This is the first book to document and analyze the development and integration of the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) and Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs in graduate nursing institutions. Editors Fitzpatrick and Wallace, established authorities in nursing education, present this text as an introduction to these exciting new degrees.

The contributors, ranging from architects of the programs to graduates from the programs, offer valuable information on the objectives, curricula, and expected outcomes of these two educational tracks. Ultimately, the book explores how the development of these new degrees has influenced health care delivery at large.

Highlights of this book:

* Delineates core program requirements and outlines what is expected of students in both clinical and academic arenas
* Provides guidance to students making the transition from masters level nursing programs to doctoral level programs
* Includes two chapters written by the AACN Taskforce on the new degrees, with essential information on how to gain and sustain accreditation
* Identifies critical issues underpinning future DNP and CNL program development, and discusses the impact of the new degrees on nursing education, patient outcome, and health care

Offering comprehensive coverage of the DNP and CNL development, this book is required reading for students considering doctorates in nursing, as well as nurse educators and administrators working within the programs.