

EXPANDED DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

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The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) has approved accreditation for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with three track options. The DNP prepares clinical nurses and nurse leaders for the highest level of care and innovation in today’s dynamic and complex healthcare environments.

“Nurses are taking on greater roles in patient care, and healthcare system and policy creation,” says **Dr. Paula Williams**, Dean of the Division of Nursing and Health Professions. “Rapidly changing healthcare needs and shortages of providers are being addressed by an increasingly educated and engaged nursing workforce.”

The DNP Professional Practice Track is designed for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to elevate their clinical nursing careers. Newly launched for summer 2019, the Systems Leadership Track offers two entry options: one for Master of Science in Nursing graduates and another for non-nurse practitioners with a BSN and a master’s degree in a field outside of nursing. This track prepares nurses for leadership and management roles creating or redesigning systems to meet healthcare market demands. ■