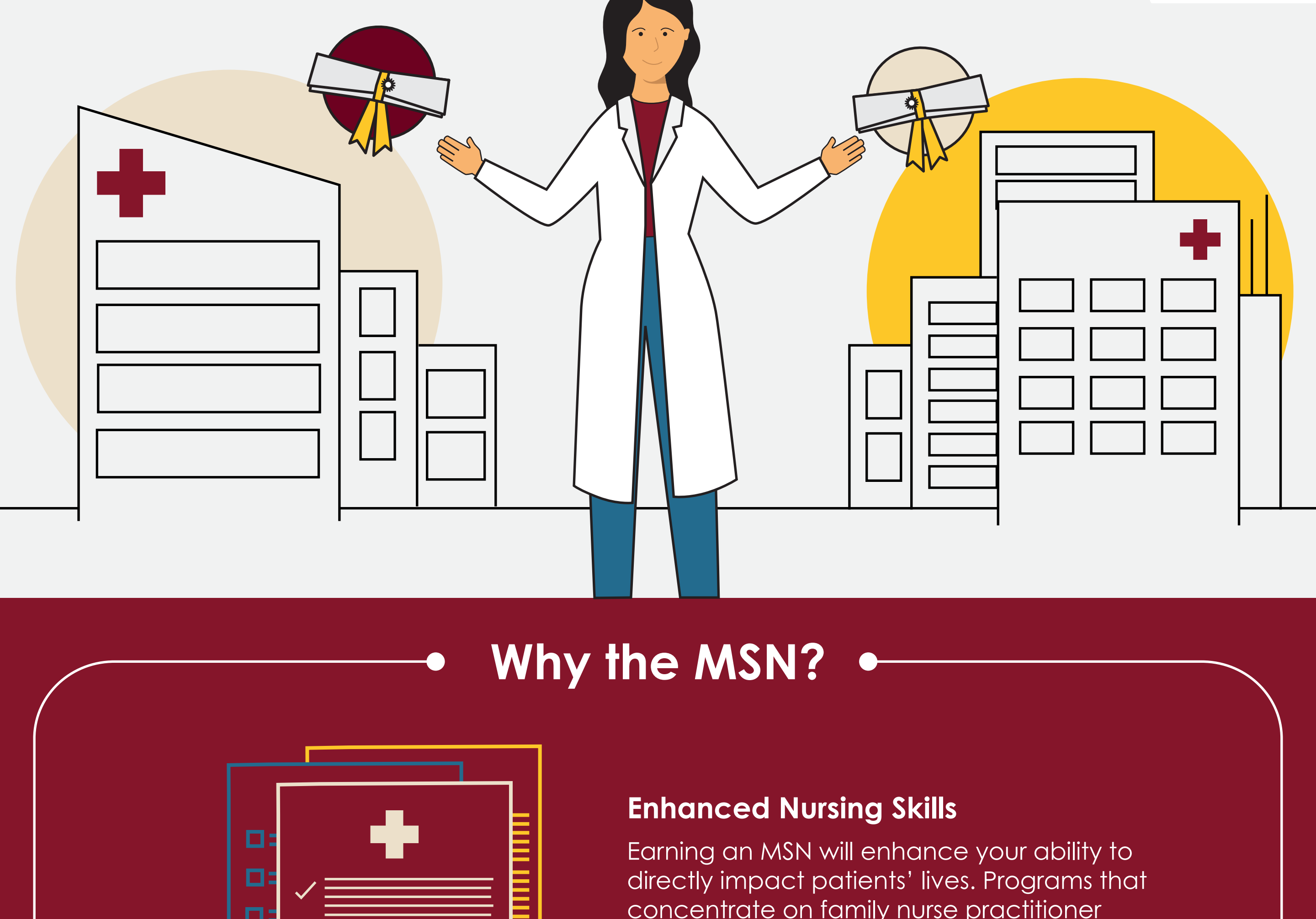


# What's the Difference Between MSN and DNP Degrees?



## Why the MSN?



### Enhanced Nursing Skills

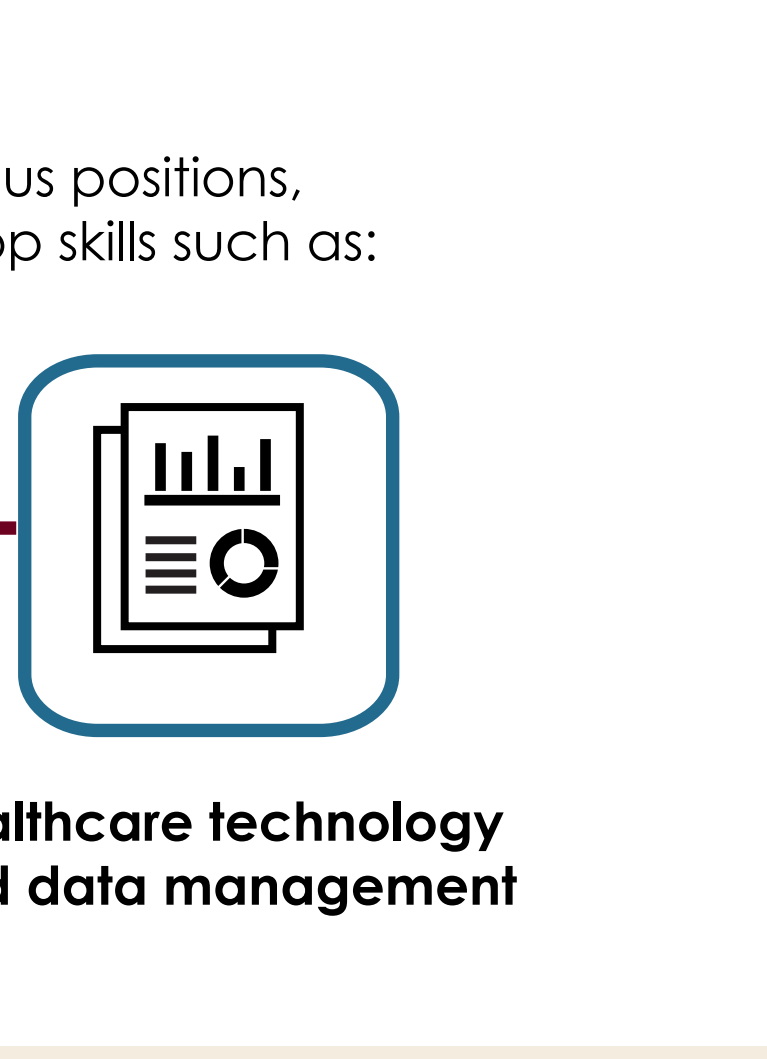
Earning an MSN will enhance your ability to directly impact patients' lives. Programs that concentrate on family nurse practitioner education focus on:

- Assessment and diagnosis
- Evidence-based management of patients across the lifespan

## Job Opportunities

Employment opportunities for nurse practitioners are projected to grow **28% through 2028**.

That's nearly — **SIX TIMES** — the national job growth average!



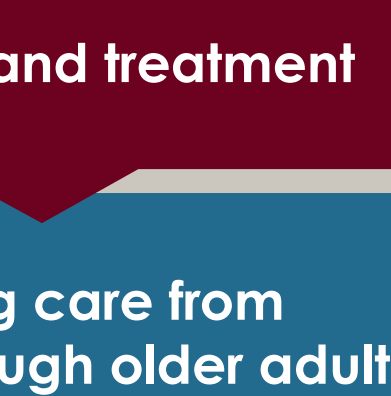
With an MSN, you'll be qualified to fill numerous positions, including management roles, and you'll develop skills such as:



