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Doctoral Education Pathway for American Indian/Alaska Native Nurses

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American Indian/Alaska Native Doctoral Education Pathway

The University of Minnesota School of Nursing's new Doctoral Education Pathway for American Indian/Alaska Native Nurses supports AI/AN nurses in completing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or PhD degree at the University of Minnesota. Students can earn a DNP degree preparing them to be a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist, nurse leader and innovator, nurse informaticist, or specialist in integrative health and healing. Students can also earn a PhD degree preparing them to be a nurse researcher.



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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Overview:

- Requires a current RN license
- 12 specialty areas
- Hybrid delivery model
- Curriculum includes core quality improvement and leadership content in addition to specialty preparation

Application Info:

- **Application is open now**
- Apply through NursingCAS
- Nursing degree GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Some specialties have nursing experience requirements



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PhD in Nursing

Overview:

- Does not require prior nursing degree
- Research and scholarship focused
- Hy-Flex delivery method
- Funding provided for the first two years of the program

Application Info:

- December 1 Priority Deadline for Fall 2023
- Graduate School application
- Contact faculty with expertise in anticipated research area - (we can help with this)
- Undergraduate degree with 3.0 or higher GPA required



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The holistic support provided for AI/AN nurses enrolled in the DNP or PhD program includes:

- Financial support for tuition and fees
- Mentoring from AI/AN/Indigenous faculty
- Cultural community created through connections with other AI/AN/ Indigenous faculty, staff, and students across UMN campuses
- Peer support and mentoring
- Promote cultural identity through traditional gatherings and celebrations

Both the PhD and DNP programs enable students to complete degree requirements from a distance.
On-campus requirements for each program will vary, but can be as little as one time a year.



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Important links

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