

NEBRASKA PATHWAYS TO GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Want to obtain a Doctorate Degree in Nursing?

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) usually required to enter Doctoral Program

Most common Doctoral Degrees in Nursing

PhD

*Doctor of Philosophy
in Nursing*

The PhD degree prepares nurse leaders at the highest level of nursing science. The focus of this degree is to advance the science of nursing.

Considered a research degree which focuses on nursing research

DNP

*Doctor of Nursing
Practice*

The DNP degree prepares nurse leaders at the highest level of nursing practice. The focus of this degree is to improve clinical outcomes and translate research into practice.

Considered a practice degree which focuses on nursing practice

EdD

Doctor of Education

The EdD degree prepares nurse leaders at the highest level of nursing education

Emphasis on education in nursing.

Considered an education and leadership degree which focuses on nursing education

Upon successful completion of the graduate program, a National Certification Examination is required to become certified as a NP, CNS, CRNA or CNM.

Certification is required prior to state licensure as an APRN.

Terminal Degree

Highest Degree awarded in the Nursing Profession