**Interprofessional collaboration**



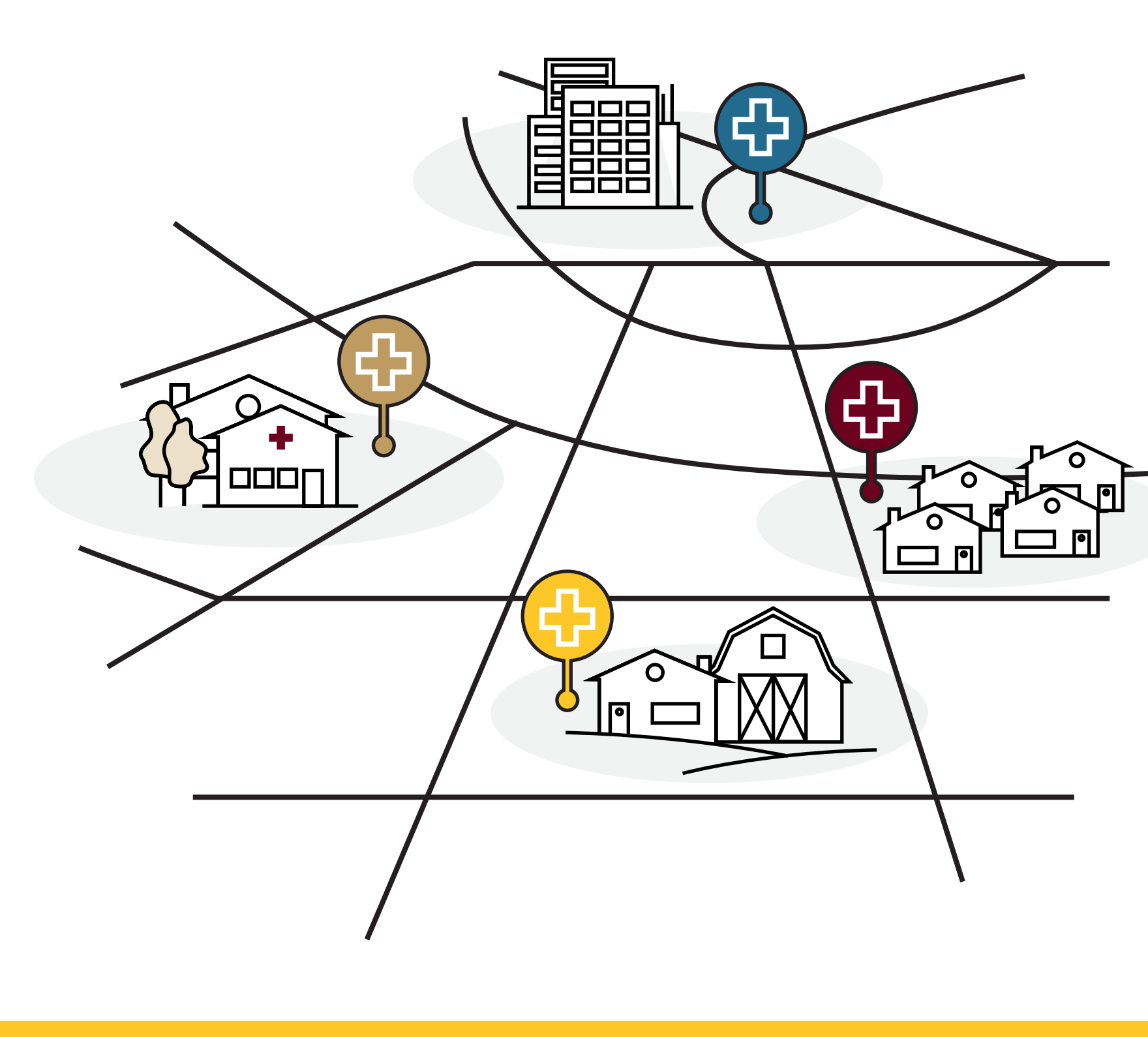
**Nursing Leadership**



**Healthcare technology and data management**

## FNP Eligibility

An MSN opens the door to becoming a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP), allowing you to **deliver primary care** to patients of all ages.



