POST MASTER’S (PM) TO DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) ENTRY OPTION 1

Course Delivery
The PM-DNP program is designed for the working APRN. Students take 1 course for nine 8 week sessions and 2 courses for one 8 week session. The program is completed in 10 sessions.

The Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions program blends three instructional strategies to produce an engaged learning curriculum. The first strategy is Immersion: our programs include face-to-face meetings conducted at the Irvine campus or regional locations in 3-4 day sessions. Immersion sessions are conducted 2 times during the program: at the beginning and at the middle of the program. During these immersion sessions, students may receive orientation instruction, work as teams with peers and mentors and participate in demonstrations, exercises, assessments and/or evaluations. The second strategy is practicum experience: our programs include clinical scholarly project (CSP) residencies conducted where the student lives or works. The third strategy is self-directed study: courses include online lectures, discussions, social networking, demonstrations, tutorials, readings, and/or other homework. Many courses may include additional real-time instruction via web conference, phone conference, and/or live chat sessions. Students may need to reduce work hours to accommodate completion of the clinical scholarly project (510 residency hours).

Attendance: Students may be dismissed from the program at the Dean’s discretion due to absence from required meetings.

Admission to the Program
Admission into the PM-DNP is twice a year in August (Fall 1) and January (Spring 1).

2018-2019 Application Deadlines: PM-DNP
- Priority application deadline for Fall 1, 2018 admission is May 15, 2018.
- Final completed application deadline for Fall 1, 2018 admission is August 15, 2018.
- Priority application deadline for the Spring 1, 2019 admission is October 30, 2018.
- Final completed application deadline for Spring 1, 2019 admission is December 1, 2018.

2019-2020 Application Deadlines: PM-DNP
- Priority application deadline for Fall 1, 2019 admission is May 15, 2019.
- Final completed application deadline for Fall 1, 2019 admission is August 15, 2019.
- Priority application deadline for the Spring 1, 2020 admission is October 30, 2019.

- Final completed application deadline for Spring 1, 2020 admission is December 1, 2019.

Admission Requirements
1. Complete a Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions application available online at https://www.brandman.edu/nursing-health-professions.
2. Masters of Science Degree in Nursing from a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or a National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) accredited program with Advanced Practice Specialty (Nurse Practitioner [NP] or Clinical Nurse Specialist [CNS]).
3. National certification as an APRN or CNS (or eligible to take National Certification exam), if required by their state to practice.
4. Official transcripts from all regionally accredited institutions where post-baccalaureate coursework was completed or attempted.
5. Current and detailed resume or curriculum vita.
6. Self-evaluation and goal statement.
7. Three on-line forms (preferred) or letters of recommendation.
8. Unencumbered RN license in the state where you plan to do your clinical hours.
9. Unencumbered APRN license in the state where you plan to do your clinical hours.
10. Unencumbered APRN license is not required of CNS or other APRN if license is not required by their state to practice, or if in the process of taking national certification exam in specialty.
11. Personal interview with Program Director.

CertifiedBackground.com (http://CertifiedBackground.com)
All proof/documentation must be completed and on file within 90 days prior to the start of Clinical Scholarly Project (CSP) residency hours.

1. Proof of unencumbered RN or APRN licensure in the state where the student will be completing clinical practicum and/or CSP residency hours;
2. Proof of a current (within one year prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours):
   - 2-step TB skin test OR
   - past 2-step TB skin test, along with a current 1 step TB OR
   - QuantiFERON Gold Blood test, which must be renewed *annually OR
   - negative chest X-ray accompanied by a signed provider checklist

*Annual renewal will require proof of one of the following: a 1 step TB Skin test OR QuantiFERON Gold Blood test OR chest X-Ray (if positive TB skin test) accompanied by a signed provider checklist;
3. Proof of completion of Hepatitis A immunization series or positive titer;
4. Proof of completion of Hepatitis B immunization series or positive titer;
5. Proof of two doses of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) immunization or positive titer;
6. Proof of a 2006 or later Tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Td) immunization with Td booster if needed (within nine years prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours);
7. Proof of two doses of Chicken Pox (Varicella) immunization or positive titer;
8. Proof of annual influenza immunization;
9. Background clearance through Castle Branch (up to six months prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours);
10. Copy of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support Provider card (ACLS alone is not acceptable);
11. Current negative drug screen through Castle Branch (up to six months prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours);
12. Professional student Liability Insurance (1 mil per occurrence/3 mil aggregate) for the time that the student is engaged in clinical practicum or CSP residency and
13. Any additional laboratory tests, immunizations, physical exam and/or documentation required by a student’s clinical practicum or CSP residency hours site.

**Catalog Year**

Students admitted to the Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions are admitted to the catalog year that is in effect the date when they begin the program (either Fall I, Spring I or Summer I).

**Transfer of Coursework**

Brandman University awards a maximum of 40 semester credits as a block transfer from a regionally accredited Masters of Science Degree in Nursing program toward the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree. Credits transferred as a block credit from the Masters of Science degree in Nursing may be transferred regardless of the year the courses for the degree were taken, which supersedes the University’s seven-year rule limitation.

**Degree Requirements for the Post Masters to Doctor of Nursing Practice Entry Option 1**

To be awarded the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree, students may transfer 500 clinical hours and a maximum of 40 credit hours from the MSN degree. Students must take all 33 credit hours in residence, which includes 510 clinical residency hours for the clinical scholarly project, at Brandman University. This program is designed to follow the guidelines and DNP essentials as set forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2006) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (2013; 2014). All courses must be passed with a grade of “B-” or higher. Clinical practicum and residency courses are graded on a Pass/No Pass basis; a Pass is equivalent to a “B-” grade.

**PM-DNP Core Course**

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**Transfer from Masters of Science Degree**

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* Students in these courses are required to attend a face-to-face Immersion on the Irvine campus.

** If a student does not complete his/her clinical scholarly project during the core course sessions, s/he will be enrolled in a DNPU 799 Independent Practicum for DNP CSP Completion for DNP CSP Completion (0 credits) and required to pay a Continuing Candidacy fee per session until the DNP CSP student receives a “P” in DNPU 708 Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly Project or until the student’s seven year program completion timeline has expired.