DREXEL DNP ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Form E: Track Selection Form

Applicant’s Name

Last (family) name

First (given) name

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Please select one of the two tracks listed below as the track you plan to follow once admitted to this program. You are not committed to the track you choose and may change once you matriculate:

☐ The Clinical Scholar in Advanced Nursing Practice (The Practitioner Track)
This track was designed for practicing nurses who want to obtain a nursing doctorate for career advancement and who want to continue to enhance their professional or advanced nursing practice roles. A typical candidate might be an advanced practice midwife who wants to continue her midwifery practice with the doctoral credential. Perhaps this student might choose to do a Clinical Practicum in infertility to gain in-depth expertise in this area. This same student might also see her current career as increasingly requiring more technology-supported administrative skills. Therefore this student might select an administrative Role Practicum where ‘best-practice’ clinical technology support systems to optimize the clinical, administrative and managerial functions of running a midwifery practice can be explored. Students in this track plan to continue their clinical roles post-graduation, but also want to engage in clinical scholarship and research that can be integrated with their full-time advanced nursing practice. While it is likely that the majority of candidates who select this track will be traditional APNs (clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners), Drexel’s CNHP faculty define ‘advanced nursing practice’ more broadly as “the professional work of a Registered Nurse with a Master’s in Nursing who has advanced nursing knowledge that can be applied directly or indirectly in the provision of nursing care.”

☐ The Clinical Scholar in Nursing Leadership and Healthcare Management (The Clinical Executive Track)
While this degree was not primarily designed for those choosing roles as executives in nursing and health care management, the degree may still be appropriate for this type of student who wants to obtain a nursing doctorate for career advancement, but who still desires a program with a connection to clinical practice. Students in this track must also select a clinical practicum. We contend a specialty clinical practicum is as valuable for these students as for others, and could even enhance an experienced nursing administrator’s perspective by re-exposure to the realities of clinical practice. An individual in this track could also use the cognates to take courses in health economics or finance and the Role Practicum selected could concentrate on executive areas the student believes are underdeveloped. The capstone topic, however, would focus on some aspect of clinical nursing management such as a cost-effectiveness clinical intervention analysis. This track may be attractive to CRNA Program Directors or to mid-level nurse managers/executives who seek career advancement, but desire a doctorate still grounded in clinical practice.

Please Note: There is no track-specific coursework for students in either track. The track you select simply guides the advisement process, cognate selection, the objectives and sites for the two doctoral nursing practica, and career counseling. Additionally, you may change tracks at any point during the course of the program. Please keep in mind, these scenarios above are just that – scenarios. The kinds of activities you will undertake in your two practica will be highly individualized to your unique interests, abilities, and desired career goal. Further, the admissions process is not geared to admitting a certain number of students in each track, but rather to matching each student's clinical and research interest to those of the Graduate Research Faculty.

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date ________________

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