The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with Organizational and System Leadership specialization meets the growing demand for nursing leadership that practice at the organizational and systems level. This online program prepares nurses to lead within complex health systems in roles of administration, executive leadership and academic faculty.

**ORGANIZATIONAL AND SYSTEM LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATION**

This specialization is ideal for nurses in mid-level nursing management positions to assume leadership roles within health care organizations. It delivers concepts from nursing science and other related disciplines in areas of finance, information systems technology, patient care improvement, health care business, population health concepts and health services resources.

**CAREER OPTIONS**

**Nursing Administration**

Prepare for a high-level career in the health care industry including administrative positions in hospital and ambulatory care, private consultation, government agencies, business or industry and clinical positions. Job titles may include vice president for nursing, clinical services or patient care, health officer, commissioner of health and direct care clinician.

**Executive Leadership**

The graduate level curriculum will prepare you to incorporate finance, informatics, budget, policy, population health, organization transformations and ethics for leadership roles within health systems. Job titles may include program director, chief executive officer, quality improvement director and clinical information technology specialist.

**Academic Leadership**

In addition to preparing you for nursing administration and leadership, this degree will present opportunities in academia as a nursing faculty.

**APPLY TODAY!**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**SPRING 2021 START:** October 1, 2020
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Delivered online, the program provides students with the capacity to take on greater leadership roles and enhance their skills in management, leadership, health care operations, evidence-based practice, informatics and quality improvement.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND SYSTEM LEADERSHIP SPECIALIZATION

Conferred M.S. in Nursing .................. 33 credit hours
Required coursework: .................. 36-43* credit hours
Total: 69-76 credit hours

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* Students who do not transfer in up to 280 supervised clinical hours would be required to take up to 7 credit hours of practicum to meet the 1,000 clinical hour requirement for the degree.

GETTING STARTED

Prospective students are encouraged to apply at www.usd.edu/graduate-school/apply-now

For current Graduate School policies, procedures and admission requirements, please review the online graduate catalog found at catalog.usd.edu.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad and include:

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on conferred master’s degree based on a 4.0 scale.
2. Completed NursingCAS application www.usd.edu/graduate-school/apply-now
3. $35 application fee
4. Official transcripts verifying receipt of a bachelor’s in nursing (or equivalent) and master’s degree
5. Three (3) professional letters of recommendation from academic professors who can attest to scholarly abilities and/or current employer are preferred
6. Statement of purpose (500 words or less)
7. Copy of current nursing license
8. Resume
9. Additional requirements exist for international applicants, visit www.usd.edu/graduate-school/international-admissions/international-admission-requirements

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants accepted to the program must submit up-to-date immunization records, insurance card, Basic Life Support for health care providers certification, successfully complete a criminal background check and pass a drug screening before matriculation.

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