

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

- Prepares Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) for Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) roles
- For Registered Nurses with a Bachelor of Science or Master's entry degree in Nursing

## NP Population Focus Areas

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care
- Family
- Psychiatric Mental Health
- Women's Health

## CNS Population Focus Areas

- Adult Gerontology
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care

## Specialty Concentrations

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP with Oncology specialty
- Adult-Gerontology CNS with Oncology specialty
- Family NP with Emergency specialty
- Psychiatric Mental Health NP with Substance Use and Addictions specialty

Achieve the highest level of nursing practice and shape the future of healthcare with a DNP degree from Loyola University Chicago. Our curriculum prepares you to transform care in an increasingly complex healthcare environment and integrates advanced nursing practice, leadership, systems thinking, analytic and information management strategies, quality and safety, health policy, and healthcare economics and finance. NP and CNS tracks prepare you to deliver, lead, and change patient care by translating best practices into healthcare environments.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Enroll as a full or part-time student  
*Average completion time is 4–5 years*

## CLINICAL PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES

- Clinical rotations that integrate direct care and systems-level competencies to prepare you to practice as an APRN
- Clinical rotations are designed by faculty members, and students are not responsible for securing their own clinical placements
- Academic-practice partnerships throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, including vulnerable and underserved communities
- CNS students may complete clinical rotations near where they reside

**EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION**

- Graduates are eligible to complete NP or CNS certification exams in their respective role and population focus areas
- Graduates qualify for APRN licensure as an NP or CNS (requirements vary by state)

**PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS**

Choose Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and shape the future of healthcare through a transformative educational experience grounded in a rich Ignatian heritage and mission to serve humanity through learning, social justice, and faith. Within a close-knit community of faculty and students, we embrace cura personalis by considering individual needs and respect for unique experiences, while preparing exceptional APRNs to transform healthcare in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

**FACULTY**

Our NP and CNS faculty are expert clinicians and practice scholars who are nationally certified in their role and population focus areas.

**DELIVERY**

Most classes are conveniently offered online.

**PREREQUISITES**

To apply, you must be a Registered Professional Nurse with a baccalaureate or master’s entry degree in nursing from an accredited program.

Clinical practice experience is required before entering the first APRN clinical practicum rotation.

**ACCREDITATION**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; 655 K Street NW; Suite 750; Washington, DC 20001; 202-887-6791.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

Learn more about financial aid at [LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid](https://LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid).

**LEARN MORE**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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