

## Program highlights

JEFFERSON'S DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) program provides academic preparation for professional nurses who will practice at the most advanced level of nursing: in clinical practice, administration, education and policy.

The DNP is an inter-professional educational experience. As an academic health center, Jefferson offers students opportunities to take core courses, such as health policy, biostatistics, organizational change, and advances in health informatics, together with students from Jefferson Medical College, Jefferson College of Graduate Studies and the other disciplines within Jefferson College of Health Professions.

The DNP is offered in a mix of online and in-class courses. Full-time students who have a MSN may complete the 36-credit program in one calendar year; part-time students complete the degree on their own timeline. A combined MSN/DNP program enables students with a BSN to complete both degrees in three calendar years of full-time study.

Throughout their studies, DNP students complete three specialty-focused practica that culminate in the doctoral project and provide the opportunity for application of knowledge gained in all the courses.

All doctoral projects require an integrated critical literature review or systematic review to be submitted by the end of the second specialty-focused practicum; a manuscript submitted for publication by the end of the third specialty-focused practicum, as well as submission and presentation of the doctoral project. All projects must use evidence to improve either practice or patient outcomes.

## Admissions Process

Admission is highly competitive. The deadline for applications for the Fall 2007 class is April 16, 2007. Applicants must submit the following:

### Admission Requirements

- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale in a program resulting in the award of master's degree in nursing from an accredited college or university.  
*Note: For GPA of less than 3.2, submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing).*
- Official transcripts for all Undergraduate and Graduate Study.
- Three (3) recent professional references including narrative letter and attribute form.
- Copy of current RN license, CRNP license (if applicable), and specialty certification (if applicable).
- Completed Jefferson School of Nursing Application.
- After applications are received and reviewed, selected applicants will be invited to interview with School of Nursing faculty for final selection.

## Curriculum

COURSE	CREDITS
Scientific Underpinnings	3
Applied Biostatistics	3
Quality and Patient Safety	3
Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
Adv. Topics in Health Informatics	3
Organizational Change & Systems Thinking	3
Leadership and Inter-Professional Collaboration	3
Clinical Prevention and Population Health	3
Current Issues in Health and Social Policy	3
Practicum #1	3
Practicum #2	3
Practicum #3	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR DNP</b>	<b>36</b>

Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, national and ethnic origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, disability or veteran's status.



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For more information contact  
JCHP Admissions  
215-503-8890 or 1-877-JEFF-CHP  
[www.jefferson.edu/jchp](http://www.jefferson.edu/jchp)

**THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY  
JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**Application for Admission to Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.**

A careful review of the checklist that follows will expedite the processing of your application.

All application materials should be sent to:

Office of Admissions  
Jefferson College of Health Professions  
130 South 9th Street, Suite 100  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

For more information:  
1-877-JEFF-CHP

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Application fee**

A non-refundable fee must be submitted with this application. Make your check or money order payable to Thomas Jefferson University. The fee is \$50.

**Post-Secondary Transcripts**

Official, original academic transcripts from every college or university that you have attended or registered for (whether as a matriculated or non-matriculated student) should be sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

Transcripts originating from academic institutions outside of the U.S. must be translated and a course-by-course evaluation performed by the World Education Services (WES) or comparable credential evaluation service. Please contact WES at:

**World Education Services  
P.O. Box 745  
Old Chelsea Station  
New York, NY 10113-0745  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)**

**Recommendation Letters**

Three (3) letters of recommendation and completed attribute forms are required as part of the application process. Two should be from a professional contact, one from an academic contact.

**Application Essay**

On a separate sheet of paper, please outline your career goals, educational goals and objectives, and area of interest in pursuing the DNP. This statement will be carefully reviewed by the Admissions Committee and should not exceed 1,000 words.

**English Proficiency Requirements for Non-U.S. Citizens**

All international students and U.S. permanent residents must demonstrate English language proficiency as one of the conditions for admission to Jefferson College of Health Professions. JCHP will accept any **one** of the following items to satisfy the proficiency requirement:

1. Internet-based TOEFL with an overall score of at least 87 and individual section scores as follows: Writing - 21, Speaking - 23, Reading - 21, and Listening - 22.
2. Baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited U.S. college or university.
3. State licensure in nursing.
4. Native English speaker from one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom.

**Curriculum Vitae**

Enclose a copy of your curriculum vitae with this application.

**Portfolio**

Hard copy examples of your scholarly work. This should serve as representation of the evidence of your leadership skills, achievements, and professional experience.

**Deadline**

The deadline for applications to begin the program in September is April 16, 2007.

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

### 1. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Former Last Name
Street Address			Telephone
City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address			

### 2. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

- U.S. Citizen
  Permanent Resident of the United States, not a U.S. citizen  
 Nonresident alien - List visa type
 List Alien Registration #
Country of Citizenship

Were you educated abroad in high school or college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is your native language not English? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If you answered yes to either question, please refer to the directions on the previous page.

### 3. OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

Predominant Ethnic Group <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Birth date: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">mm/dd/yyyy</div> <hr/> Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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### 4. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Please list all colleges or universities you have attended.

INSTITUTION NAME	CODE	BEGIN/END DATES	CREDITS COMPLETED	DEGREES EARNED
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## 5. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Do you have a relative who has attended or is attending Thomas Jefferson University?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been dismissed for poor scholarship from any institution?

Yes     No

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Have you ever been dismissed/suspended from any institution for disciplinary reasons?

Yes     No

If yes, please explain.

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Please list other programs to which you plan to apply:

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How did you find out about Jefferson College of Health Professions?

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## 6. CERTIFICATION / ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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By my signature below, I certify the following:

I am aware of both the academic and the technical/performance standards required for completion of the academic programs in Jefferson College of Health Professions (Jefferson). Technical/performance standards are listed in the catalog. I am aware that all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment.

I understand that students who are offered admission to Jefferson are required to have a criminal background check and child abuse clearance. The Office of Admissions will provide me with the appropriate information to complete this requirement.

I understand that clinical rotation and fieldwork sites that require a criminal background check and/or child abuse clearance may deny a student's participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction or a record of child abuse. Clinical sites may also deny participation in clinical experiences for other reasons, such as failure of a required drug test, or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance.

I understand that because participation in clinical experiences, rotations or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation, denial of participation by a clinical site may result in delay of graduation or the inability to graduate from the program.

I understand that regardless of whether or not a student graduates from Jefferson, individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional, and that information regarding individual eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing bodies.

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is complete and accurate. I understand that falsification, misrepresentation, or omission of information on this application or my credentials, may result in the denial or revocation of admission and, if enrolled, will result in disciplinary action including dismissal from Jefferson.

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Applicant Signature

Date

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