## Direct Care

MSN graduates can work in indirect care roles, but the highest demand lies in direct care, including:

- Outpatient clinics
- Community health centers
- Health departments
- Outpatient offices

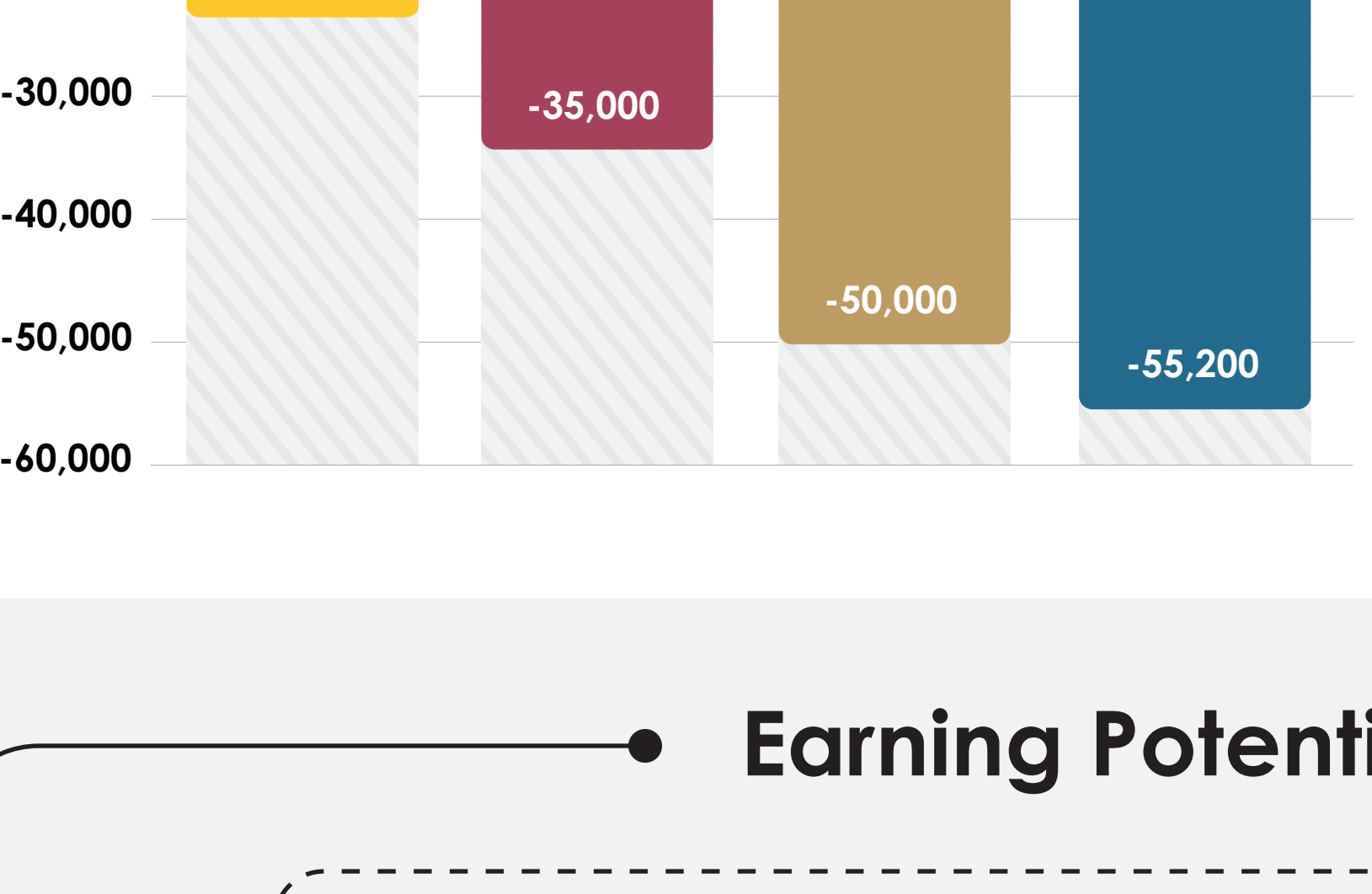
## The U.S. Needs More Primary Care Providers (PCPs)

Nursing is one of the fastest-growing professions in the country.

