

# Doctor of Nursing Practice MSN to DNP Program

West Virginia Wesleyan College offers a MSN to DNP program in two concentrations: **Advanced Nursing Practice and Nursing Leadership**.

The DNP degree focuses on advancing professional nursing roles including preparing tomorrow's nurse leaders to drive reform in the health care system and advocate for the most vulnerable in the population. Our convenient online pedagogies with one-to-one attention allow you to refine skills in a specialized concentration of study.

Post-master's students wishing to change their area of professional practice may require additional foundation/specialty coursework. Total credit hours depend on prior education and experience.

## Candidates for Admission

**Program Policies:** All applicants will be considered individually by the DNP Admission Committee. Once admitted, students must maintain an unencumbered WV RN license and a 3.0 GPA for all graduate work. Students will be admitted as a cohort group for Fall; admission is competitive to the program. Each applicant will:

- Be a graduate of an accredited M.S.N. program.
- Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average for all undergraduate and graduate previous college work.
- Complete the WVWC Graduate Studies Admission Application.
- Provide a 300 – 500 word statement regarding a topic of interest for a DNP project.
- Submit official undergraduate and graduate transcript(s) and current vita/resume.
- Submit three letters of professional reference, one of which is from a current supervisor or faculty member (employment or school-related).
- Submit validation of an unencumbered license to practice.
- Demonstrate proficiency in English if a non-native English speaker by submitting scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). •
- As a result of changes in higher education regulations, WVWC is unable to accept applicants to its online programs who reside in the following states:  
Alabama, Tennessee, Washington, Louisiana, New York, California

## Accreditation:

West Virginia Wesleyan College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 30 North LaSalle Street - Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (800) 621-7440. The DNP program in the School of Nursing is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>). Applying for accreditation does not guarantee it will be granted.

## Faculty

### **Professor and Director of the School of Nursing, and Graduate Programs**

**Susan B. Leight**, EdD, APRN-BC, FNP, FAANP

### **Associate Professor and Chairperson, BSN Program**

**Tina Straight**, DNP, MSN Ed., CNE, RN

### **Associate Professor Emeritus**

**Janet Teachout-Withersty**, DNP, CNS, RN

### **Assistant Professors of Nursing**

**Shannon Bosley**, DNP, MSN, RN  
Director of Simulation

**Amy Coffman**, DNP, MSN, APRN-BC, FNP

**Theresa Poling**, DNP-C, APRN-BC, FNP

### **Part-Time Faculty**

**Diana Foley**, EdD, MSN, RN

**Judith Halle**, PhD, MSN, RN

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## Program of Study – Advanced Nursing Practice

### Credit Hours – (37-40)

DNP Core Courses Total: 18 hours	NURS 723 Health Disparities and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 755 Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice – 3 hours NURS 763 Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Practice – 3 hours NURS 765 Translating Evidence Into Practice – 3 hours NURS 775 Clinical Scholarship and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 778 Advanced Practice Leadership – 3 hours
Advanced Practice Nursing Foundation Courses Total: 9 hours*	NURS 745 Focused Study: Health Care Issues – 3 hours NURS 725 Emerging Diseases, Genetics, and Health Trends – 3 hours NURS 740 Resource Planning for the APN – 3 hours
Practicum and Capstone Project Total: 10 – 13 hours*	NURS 825 Advanced Practice Practicum- 6 – 9 hours NURS 840 Capstone Project I – 2 hours NURS 850 Capstone Project II – 2 hours

\*Students wishing to change their area of professional practice may require additional Foundation/Specialty APN coursework. Total credit hours depend on prior education and experience.

## Program of Study – Nursing Leadership

### Credit Hours (43 – 49 hours)

DNP Core Courses Total: 18 hours	NURS 723 Health Disparities and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 755 Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice – 3 hours NURS 763 Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Practice – 3 hours NURS 765 Translating Evidence Into Practice – 3 hours NURS 778 Advanced Practice Leadership – 3 hours NURS 775 Clinical Scholarship and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours
Nursing Leadership Foundation Courses Total: 9 hours	NURS 730 Healthcare Policy, Ethics, and Law – 3 hours NURS 735 Theories of Leadership and Organizational Management – 3 hours NURS 745 Focused Study: Healthcare Issues – 3 hours
Nursing Leadership Practicum and Capstone Total: 16 – 22 hours*	NURS 830 Nurse Leader Practicum I – 6-9 hours NURS 835 Nurse Leader Practicum II – 6-9 hours NURS 840 Capstone Project I – 2 hours NURS 850 Capstone Project II – 2 hours

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