



**SUBR**

**SCHOOL of NURSING**

## **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)**

Southern University School of Nursing offers a Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The DNP is a practice-focused doctoral nursing degree designed for nurses seeking careers in advanced clinical nursing practice and nurse leadership roles. The purpose of the SUBR DNP Program is to prepare its doctoral students to translate academic research, promote evidence based practice, and develop systems of care based on research utilization. The DNP graduate is expected to improve patient outcomes through the integration of evidence based practice into nursing practice.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

DNP graduates are highly marketable due to the increasing demands for nurse leaders and expert clinicians in the health care industry and educators to fill the nursing faculty shortage. The DNP degree offers nurses the opportunity to advance their careers to meet the growing demands of the nation's complex healthcare environment which requires the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure quality patient outcomes.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, applicants must:

1) Hold a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program in nursing and certification as a nurse practitioner, 2) Submit three Letters of Recommendation, 3) Submit official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, 4) Have a minimum over-all grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 or above on a 4.0 scale for courses counted toward the student's Master's degree, as indicated by official transcript, 5) Submit official GRE Score Report taken within 5 years of the application, 6) Submit a two to three page Statement of Interest in Doctoral Study, 7) Submit curriculum Vitae, 8) Present evidence of original scholarship or research in nursing, 9) Have an interview, and 10) Provide scholarly Writing Sample

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

The program of study for the DNP requires 32 credit hours to complete the program with 6 credit hours of core courses, 9 credit hours of graduate-level research courses, and 17 credit hours of focus study courses. Additionally, students are required to complete 500 required practice hours.

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and are based on availability of funds.

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### **THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

For more detailed information, please refer to the Southern University Graduate School website:

<http://www.subr.edu/page/1567>

