

NURSING EDUCATION, DNP

Overview

The Nursing Education, Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P) is designed to prepare professional nurses to enter educational roles and work within both colleges and universities as well as hospital systems. Graduates of the program may be eligible to sit for the nurse educator certification examination.

Learning Outcomes

1. Identify direct and indirect clinical problems in complex health settings and work with interprofessional teams to address them.
2. Differentiate theoretical knowledge as it applies to direct or indirect clinical care.
3. Translate evidence to address nursing and health care workforce issues.
4. Integrate databases and information literacy in designing interventions for system level health care practice.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.

Entry Options

The DNP program offers two entry points for students:

- **Bachelor's entry** - a bachelor's in nursing degree from a program that is nationally accredited and the requisite experience.
- **Master's entry** – a Registered Nurse (R.N.) who holds a master's degree in nursing.

Requirements

1. Doctoral residency of at least 18 graduate credit hours for three consecutive major semesters. Enrollment in a summer term is not required to maintain continuity, but credits earned during summer terms (including May session) will count toward the 18 hours required for Residency. The residency requirement may be met only after admission to the D.N.P. program;
2. Completion of an approved program of study;
3. Comprehensive assessment through defense of project proposal;
4. Completion of a research utilization / evidence-based practice project and oral defense.

BSN-Entry Level to DNP NE Required Courses (66 credit hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 710	Role of the Nurse Educator	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 789	Statistical and Research Methods for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 724	Education in Nursing	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 725	Education: Curriculum and Evaluation	3

NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 739	Online Instruction and Technology in Nursing Education	3
NURS 743	Advanced Nursing Practicum for the Educator	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 779	Health Policy	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 727	Teaching Practicum in Nursing	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		66

Post MSN-Nurse Educator Specialty to DNP NE Required Course (33 credit hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 779	Health Policy	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		33

Post MSN-Nurse Educator Specialty with additional 3 Core Courses Needed to DNP NE Required Courses (42 credit hours)

Note: Three core required are Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, and Advanced Pharmacologic Management of Pediatric, Adult and Gerontological Patients Across the Healthcare Delivery Continuum.

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 779	Health Policy	3

NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		42

Post MSN-non nurse educator or non-APRN specialties to DNP NE Required Courses (60 credit hours)

Note: Three core required are Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, and Advanced Pharmacologic Management of Pediatric, Adult and Gerontological Patients Across the Healthcare Delivery Continuum.

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NURS 710	Role of the Nurse Educator	3
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 724	Education in Nursing	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 725	Education: Curriculum and Evaluation	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 739	Online Instruction and Technology in Nursing Education	3
NURS 743	Advanced Nursing Practicum for the Educator	3
NURS 727	Teaching Practicum in Nursing	3
NURS 779	Health Policy	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		60

Post MSN-APRN Specialty to DNP NE (51 credit hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 710	Role of the Nurse Educator	3
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3

NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 724	Education in Nursing	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 779	Health Policy	3
NURS 725	Education: Curriculum and Evaluation	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 739	Online Instruction and Technology in Nursing Education	3
NURS 743	Advanced Nursing Practicum for the Educator	3
NURS 727	Teaching Practicum in Nursing	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		51