

Comparison Table between DNP, EdD, and PhD at Nova Southeastern University

	DNP	<u>EdD with specialization in nursing education offered by the Fischler School of Education and Human Services</u>	<u>PhD with specialization in nursing education offered by the Nursing Department</u>
Program of Study	Objectives: Prepare nurse specialists at the highest level of advanced practice who will lead in applying and translating research into practice	Objectives: Prepare expert nursing education researchers and scholars who are prepared to add to the body of knowledge and utilize evidence based practices in nursing education settings. Focus on applied dissertation process for utilization in nursing education settings.	Objectives: Prepare expert nursing education researchers and scholars who are prepared to add to the body of knowledge and utilize evidence based practices in nursing education settings.
Competencies	Knowledge and skills in applying and translating research into practice; lead dissemination and integration of new knowledge in healthcare systems	Knowledge and skills in research process for the application of nursing education knowledge	Knowledge and skills in research process for the discovery and application of nursing education knowledge. Requires the utilization of theories of nursing science with theories of education to support concept/theory development, as the foundation for research.
Program Outcome	<u>Practice</u> leaders in advanced clinical practice, healthcare administration, or nursing education.	<u>Academic</u> leaders utilizing evidence based practices in nursing education and/or focusing on application of nursing education interventions.	<u>Academic</u> leaders utilizing evidence based practices in nursing education and/or focusing on designing and testing of nursing education interventions.
Program Faculty	Practice doctorate and/or expertise in area of specialization Leadership experience in area of specialty practice High level of expertise in specialty practice congruent with focus of academic program	PhD or EdD in nursing or related field Faculty with expertise in nursing education Leadership experience in area of sustained research funding High level of expertise in research congruent with focus of academic program	PhD or EdD in nursing or related field Faculty with expertise in nursing education Leadership experience in area of sustained research funding High level of expertise in research and philosophy of science congruent with focus of academic program

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Resources	<p>Mentors and/or preceptors in leadership positions across a variety of practice settings</p> <p>Access to diverse practice settings with appropriate resources</p> <p>Access to financial aid</p> <p>Access to information and patient-care technology resources congruent with areas of study</p>	<p>Mentors and/or preceptors in nursing education research</p> <p>Access to research settings with appropriate resources</p> <p>Access to dissertation support dollars</p> <p>Access to information and patient-care technology resources congruent with areas of research</p>	<p>Mentors and/or preceptors in nursing education research</p> <p>Access to research settings with appropriate resources</p> <p>Access to dissertation support dollars</p> <p>Access to information and patient-care technology resources congruent with areas of research</p>
Practice requirements	1000 hours post in area of specialization BSN	N/A	N/A
Final Project	Practice application-oriented project requiring the rigor of the doctoral degree	Research-oriented project focusing on problems connected with the classroom or organization to improve teacher/practitioner effectiveness	Research dissertation utilizing a theoretical framework focusing on theory development, testing of nursing theories or research in a nursing practice framework.

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