

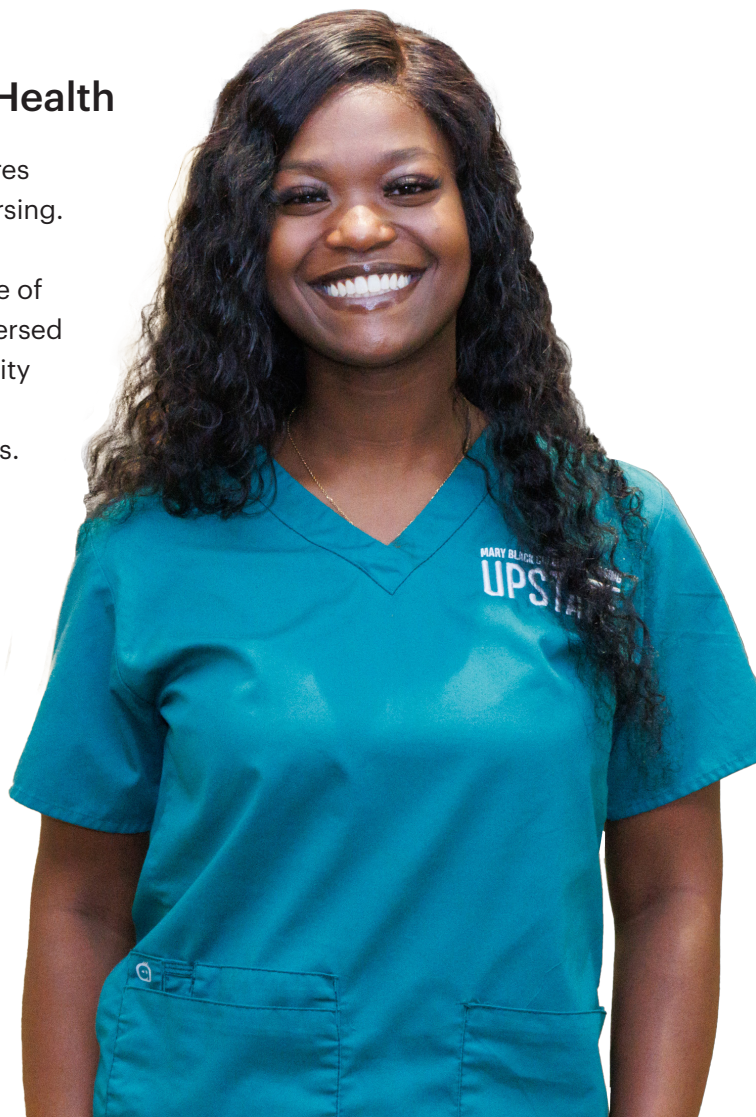
Become a leader

Earn your DNP in Public and Community Health

The Doctoral Degree in Nursing Practice program (DNP) prepares advanced practice nurses in Public and Community Health Nursing.

The primary goal of the DNP program at the Mary Black College of Nursing (MBCON) is to provide advanced knowledge and immersed leadership practice to nurses dedicated to providing high-quality care to improve health outcomes for patients, families, and populations, transform healthcare, and reduce healthcare costs.

Graduates from our program help protect and promote health and wellness in the community by addressing key health indicators and many others. Doctoral-prepared community and public health nurses serve in roles that plan, pilot, and implement evidenced-based population health programs improve health and promote wellness in the community.



2 YEAR
PROGRAM



COMMUNITY
HEALTH FOCUS



ONLINE
LECTURES



UPSTATE
University of South Carolina

MARY BLACK COLLEGE OF NURSING

At the completion of the program, the DNP graduate will be able to:

- Design clinical prevention and population health interventions through the application and implementation of evidenced based practice into clinical decision-making in the planning and delivery of care across the health care continuum.
- Translate scientific underpinnings into practice while influencing health care policy for advocacy in health care and instilling ethical comportment, professionalism, and health equity in nursing practice.
- Demonstrate organizational and systems leadership in addressing complex health problems while using information systems and patient care technology for the transformation of health care.
- Demonstrate expertise in advanced nursing practice addressing contributors and barriers to global and cultural inequities, disparities, and accessibility of quality and safe healthcare.
- Collaborate inter-professionally to improve patient and population health outcomes.

Admission Requirements:

- Preferred cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- Official transcripts to the admissions office at USC Upstate
- 1-2 page personal goal statement describing career goals and how the DNP Degree with a concentration in Public and Community Health will be utilized
- Current CV or Resume with education, professional experiences, certifications, leadership and healthcare experiences with diverse or underserved population, paid or volunteer
- A letter of reference that attest to the applicant's academic ability, professional competency and personal character from doctoral-prepared registered nurses or physician
- Unencumbered, active registered nurse (RN) or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license in state where clinical experiences will occur
- MSN & BSN from accredited nursing program
- Current BLS certification



Why communities need you to guide their healthcare

The complexity of modern health care delivery has led to greater demand for leaders with specialized skills. With a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), you can design and implement initiatives to improve community health at a local, state and federal level.

With leadership roles such as primary care coordinators and public health nurse specialists, DNPs work to ensure everyone has access to quality care. They assess critical needs within a community while introducing evidence-based practices that provide the best possible outcomes. Through collaborative partnerships, they bring attention to underserved areas, setting strategies that focus on preventative care to reduce disparities among different populations.

In addition to providing direct service, DNPs also use their knowledge of healthcare systems, policymaking, and regulatory agencies to enhance existing services or create new resources for communities. From advocating for legislation to developing public health programs at the county level, these professionals seek out ways to reduce healthcare costs while improving safety standards across organizations. Into actionable changes within a community setting, these DNP's help make sure our families have access to quality health services tailored for their specific needs.



APPLY TODAY

800 University Way Spartanburg, SC 29303
(864) 552-4266 | nursing@uscupstate.edu
USCUPSTATE.EDU/NURSING