

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE- LEADERSHIP

The College of St. Benedict and St. John's University Doctor of Nursing Practice: Leadership track will empower you to rise to new levels of leadership. You'll develop specialized expertise to become an agent for change in the evolving health care landscape. You'll also be equipped to pursue roles where you will be responsible for managing nursing staff and serve as a source of knowledge for your team. The DNP-Leadership program at CSB/SJU is rooted in the tradition of Benedictine values and inspires students to become ethical leaders in their field of practice. Our core values of ethical leadership, advocacy, scholarship, global citizenship, and innovation are integrated throughout the curriculum and provide a unique graduate student experience.

The DNP-Leadership program is a hybrid online program.

Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) Entry

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
NRSG 501	Research Methods	3
NRSG 502	Informatics	3
NRSG 503	Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3
NRSG 504	Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
NRSG 513	Global Perspectives	3
NRSG 514	Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3
NRSG 515	Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3
Practice Specific Courses		
NRSG 535	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
NRSG 536	Advanced Pharmacology I	3
NRSG 539	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NRSG 565	Facilitating Learning	3
NRSG 554	The Influential Nurse Leader	3
NRSG 555	Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3
NRSG 556	Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
NRSG 566	Transition to Advanced Professional Practice	3
Learning into Practice		
NRSG 580	Practicum Inquiry I	2
NRSG 581	Practicum Inquiry II	2
NRSG 582	Practicum Inquiry III	2
NRSG 583	Practicum Inquiry IV	2
NRSG 590	Doctorate Project I	2
NRSG 591	Doctorate Project II	1
NRSG 592	Doctorate Project III	1
NRSG 593	Doctorate Project IV	1
NRSG 594	Doctorate Project V	1
Total Hours		59

Master's Degree Entry

Previous Master's program must be reviewed for practicum hours (at least 460) and core courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
NRSG 502	Informatics	3
NRSG 503	Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3
NRSG 504	Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
NRSG 513	Global Perspectives	3
NRSG 514	Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3
NRSG 515	Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3
Practice Specific Courses		
NRSG 554	The Influential Nurse Leader	3
NRSG 555	Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3
NRSG 556	Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
Learning into Practice		
NRSG 580	Practicum Inquiry I	1,2
NRSG 581	Practicum Inquiry II	1,2
NRSG 582	Practicum Inquiry III	1,2
NRSG 590	Doctorate Project I	2
NRSG 591	Doctorate Project II	1
NRSG 592	Doctorate Project III	1
NRSG 593	Doctorate Project IV	1
NRSG 594	Doctorate Project V	1
Total Hours		36-39

Additional Certifications

This program meets the requirements to sit for the AONL Executive Leadership Certificate and NLN Nurse Education Certificate if the following elective courses are completed:

Code	Title	Hours
NRSG 565	Facilitating Learning (60 practicum hours)	3
NRSG 566	Transition to Advanced Professional Practice (40 practicum hours)	3

DNP Program Curriculum – Leadership (BSN Entry)

Curriculum Requirements 2024-2027

Total Credit Hours: 59 credits

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NRSG 502	Informatics	3
NRSG 503	Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3
	Hours	6
Spring		
NRSG 513	Global Perspectives	3

NRSG 515	Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3
Hours		6
Summer		
NRSG 504	Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
NRSG 554	The Influential Nurse Leader	3
NRSG 501	Research Methods	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
NRSG 535	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
NRSG 555	Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NRSG 514	Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3
NRSG 539	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NRSG 590	Doctorate Project I	2
Hours		8
Summer		
NRSG 556	Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
NRSG 580	Practicum Inquiry I	1-2
NRSG 591	Doctorate Project II	1
Hours		5-6
Third Year		
Fall		
NRSG 536	Advanced Pharmacology I	3
NRSG 581	Practicum Inquiry II	1-2
NRSG 592	Doctorate Project III	1
Hours		5-6
Spring		
NRSG 565	Facilitating Learning	3
NRSG 582	Practicum Inquiry III	1-2
NRSG 593	Doctorate Project IV	1
Hours		5-6
Summer		
NRSG 566	Transition to Advanced Professional Practice	3
NRSG 583	Practicum Inquiry IV	2
NRSG 594	Doctorate Project V	1
Hours		6
Total Hours		56-59

Summer		
NRSG 504	Evaluation and Translation of the Evidence	3
NRSG 554	The Influential Nurse Leader	3
NRSG 580	Practicum Inquiry I	1-2
NRSG 591	Doctorate Project II	1
Hours		8-9
Second Year		
Fall		
NRSG 555	Creating a Vision for Nursing Practice	3
NRSG 581	Practicum Inquiry II	1-2
NRSG 592	Doctorate Project III	1
Hours		5-6
Spring		
NRSG 514	Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy	3
NRSG 582	Practicum Inquiry III	1-2
NRSG 593	Doctorate Project IV	1
Hours		5-6
Summer		
NRSG 556	Modern Decision Making in a Collaborative Environment	3
NRSG 594	Doctorate Project V	1
Hours		4
Total Hours		36-39

Meets requirements to sit for AONL Executive Leadership Certificate and NLN Nurse Education Certificate

DNP Program Curriculum – Leadership (MSN Entry)

Curriculum Requirements 2025-2027

Total Credit Hours: 35-38 credits

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NRSG 502	Informatics	3
NRSG 503	Methods of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NRSG 513	Global Perspectives	3
NRSG 515	Health Care Systems and Organizational Leadership	3
NRSG 590	Doctorate Project I	2
Hours		8