for diverse populations.

The 40-43 variable credit hour program is a 100% on line educational offering with a campus-based orientation prior to the beginning of the first fall semester. Students move through the eight semester program taking three to seven credits per semester. Variable credits are due to an epidemiology course that is required of all AACN Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduates. MSN graduates who have approved credit for an equivalent epidemiology course from their master’s curriculum are not required to repeat the course. Up to 500 hours of clinical immersion from a master’s program and/or advanced certification may be accepted toward the 1,000 immersion hours required for the DNP. Students participating in the Nursing Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) grant may have up to an additional nine credit hours of education courses to meet the requirements of this program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
1. Integrate the scientific, philosophical, ethical, and historical underpinnings of professional nursing practice from a global and holistic perspective.
2. Provide organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement and systems thinking.
3. Provide leadership in clinical scholarship and analytical methods for the translation of research in evidence-based practice.
4. Utilize information systems/technology and patient care technology for the holistic improvement and transformation of health care.
5. Influence health care policy by possessing essential skills in policy and advocacy.
6. Establish interprofessional collaboration for holistically improving patient and population health outcomes.
7. Design, implement, and evaluate health care delivery methods for illness prevention and population health to improve the Nation’s health.
8. Utilize conceptual and analytical skills to distinguish relationships among practice, organizations, diverse populations, fiscal resources, and policy concerns to advance nursing practice.

COURSE SCHEDULING
Fall and spring semester courses will be taught over 16 weeks. Summer courses will be taught in eight or twelve weeks, depending upon the specific course. Students participating in the NFLP grant will be advised by the DNP Associate Director regarding the inclusion of the required education courses within the curriculum sequencing.
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SAMPLE CURRICULUM SEQUENCE for Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must have:
- Obtained an MSN from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited school, or a master's degree in a field other than nursing. Candidates with a master's in a field other than nursing must have a BSN from a CCNE, ACEN or regionally accredited institution.
- An unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical experiences will be completed.
- One year of professional nursing work experience.
- Completed an undergraduate or graduate statistics course, minimum grade of ‘C’.

International students must be licensed registered nurses in the United States and must meet all additional requirements for admission to the university.

Applicants outside of the State of Ohio: State authorization of distance education is complex and dynamic. Applicants should review the link below regarding regulations for the delivery of distance education.

http://online.xavier.edu/state-authorization/

Application Requirements:
- Graduate nursing application (online)
- Official transcripts from all previous coursework including diploma programs
- Narrative statement (one-three pages single spaced): reasons for seeking doctoral study, short and long term professional goals, narrative of professional experience and discussion of a possible population health focused DNP project
- Published work or a scholarly paper from previous coursework
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Three professional recommendations from faculty or other health professionals with advanced preparation who can evaluate your effectiveness in a graduate nursing program (a standard form is incorporated in the application)

APPLY at https://admit.xavier.edu/apply. Admission is on a rolling basis for each fall semester.

Further Information: Contact Dr. Susan Allen, allens14@xavier.edu, (513) 745-4232, www.xavier.edu/nursing-grad