Doctor of Nursing Practice

The newly established Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program, the first of its kind in the UC system, trains students to apply theoretical and scientific principles to advanced nursing practice. Program participants will conceptualize and rigorously develop a scholarly project based on an area of practice inquiry. In direct consultation with faculty mentors, students will conceive, evaluate and defend their scholarly work. They will also develop strategies to disseminate their scholarly work and to implement practices based on their conclusions.

For nursing professionals committed to developing practice and leadership excellence, the UCSF DNP program offers an innovative seven-quarter, hybrid program design that combines online learning with select immersive, in-person learning. The DNP program joins other established programs in the UCSF School of Nursing including Master’s Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN), Master's in Science (MS), Healthcare Administration and Interprofessional Leadership MS (MS-HAIL), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing and PhD in Sociology.

The UCSF School of Nursing takes pride in its graduate programs, which represent a century of pioneering leadership that has produced many top influencers in the field in the U.S. and abroad. Among schools of nursing nationwide, the UCSF School of Nursing is one of the top recipients of research funding from the National Institutes of Health.

faculty
There are over 100 faculty members in the four School of Nursing departments. DNP program faculty members have established clinical and teaching expertise, and represent advanced practice and leadership roles locally, regionally and nationally. See a list of Nursing faculty research activities.

For more information about the DNP program, please visit the program website.