

DNP Practicum Requirements

Dear Students,

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your DNP educational journey. This guide outlines essential practicum requirements that must be completed before enrollment in practicum courses.

General Requirements

You are required to complete a minimum of 180 practicum hours per course (60 hours per credit), approximately 12 hours weekly. All Exxat® application components must be approved before beginning practicum hours—this process requires a minimum of three months, so early preparation is essential.

Course-Specific Objectives

NURS 939 - DNP Scholarly Project Proposal Development

- Translate evidence using collaborative skills, leadership, and informatics knowledge
- Collaborate with stakeholders to develop healthcare improvement plans
- Employ assessment frameworks to evaluate context, population, and organizational problems
- Create and present a comprehensive DNP Scholarly Project proposal

NURS 942 - DNP Scholarly Project Implementation

- Demonstrate leadership in project implementation
- Use advanced collaborative skills with multiple stakeholders
- Apply informatics, change principles, systems thinking, and ethics

NURS 944 - DNP Scholarly Project Evaluation and Dissemination

- Evaluate and synthesize project outcomes
- Disseminate findings through presentations to faculty and peers

NURS 965 - Variable Credit DNP Practicum (1-4 credits) Focus areas include processes of care, safety/quality, organizational and professional leadership, health policy, healthcare economics, ethical issues, population health, and interprofessional care.

Preceptor Requirements

Preceptors must:

- Hold current, unencumbered licensure in the practicum state
- Not be family members, employers, or direct supervisors
- Provide direct supervision for all practicum hours
- Offer constructive feedback

Potential preceptors include nursing administrators, directors, chief officers (CNO, CFO, CSO), VPs of patient care, organizational administrators, and APRNs or physicians.

Site Selection and Requirements

Choose practicum sites that promote learning and align with course outcomes and DNP Essentials competencies. Sites may include healthcare organizations, health policy internships, departments of health, ethics committees, CDC programs, and professional nursing associations.

Students are responsible for meeting all site-specific requirements, which may include liability insurance, HIPAA training, licensure proof, CPR certification, background screening, physical examination, drug screening, and current immunizations. Additional fees are the student's responsibility.

Compliance Requirements

- Maintain current, unrestricted nursing licensure in practicum states
- Secure Affiliation Agreements for each practicum site (process may take several months for new agreements)
- Upload all compliance documents to Exxat® Required Documents section
- Ensure full adherence to School of Nursing requirements throughout the program

Important Note: Failure to meet these requirements will prevent registration for practicum courses. Begin preparation early and pursue multiple preceptor options to ensure success.

For additional information and forms, visit <http://cnh.loyno.edu/nursing>.

Best regards,
School of Nursing