

Last spring, the UCLA School of Nursing introduced a new degree program – a [Doctor of Nursing Practice degree](#) (DNP). The DNP focuses on the translation of research into advanced clinical practice to improve health outcomes. The program builds upon traditional graduate programs by providing education in evidence-based practice, quality improvement and systems leadership.

The seven-quarter DNP program is designed for working professionals and will be offered on Fridays and some weekend days. It is advanced practice-focused and clinical hours can be obtained in the student's work environment.

A central component of the program is the Scholarly Project. All students will be required to demonstrate research and quality improvement skills by completing a Scholarly Project directly related to a practice issue in a clinical setting. The project can be completed at the student's place of employment. While there are currently a number of nurses with DNP degrees practicing here at UCLA, we hope that more of you may consider looking into this program to advance your career.

Applications for fall 2019 enrollment are now being accepted. Applications are due February 1st. For more information, visit the DNP program page [online](#).

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