

At the completion of the DNP program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Use disciplined reasoning, science-based theories, and concepts from sciences and humanities to:
  - a. Determine the nature and significance of health and health care delivery phenomena.
  - b. Describe actions and advanced strategies to improve health care delivery, to diverse populations.
  - c. Develop, deliver and evaluate theory-based health care.
  - d. Analyze nursing history to expand thinking and provide a sense of professional heritage and identity.
2. Demonstrate organizational and systems leadership that:
  - a. Emphasizes clinical practice.
  - b. Continually improves health outcomes.
  - c. Ensures patient safety.
3. Use analytic methods, evidence, and nursing science to:
  - a. Critically appraise existing literature to identify and evaluate best practices and practice guidelines.
  - b. Facilitate the evaluation of systems of care in order to improve patient outcomes.
  - c. Serve as a practice specialist/consultant in collaborative knowledge generating research.
  - d. Disseminate results through translational scholarship.
4. Demonstrate proficiency and provide leadership for the integration of information systems/technology to:
  - a. Support, monitor, and improve patient care, healthcare systems, clinical decision-making, nurse-sensitive outcomes, and academic settings.
  - b. Support quality improvement and patient safety.
5. Assume a leadership role in advocacy and health care policy development.
6. Establish, participate in, and lead interprofessional collaborations for improving patient, population, and systems outcomes.
7. Develop, implement, and evaluate practice and healthcare delivery models for the purpose of quality improvement and improved patient outcomes considering:
  - a. Safety and quality.
  - b. Epidemiological, bio-statistical, environmental, and other appropriate scientific data.
  - c. Culturally appropriate care.
  - d. Values based professional practice and behaviors.
  - e. Economies of care, business principles and health policy related to individual, aggregate, and population health.
8. Ensure accountability for advanced practice based on refined assessment skills, advanced communication skills, biophysical, genetic, genomic, psychosocial, sociopolitical, economic, ethical, and cultural principles.
9. Practice and provide services for populations within the area of advanced nursing specialization.