

## **Purpose of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**

The doctoral program is designed to prepare graduates for independent practice in advanced nursing practice specialties. The graduate will possess enhanced organizational and leadership skills in health care delivery, expertise in the application of evidence-based practice to improve patient and health care outcomes, and the ability to lead inter-professional teams.

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Outcomes**

Upon completion of the doctoral program the graduate is prepared to:

1. Incorporate science-based theories from nursing and other disciplines to develop, implement, and evaluate practice approaches that improve health care.
2. Utilize organizational and systems leadership to promote quality, cost effectiveness, and patient safety in the delivery of health care.
3. Demonstrate leadership in the application and critical evaluation of evidence-based practice to improve patient and health care outcomes.
4. Apply information systems/technology to monitor and improve patient care and health care delivery systems.
5. Consistent with Jesuit values, advocate for health care policies that comply with ethical principles and address health disparities and vulnerable populations.
6. Organize and lead inter-professional teams to improve patient and population health outcomes.
7. Analyze epidemiological, biostatistical, and environmental data to develop, implement, and evaluate clinical prevention and population health initiatives.
8. Function independently in an advanced nursing practice role to improve patient outcomes in a specialty area of practice.
9. Engage in lifelong learning and service to others.