



Doctor of  
Nursing Practice



Saint Mary's  
College

NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

## GRADUATES OF SAINT MARY'S DNP PROGRAM:

Provide advanced evidence-based clinical care within a collaborative, cultural and spiritual context for individuals, families and/or populations.

Demonstrate communication and collaboration skills to create change in health care and complex health care delivery systems.

Apply business and entrepreneurial strategies for meaningful quality improvement and efficient use of resources within health care environments.

Synthesize and apply scientific evidence for the development, implementation, and evaluation of clinical interventions for advanced nursing practice.

Advocate for social justice, equity, and ethical policies in health systems, population health initiatives, and evidence-based health policy initiatives through collaboration with other health professionals and stakeholders.





Lead Change. Transform Lives. Advance Your Career.

LEAD THE WAY IN PATIENT CARE AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER



“

This degree has prepared me to open my own practice and be an agent of change in today's healthcare.”

Jannet Everson  
CLASS OF 2021

BECOME TOP OF YOUR FIELD & AN AGENT OF CHANGE

The hybrid program at Saint Mary's College combines online learning with one weekend experience on campus each term.

You'll choose from two dynamic program tracks, which prepares you to work as a qualified nurse practitioner, providing exceptional patient care, while leading others in the profession.

Saint Mary's provides you with the tools and confidence needed to be at the top of your field and to become an agent of change.



# DEGREE DETAILS

## DNP DEGREE PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN 2 DIFFERENT TRACKS

Adult-Gerontology  
Acute Care  
*(AG-ACNP)*

Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
*(FNP)*

Primarily  
online  
program

1,180  
supervised  
clinical practice  
hours

A capstone  
practice  
innovation project,  
which includes  
a scholarly  
paper and oral  
presentation

Advanced  
standing  
available for  
students with  
MSN-APRN are  
eligible for the  
MSN to DNP  
program

Eligible for  
certification  
as a nurse  
practitioner

12 SEMESTERS OVER 4 YEARS

*(INCLUDES 4 SUMMER TERMS)*

## REQUIRED COURSES FOR ALL TRACKS

NURS 620 Human Population Ecology

NURS 612 Social Entrepreneurship and the Business of Health Care

NURS 725 Quality Effectiveness, Safety, and Informatics in Organizational Systems

NURS 602 Philosophical and Ethical Foundations for the Advanced Nursing Practice Role

NURS 610 Healthcare Policy and Advocacy

NURS 718 Resource and Practice Management

NURS 622 Statistics for Health and Biological Sciences

NURS 670 Nursing Informatics & Data-Driven Decision Making

NURS 604 Evidence-based Practice 1: Evidence Synthesis for Practice

NURS 624 Evidence-based Practice II: Translation of Evidence for Practice

NURS 701 DNP Practice Innovation 1

NURS 702 DNP Practice Innovation 2

NURS 703 DNP Practice Innovation 3

NURS 704 DNP Practice Innovation 4



The nursing profession is at a critical point in history. Technology and evidence-based practice continue to evolve at increasing speeds and hospitals not only need nurses...

**THEY NEED LEADERS.**



## TRACK SPECIFIC COURSES

### Primary Care Courses

- NURS 710 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care NP 1
- NURS 722 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care NP 2
- NURS 730 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care 3
- NURS 770 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care Capstone

### Acute Care Courses

- NURS 717 Advanced Clinical Studies: Acute Care NP 1
- NURS 721 Advanced Clinical Studies: Acute Care NP 2
- NURS 726 Advanced Clinical Studies: Acute Care NP 3
- NURS 772 Advanced Clinical Studies: Acute Care NP Capstone

### Adult-Gerontology Acute Care (AG-ACNP)

- Population-based Gerontologic Health and Wellness
- Advanced Clinical Care for Adults and Older Adults
- Advanced Clinical Studies: Trauma Care with Adults and Older Adults
- Clinical Residency in Acute and Critical Care of Adults and Older Adults

### Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

- Health Promotion for Population Health
- Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care and Health Promotion for Reproductive Health
- Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Care and Health Promotion for Children and Adolescents
- Clinical Residency in Primary Care of Families

**84** TOTAL  
CREDITS  
REQUIRED



\$0

**Is the amount your tuition will increase from term to term as long as you remain enrolled in the program.**

By entering a graduate program, you are investing in your future. We understand navigating the financial aid process for a graduate degree can be overwhelming.

To make sure you reach your goals, we will help you identify various funding sources, analyze repayment options, and provide you with tools to establish a budget, estimate costs, and plan for your future.

Tuition for the fall 2023 entering class is \$995 per credit hour and the total price of program is approximately \$83,580. For a breakdown of all associated costs and more financial aid information, visit [www.saintmarys.edu/graduate-studies](http://www.saintmarys.edu/graduate-studies).

*Information and statistics portrayed in this publication are current as of print date.*



# TOP NURSING INDUSTRIES & MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGES

**\$131,500**

GOVERNMENT

**\$110,000**

HOSPITALS;  
STATE, LOCAL,  
& PRIVATE

**\$110,000**

AMBULATORY  
HEALTHCARE  
SERVICES

**\$113,000**

NURSING AND  
RESIDENTIAL CARE  
FACILITIES

**\$112,000**

EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES;  
STATE, LOCAL,  
& PRIVATE



Graduates from Saint Mary's Colleges DNP program are qualified to provide exceptional patient care and lead the direction of the healthcare field in this ever changing field.



**“** I have already put into practice what I’ve learned in the Practice Innovation courses at Saint Mary’s College. As the head of a committee at my current job, I’m implementing a new team-based care approach that I learned from this DNP program.

**Desmond Atem**  
CLASS OF 2022



## Want to learn more about the DNP program or a specific track?

Saint Mary's should be your top choice for a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

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