Through 2028, over **53,000** nurse practitioner jobs will be added nationwide.



## PCP Shortage Projections



We're facing an estimated **deficit of over 55,000 PCPs** by 2032, a need that's especially dire in inner cities and rural areas.

**FNPs are essential to help fill the primary care provider shortage.**

## Earning Potential

**\$12,000 MORE** per year

In general, full-time employees who hold a master's degree and are at least 25 years old earn approximately \$12,000 more a year than those with a bachelor's degree—and more are no exception.

Nurses who hold a BSN earn an average of: **\$82,000**

Nurses with an MSN earn an average of: **\$93,000**

Certified FNPs with MSNs report a median salary of: **\$103,880**

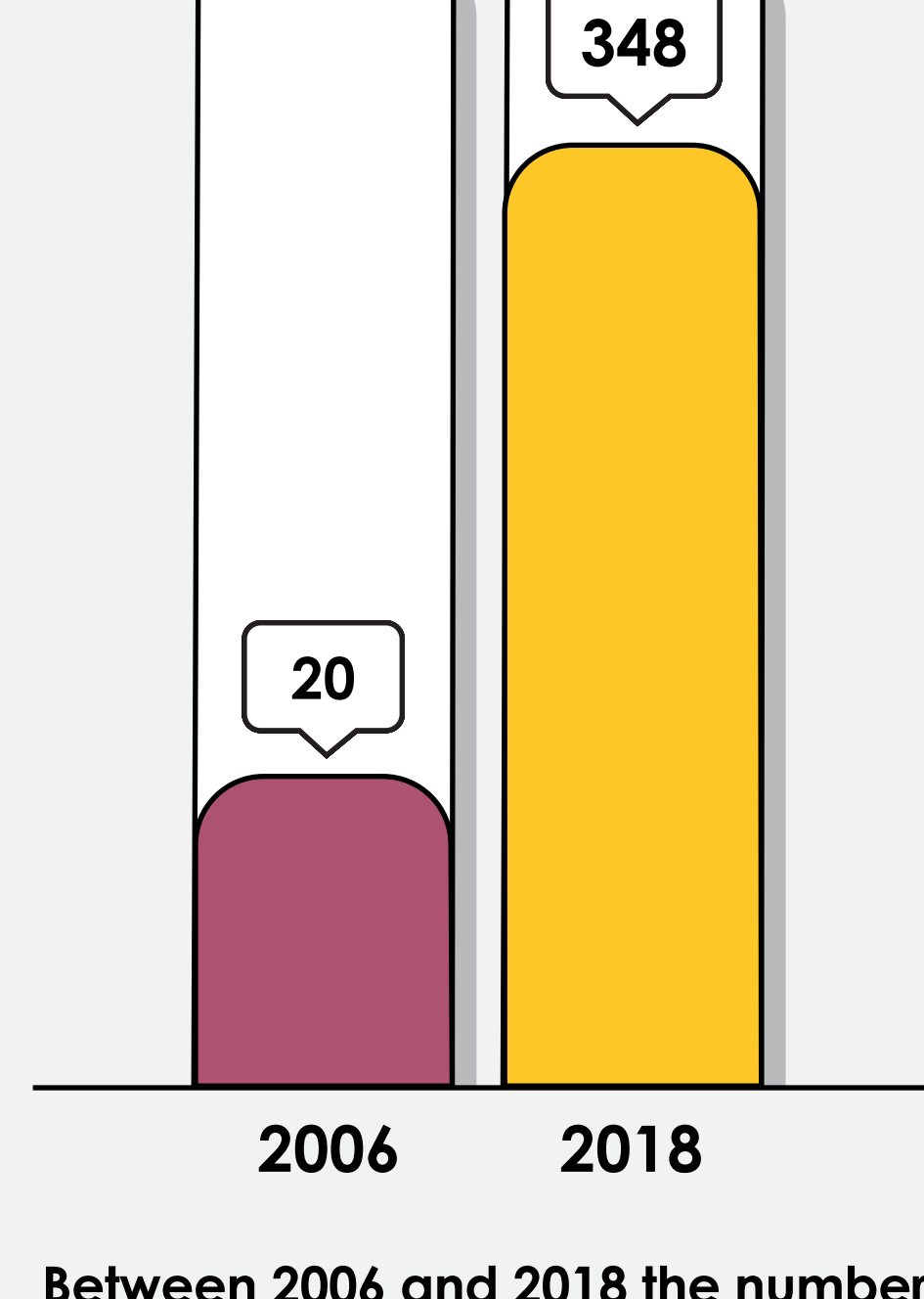
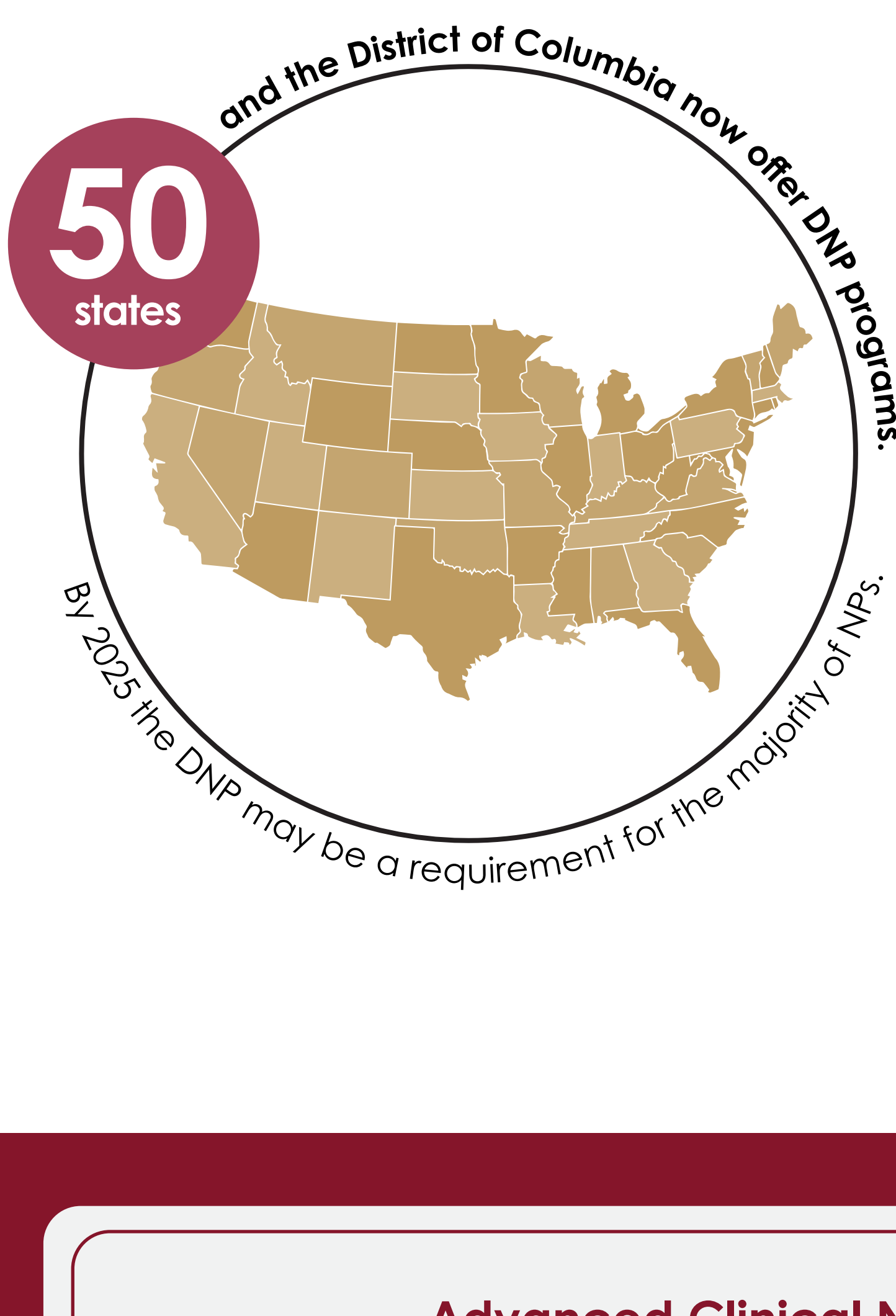
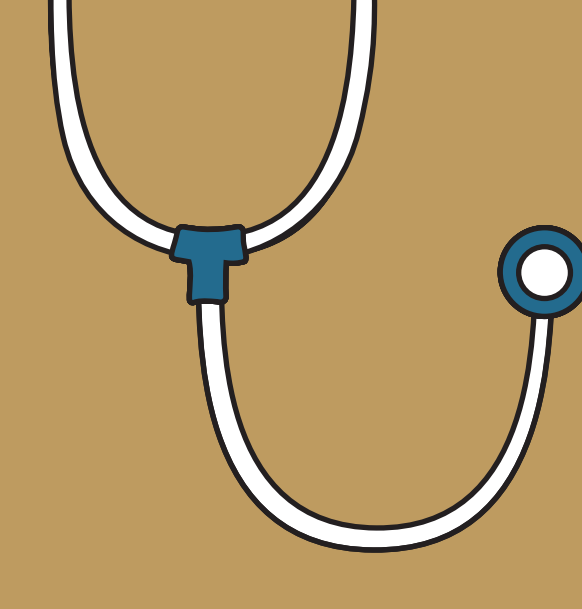
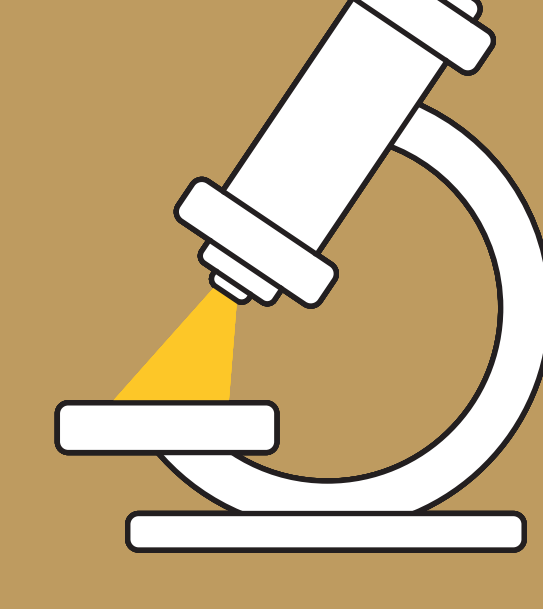
The highest-earning 25% of NPs take home an average of: **\$123,070**

