WHY CHOOSE DNP?

According to the AACN, this practice-focused doctoral program prepares graduates to, “Generate new knowledge through innovation of practice change, the translation of evidence, and the implementation of quality improvement processes in specific practice settings, systems, or with specific populations to improve health or health outcomes.” At USJ, our students are educated to:

» Assess, diagnose and treat individuals and families with complex, chronic, and/or co-morbid conditions

» Apply fiscal principles and logical methodologies to health care system problems

» Analyze epidemiological and statistical data for their implications related to individual and population health and the effects of health policies on patient care, populations, and the healthcare system

» Lead nursing practices in a range of clinical settings using health promotion and population health approaches, inter-professional collaborative skills, clinical scholarship, evidence-based practice, cultural competencies, and ethical sensitivity to manage patient care

Earn your doctorate degree, as a part-time student, in four years

Gain valuable workplace experience by completing 1,000 hours of experiential learning

Two tracks to choose from: Family Nurse Practitioner or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
ACADEMIC DISTINCTIVENESS

» Renowned faculty who are respected professionals in their field
» On campus, with hybrid class format with on-site clinical placements in Connecticut
» Students select a track of study:
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

DNP PROGRAM OUTCOMES

This degree will provide you with a broad perspective that includes holistic health care for your patients including understanding how social and economic factors influence health outcomes.

» Lead organizations and systems as a practice scholar through the application of quality improvement strategies, systems thinking, and information technology.

» Advance patient and population health outcomes through scholarship, advocacy, leadership, and communication/collaboration with multidisciplinary teams.

» Influence public policy to minimize health disparities and promote access to quality care.

» Apply scientific knowledge, evaluation methods and quality improvement strategies to advance evidence based clinical practice and improve health care systems and outcomes.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

TO GET STARTED, SUBMIT:

» Completed application available at www.usj.edu/apply
» $50 non-refundable application fee
» Official B.S. in Nursing transcript from a regionally and nationally accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
» Three letters of recommendation: non-clinical faculty; clinical faculty; and employer
» Program essay: How will a DNP degree from USJ help you meet your professional goals?
» Nursing supplemental health form
» Copy of valid nursing license on admission
» Background check (not required for admission)
» On campus interview
» Visit www.usj.edu/visitus to register for upcoming events www.usj.edu/graduate