What can I do with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing-to-Doctor of Nursing Practice?

About this program

The BSN-to-DNP pathway provides registered nurses who have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) the opportunity to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). The DNP curriculum follows the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice Nursing established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and is designed to cultivate learners’ knowledge of nursing theory, advanced nursing practice, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, informatics, and leadership concepts in order to help them develop a practice framework that supports change and informs decision making in a complex health care environment. In addition, learners assess various factors that impact the delivery of culturally competent health care. This pathway does not prepare learners for an advanced clinical practice (i.e., nurse practitioner) role. Upon successful completion of required BSN-to-DNP courses, learners complete the program requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree will not be conferred.

Related job titles to explore†

The sample job titles below represent a range of options for professionals with this degree and specialization. While some titles represent entry-level positions, others may require previous experience in the field.

- Nursing instructor
- Chief nursing officer
- Health care director
- Health care systems coordinator
- Education consultant
- Lobbyist or legislative consultant
- Trainer
- Nurse educator
- Nurse manager
- Nursing administrator
- Nursing director
- Nursing operations director
- Nursing professor
- School system administrator (health services)

†These are examples intended to serve as a general guide. Because many factors determine what position an individual may attain, Capella cannot guarantee that a graduate will secure any specific job title.

Note: Some positions require licensure and/or other designations. We encourage you to research requirements for your job target and career goals.
Related employment settings to explore

Professionals with this degree and specialization may work in a variety of industries and settings. The following list of employment settings is not exhaustive, but is intended to provide an introduction to the opportunities in this field.

- Community mental health agency
- Hospital
- Medical clinic
- Health care organization
- Insurance company
- Home health care services
- Government—local, state, federal
- Community health agency
- Nursing care facility
- School system (K–12)
- Social service agency
- Land-based or online college or university
- Community college
- Self-employment

Samples of associated skills

- Applying professional ethics and legal standards to nursing practice
- Assimilating health care research into evidence-based nursing practice
- Incorporating advanced knowledge, technology, and theories from nursing and related disciplines into practice
- Applying culturally competent health care practices to affect the wellbeing of diverse populations
- Interpreting and integrating health care policy and regulations
- Integrating concepts of management and leadership in professional nursing practice
- Applying evidence-based practice for health care promotion, disease prevention, and disease management
- Communicating effectively in multiple formats using appropriate information systems and technology
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Sources for job listings

Explore specific job postings to clarify your career goals, better understand the required skills and experience, customize your job search documents, or target your job search.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Career Link
www.aacn.nche.edu/career-link

National League for Nursing Career Center
www.nln.org/about/career-center

Nurse Path
www.nursepath.com

O*Net Occupational Information Network
www.onetonline.org

American Nurses Association Career Center
http://careers.ana.org

Wall Street Journal Career Journal
www.careerjournal.com

Nurse.com
www.nurse.com

LinkedIn
www.linkedin.com

Health eCareers
www.healthecareers.com

LinkUp
www.linkup.com
Professional associations & industry information

Utilize professional associations to gain familiarity with the field, learn about current issues and industry trends, identify opportunities to get involved, make professional connections, and contribute your subject matter expertise. Consider joining state or local chapters to meet professionals in your region.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
www.aacn.nche.edu

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
www.aacn.org

American Nurses Credentialing Center  
www.nursecredentialing.org

National League for Nursing  
www.nln.org

American Nurses Association  
www.nursingworld.org

Discover Nursing  
www.discovernursing.com

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
www.amsn.org

National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
www.ncsbn.org

International Council of Nurses  
www.icn.ch

Minority Nurse  
www.minORITYnurse.com

American Assembly for Men in Nursing  
www.aamn.org

National Black Nurses Association  
www.nbna.org

National Association of Hispanic Nurses  
www.thehispanicnurses.org

Indeed  
www.indeed.com

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy  
www.amcp.org

Salary information

JobSmart Salary Survey  
www.jobstar.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
www.bls.gov/ooh

Salary.com  
www.salary.com

NACE Salary Calculator  
www.jobsearchintelligence.com/NACE/jobseekers/salary-calculator.php
Career Center resources & services

The Career Center assists learners and alumni in developing and implementing their career management goals resulting in measurable career outcomes. Career counselors serve learners and alumni in all Capella University schools and degree programs. Services are free of charge to learners and alumni.

iGuide Career Center
This comprehensive career site contains a wealth of information on career planning, job searching, resume and CV writing, interviewing, and more.

Career Connection
Career Connection allows users to search for jobs, research employers, or apply for jobs with employers who are interested in recruiting Capella learners and alumni. In addition to the jobs posted in the Capella Network of employers, users can extend their search and find additional employment opportunities through a national network of employers.

Career counseling and job search advising
Career counselors consult with learners and alumni individually by phone and e-mail.

Resume and curriculum vitae (CV) review
Career Center staff members are trained in resume and CV critique. The online Career Center in iGuide provides sample resumes, CVs, and cover letters to help learners and alumni get started. When the draft is ready, Career Center staff work with the learner or graduate to transform the documents into effective self-marketing tools.

On-demand tutorials
Recorded interactive media pieces are created specifically for Capella's learners, alumni, and prospective learners. The interactive elements provide you opportunities to work with the material in a meaningful way and make connections to your experiences and situations. Because they are recorded, you can access them at your convenience.

Career seminars
The Career Center offers free, five-day seminars, which are facilitated by Career Counselors in the Capella courseroom and are designed for learners enrolled in all specializations.

- **Career Exploration and Planning** seminar focuses on articulating skills, interests, and work values; gaining a better understanding of target industries and professions; and creating an action plan to move toward the desired career goal.
- **Effective Job Search Strategies** seminar focuses on specific job search strategies to help you meet your short-term employment goals, as well as strategies for managing your career over the long-term.

Visit the online Career Center to learn more about services and resources available to help you reach your career goals.

See graduation rates, median student debt, and other information at www.capellaresults.com/outcomes.asp

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