



**EDGEWOOD**  
UNIVERSITY

# DOCTOR of NURSING PRACTICE in EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

*(Offered Entirely Online)*

## HUMANIZING HEALTH SERVICES LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Executive Leadership**, offered by Edgewood University, is in indirect care and emphasizes the highest level of instruction to prepare experts for advanced nursing leadership roles. Our graduates will bring the best practices to health services and care systems management, evidence-based care, and translational research methods. Further preparation in public health and health policy, epidemiology, healthcare finance, informatics, and quality management provide depth and breadth to a curriculum that culminates with a capstone project and a customized residency experience.

- Complete your post-master's degree in just two years
- Complete all courses entirely online
- Degree can be done part-time or full-time
- Enroll each fall, spring, and summer

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduated with a baccalaureate degree from a nursing program accredited by a national nursing accreditation body and received at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale from an accredited master's degree program<sup>^</sup>
- Completed a graduate statistics course within three years of the program's start date<sup>1</sup> (footnote on back)
- Hold a current registered nursing license in the United States
- Practiced for a minimum of one year as a Registered Nurse in the United States (preferred)
- BSN-prepared candidates may be considered for the DNP program by first successfully completing the MSN degree

## APPLICATION PROCESS *(continues on the back)*

- Complete DNP application
- Official post-secondary transcripts from all institutions attended
- Reason for Study Essay
  - » Express your professional objectives and how Edgewood University's DNP Program will contribute toward your role as a nursing leader
  - » Describe an issue related to quality of practice or healthcare system improvement you are considering for your DNP project (preliminary ideas)

<sup>^</sup>BSN-prepared candidates with a master's degree in a discipline other than nursing may also be considered for admission. If a candidate's master's degree is not an MSN, his/her program of study will be evaluated for coursework that prepares him/her for DNP study. Non-MSN candidates may be asked to submit a portfolio of professional practice that highlights their knowledge, skills, and application of the MSN Essentials (i.e., research, health care policy, ethics, role development, foundations of nursing, human diversity and social issues, and health promotion). These students are often required to enroll in additional coursework prior to beginning the DNP program.



*"Edgewood University's DNP program allowed me to elevate my current skill set and immediately integrate advanced leadership principles into my daily practice. The curriculum empowered me to influence patient outcomes, quality improvement, and return on investment through evidence-based decision making. The faculty's one-on-one support, especially during the capstone, created a collaborative experience that translated learning into real impact."*

**Jonathan Milton, DNP, APNP, ACCNS-AG, CCRN-CMC**  
Advanced Practice Provider - Clinical Nurse Specialist at Stoughton Health Cardiology  
Area Clinical Consultant at Johnson & Johnson Medtech | Heart Recovery

## APPLICATION PROCESS *(continued)*

- Three letters of recommendation
  - » Two letters must come from nursing colleagues (at least one from a supervisor) that can address potential competency in graduate level studies
  - » One letter should come from a former faculty member from your MSN program who is qualified to evaluate academic competence for doctoral study
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- A scholarly writing sample that best exemplifies your writing and composition skills (this can be a sample from your master's program)
- Proof of licensure (required) and certification (optional)
- International students must submit TOEFL scores

Once applicants successfully complete the online application, they will receive an email request to submit additional materials (transcripts, essay, letters of recommendation, resume, and licenses) directly to Edgewood University.

**Note application process exception for candidates who already have an Edgewood University MSN:** Those who have earned an MSN from Edgewood University within the past three years and received at least a 3.3 GPA are guaranteed admission into the DNP program upon application. If a candidate has not met the minimum 3.3 GPA requirement, he/she must apply and meet for an interview to be considered for admittance.

Prior to beginning the DNP program's residency requirements, students will be required to complete a health form, criminal background check, and proof of a current RN license from the state/country they plan to complete their residency.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

• **August 1** for fall

• **January 1** for spring

• **May 1** for summer

## COURSES

NRS 800 A, B Applied Research Methods I, II

NRS 802 A, B Introduction to the DNP: Role, Residency, & Project I, II\*

NRS 803 A, B DNP Residency I, II

NRS 805 Healthcare Finance & Regulatory Environments

NRS 810 Population Health & Health Policy

NRS 820 Healthcare Service & Clinical Quality

NRS 830 Health Systems Informatics

NRS 845 Leadership Capstone I

NRS 850 Leadership Capstone II

**Total credits: 30**

\*Residency Courses: students are required to complete 1000 hours of post-baccalaureate residency practice. Up to 500 hours earned during a master's program may be applied to this total.

<sup>1</sup>Students must have completed a graduate-level statistics course within the last three years or they will be required to complete graduate statistics during their first semester of the DNP program.

**All DNP Graduates may be prepared to sit for national specialty certifications in several options below. Additional individual review and study will be necessary for successful completion of any of these exams:**

- Nurse Executive (NE-BC), or Nurse Executive, Advanced (NEA-BC) as determined by the American nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Informatics certification
- Certified Nurse Manager & Leader (CNML), or Certified Executive Nursing Practice (CENP) as determined by the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)



The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Edgewood University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.



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