Prospective students must apply online. Application materials can be found at the College of Graduate Studies and Research website:

www.radford.edu/gradcollege

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The University
Radford University is a diverse, comprehensive public university of nearly 10,000 students, serving the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs. The university has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs as well as its sustainability initiatives.

Recent Accolades
“Best Colleges and Universities in the Southeast” (The Princeton Review, 2015)
“Best Regional Universities” in the South (U.S. News & World Report, 2015)
Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program in Radford University’s School of Nursing prepares registered nurses (RNs) with a bachelor’s degree, certified nurse practitioners or certified clinical nurse specialists with a master’s degree, and RNs with a master’s degree in administration or other Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) category. Programs of study are individualized and offered in a distance-learning format, delivered through online classes and clinical rotations over a span of 3-8 years, depending on the student’s full- or part-time enrollment. Congruent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Radford University’s DNP program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Program Outcomes

Theory and research-based courses prepare graduates to work in a variety of settings, including community and population-based service, home care, clinics, hospice care, hospitals, long-term care, education, administration and business. A curriculum of advanced leadership and advanced clinical skills prepares graduates to:

• initiate policy and programmatic efforts.
• generate interprofessional teams and establish collaborative efforts to solve clinical problems and issues.
• take on health care leadership roles in the areas of business, finance and health systems organization.

Concentrations

Family Nurse Practitioner
This concentration educates nurses who will be qualified to provide primary health care in homes, clinics, ambulatory care facilities, long-term care facilities and other health care agencies. Upon completion of this concentration, graduates are prepared to sit for a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certification exam.

Nurse Executive Leadership
Designed for those who have earned an MS or MSN in systems, management or administration, this concentration educates nurses to meet the complex needs that exist in the health care environment and expand upon skills focused in nursing and executive in nature. Upon completion of this concentration, graduates are prepared to sit for the Nurse Executive certification exam.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
This concentration prepares nurses for advanced practice in psychiatric mental health settings, including hospitals, clinics and mental health facilities. Students in this concentration are educated in prescribing medications and providing psychotherapy across the lifespan. Upon completion of this concentration, students are qualified to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certification exam.

Tracks

Students in the DNP program are placed in one of three tracks:

1) Post-BSN — Students may choose any concentration.
2) Post-Master’s (not certified as CNS, FNP or PMHNP) — Students may choose any concentration.
3) Post-MSN (certified as CNS, NP or PMHNP) — The concentration for students in this track is dictated by their specialty certification as FNP, CNS or PMHNP.

In each of the three tracks, students must complete a residency and final project.