

NURSE PRACTITIONER DNP PROGRAMS

The Nurse Practitioner (NP) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), with Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.) conferred along the way, is designed for practicing nurses with a bachelor's degree in nursing to pursue advanced practice nursing as a nurse practitioner. The program of study begins with an emphasis on NP practice in two possible specialty areas: primary care pediatrics or primary care adult-gerontology. Students will complete their clinical experiences and earn an MS which allows them to sit for the national certification examination in their selected specialty area. Students continue in the program with course work that emphasizes skills that address complex health care problems, population health, evidence-based practice, patient advocacy, leadership, and health care economics, all impacting health care systems. Students complete a DNP project and earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the end of the program.

St. Catherine's Nurse Practitioner DNP Program with M.S. conferred educates nurses to:

- Assume the role of nurse practitioner and provide advanced practice nursing care to pediatric or adult-gerontology patients in the primary care setting
- Develop advanced competencies for increasingly complex nurse practitioner roles
- Enhance knowledge that improves individual and population health outcomes
- Assume a leadership role within care systems to strengthen healthcare practice, programs, and policies

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- Nurse Practitioner DNP with Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing: Pediatrics (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/peds/>)
- Nurse Practitioner DNP with Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing: Adult-Gerontology (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/np-dnp/adult-gero/>)