

AACN Comparison of DNP and PhD/DNSc/DNS Programs August 2005

	<u>DNP</u>	<u>PhD/DNS/DNSc</u>
<u>Faculty</u>	Doctoral Degree with expertise in area in which teaching Senior Leadership experience Network of leadership influential High level of expertise in area of practice	Research doctorate in nursing or related field Research funding at senior level Program of research consistent with area(s) of focus of program Research methods expertise (ex: qualitative/quantitative)
<u>Program of Study</u>	<u>Objectives</u> Prepare nurses at the highest level of practice <u>Competencies & Content</u> See AACN Essentials of the DNP (in draft, 2005)	<u>Objectives</u> Prepare nurse researcher <u>Content</u> Theory Research methodology Role with emphasis on research & faculty roles
<u>Resources</u>	Mentors in leadership positions across a variety of healthcare settings not limited to nursing State of the science information technology resources Access to diverse practice settings Access to evaluation data and databases in practice setting	Mentors in research and other role preparation Active programs of research in fundable areas Access to dissertation support dollars Technical and support services for state of the science information acquisition, communication, and management
<u>Students</u>	Commitment to career in practice and/or service leader Oriented toward improving outcomes of care	Commitment to research career Oriented toward development of new knowledge, and establish a pattern of productive scholarship alone and with others in the discipline
<u>Program Assessment & Evaluation</u>	<u>Program Outcome</u> Contributes to improvement in health care via direct service and policy change Receives accreditation by specialized nursing accreditor	<u>Program Outcome</u> Research contributions, development of new knowledge, and other scholarly products that provide the foundation for the advancement of nursing science

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