\*Nationwide averages, results vary based on geographical location

## Why the DNP?

### To Earn the Highest Clinical Nursing Degree

DNP preparation equips advanced practice registered nurses with the highest level of scientific knowledge and practical expertise, promoting quality patient outcomes.



Between 2006 and 2018 the number of DNP programs in the U.S. increased from 20 to 348, or 1,640%.

## Advanced Clinical Nursing Proficiency

Is it your goal to become a nursing authority? DNP programs prepare students to become healthcare leaders in:

- Advanced concepts & theories
- Healthcare policy
- Systems-level thinking
- Quality improvement
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Evidence-based practice
- Data management
- Healthcare finance and economics
- Population health

## Diverse Employment Potential

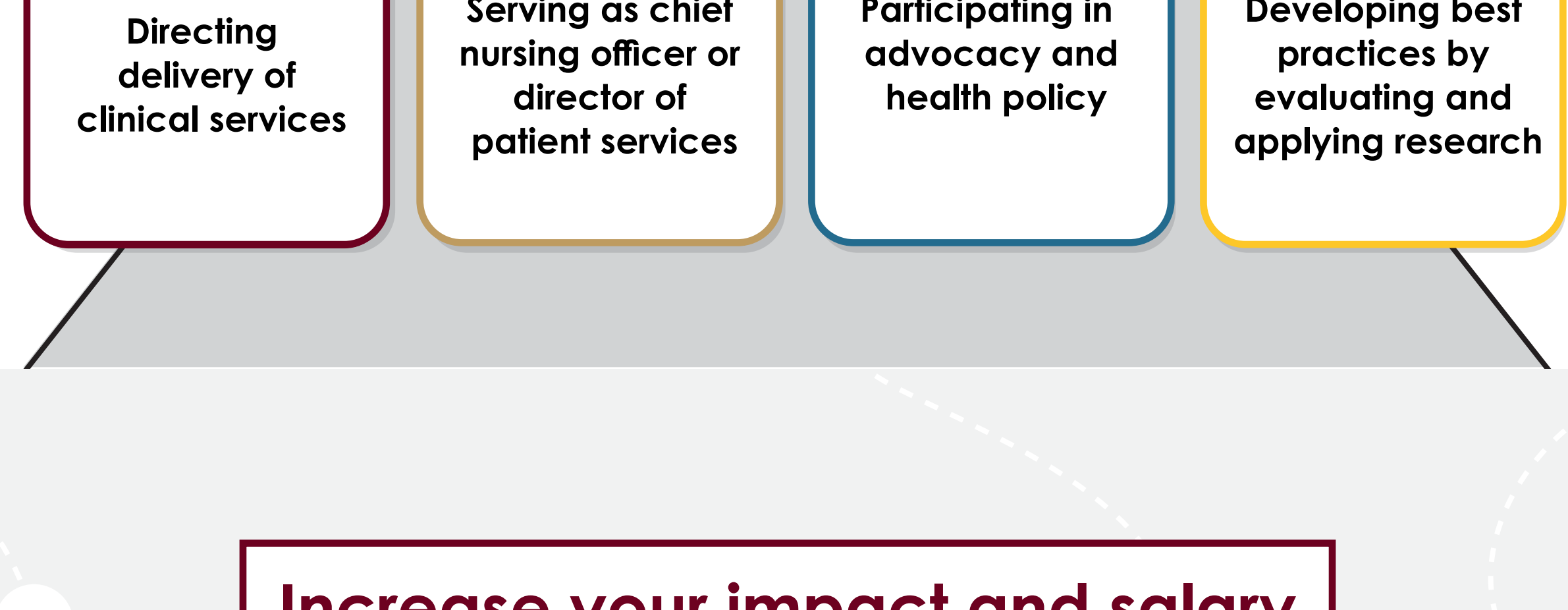
With a DNP, you'll be qualified to work in a variety of positions, such as:

- ◆ Specialized advanced nursing practice
- ◆ Nursing education
- ◆ Quality improvement
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Healthcare administration



## A Clear Path To Leadership

Earning a DNP will prepare you for a variety of leadership roles, including:



## Increase your impact and salary

With a DNP-FNP, you'll have the flexibility to make an impact in several ways, including as a nurse practitioner.

Nationwide, the median salary for nurse practitioners is **\$107,030**

Healthcare executives and administrators receive a median salary of **\$99,730**

**TOP 30** Medical/health services manager positions are among the **top 30 best jobs** in the nation.

Jobs are expected to grow by **18%**, which is **over three times the national average**.

## Which degree fits your goals and interests?

Both an MSN and DNP will position you for the in-demand role of a nurse practitioner, where you'll enjoy a stable and lucrative career path.

Whichever degree you choose and wherever you decide to work, you'll improve the health of individuals, families, and communities.

## Leadership in Nursing

At Walsh, the online MSN-FNP and BSN to DNP-FNP programs educate candidates for advanced practice with patients across the lifespan.

Both programs also develop nurse leaders with proficiency in:

- Leadership and advocacy
- Organizational management
- Data-driven quality improvement



Learn more at [online.walsh.edu](https://www.walsh.edu).

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