The mission of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing is to educate diverse leaders, conduct research, advance nursing and inter-professional practice, and provide public service with a focus on health quality and equity. In fulfillment of this mission, UCSF’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program prepares clinical experts, leaders and scholars. Graduates will participate in translational research, quality improvement initiatives and system interventions that lead change. Our post-Master’s program of study and hybrid curriculum combines online learning with select in-person immersions; students complete a scholarly project at a practice site with faculty mentorship.

UCSF School of Nursing ranks first among nursing schools in NIH research funding and our faculty serve as national advisors and leaders in the areas of expert practice, health policy, health care delivery, and research. Our clinical programs consistent rank in the top 10 nationally and our clinical affiliations include a variety of local and regional facilities and settings with diverse populations, including UCSF Medical Center, a world leader in life sciences, health sciences research and patient care.

Core Curriculum Areas

- Scientific foundations for advanced nursing practice
- Organizational/systems leadership and quality improvement
- Information systems/technology for healthcare transformation
- Clinical scholarship and evidence-based practice
- Healthcare policy and advocacy
- Clinical prevention/population health
- Advanced nursing practice
- Interprofessional collaboration to improve patient/population outcomes

Getting Started

It is recommended that interested applicants contact UCSF School of Nursing faculty to discuss their questions or interest in the DNP program in person, or by email, telephone or web-conferencing. It is important that clinical interests of the applicant match the expertise of faculty in the UCSF School of Nursing. The Student Affairs Office can supply names of faculty with clinical and academic interests in specific areas. Faculty research and clinical interests can also be found at: [http://profiles.ucsf.edu/search/](http://profiles.ucsf.edu/search/)

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Admissions Requirements

• Graduate of an accredited program of nursing documented by official transcripts
• Master’s degree in nursing or equivalent documented by official transcripts
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 (0-4 scale) for Master’s and any post-Master’s coursework
• Completion of a minimum of 500 practice hours during prior Master’s or post-Master’s coursework; national certification in one of the recognized APRN roles will satisfy this requirement
• College-level statistics course completed within three years of admission to the program
• Resume or curriculum vitae detailing work history, and professional and volunteer activities appropriate to the advanced practice role
• Goal statement (maximum of 1000 words) describing the applicant’s professional goals and rationale for applying to the program
• Three confidential letters of recommendation from colleagues who are able to address the applicant’s academic abilities, work-related experience and leadership potential
• Criminal background check with evidence of clearance from all states of residence within the previous three year period (completed after acceptance)
• Evidence of health insurance and current immunizations (completed after acceptance)
• TOEFL scores for international applicants and those whose native language is not English; a minimum score set by the campus will be honored

Additional Preferred for Admission

• National certification in one of the recognized APRN roles (Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Anesthetist or Nurse Midwife) preferred
• One year of experience in advanced practice role preferred

Program Fees and Expenses

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*travel costs associated with in-person immersions are student’s responsibility

DNP students are eligible for funding sources including external scholarships
For more information: [https://nursing.ucsf.edu/student-funding](https://nursing.ucsf.edu/student-funding)

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