The Department of Nursing offers programs leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Adult-Gerontological Health Nursing. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree programs have two options: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and Nurse Practitioner (NP). Students in the two degree programs take many of the same courses but focus their course assignments, competency development and clinical hours on the role of choice – as clinical nurse specialists to work with the adult and gerontological populations within the spheres of direct care, nursing personnel, and organizations/networks or as primary care nurse practitioners to work with the adult and gerontological populations to promote health, prevent disease, and manage the care of individuals, their families, and communities.

The DNP programs are designed to meet health care workforce needs and to provide opportunities for the preparation of advanced practice nurses at the doctoral level to provide the highest level of nursing practice in the clinical setting. The curriculum emphasizes the use of research findings in advanced clinical care, strategies for health education of the public, advocacy for vulnerable and culturally diverse individuals and groups, analysis of outcomes of care, mitigating environmental and genetic influences on health, advanced treatment modalities, health care informatics use, and identification of evidence gaps with formulation of systems level interventions. The DNP prepares practitioners of nursing to provide innovative care at the highest level, by translating credible research findings into clinical practice in diverse healthcare settings such as hospitals, homes, and community settings.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice - Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Option (75 credits)**
The program requires 75 credits with a minimum of 1,000 supervised hours toward development of clinical competencies for adult-gerontological population with a specialty practice focus and implementation of an integrative practice project in the clinical setting. Requirements include a nursing science, research and leadership core of 18 credits, an advanced practice core of nine credits, specialty (CNS role) courses of 12 credits, doctoral core of 18 credits, six credits of elective courses, and the integrative practice project of 12 credits.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice - Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) Option (75 credits)**
The program requires 75 credits with a minimum of 1,000 supervised hours toward development of clinical competencies for primary care of the adult-gerontological population and implementation of an integrative practice project in the clinical setting. Requirements include a nursing science, research and leadership core of 18 credits, an advanced practice core of nine credits, specialty (NP role) courses of 12 credits, doctoral core of 18 credits, six credits of elective courses, and the integrative practice project of 12 credits.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor’s degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited school and at least one year full-time experience in nursing or a bachelor’s degree in another field with three years of appropriate full-time clinical experience as determined by the doctoral nursing faculty, and completion of required nursing, science, and mathematics undergraduate courses
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major
- Evidence of successful completion of undergraduate courses (or comparable learning experiences approved by the Doctoral Admissions Committee) in nursing research, statistics, health assessment and physical examination; community health nursing, leadership and management in nursing, general chemistry, and pharmacotherapeutics
- A minimum of one year full-time experience or its equivalence as a registered nurse
- Current Registered Nurse license to practice in New York State
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

Personal Statement:
Submit a two- to four-page personal statement that answers a predetermined set of questions. The personal statement should be 500 words, double-spaced with one-inch margins, in 12 point font. Access the DNP Nursing Personal Statement Form at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation supporting the applicant’s potential for completing graduate studies; one must be from a current nursing supervisor or recent professor who can speak to clinical performance.

Curriculum Vitae
Submit a curriculum vitae (CV) demonstrating appropriate clinical experience as evidenced by at least one year of full-time practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE):
Applicants are required to submit scores for the General Aptitude Test taken within the previous five-years. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit www.gre.org. Our institutional code for the GRE is 2778.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. Minimum required score: 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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