

NURSING PRACTICE, D.N.P.

Objectives

The Doctor of Nursing Practice D.N.P. is a practice degree designed to prepare nurses as clinical practitioners/scholars to assume advanced practice clinical and leadership roles. The D.N.P. program has two entry points, depending upon prior educational experience. The curricular plan is designed for the student who has a B.S.N. or a master's degree in nursing. The curriculum consists of course work equivalent to that of a master's degree in nursing plus additional course work (beyond the master's degree requirements) that extends the leadership skills and provides preparation for a variety of leadership roles in the health care arena.

Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates may be eligible to apply to take national certification examinations in at least one area of advanced practice or leadership areas based on major concentration.

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 population health problems.
4. Integrate data bases and information literacy in designing interventions for advanced practice.
5. Execute evidence-based interventions to improve health care outcomes.

Entry Options

The DNP program offers two entry points for students:

B.S.N. entry- a bachelor of science in nursing degree from a program that is nationally accredited;

M.S.N. entry- a bachelor of science in nursing degree and a master's in nursing degree from nationally accredited programs.

Requirements for Earning the D.N.P. Degree Include

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.

Course Requirements

All DNP students will take the following courses and one of the following concentration areas (Total DNP Core 27 credits hours):

All Students Will Take

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 737	Foundations for DNP Development	3
NURS 817	Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 779	Health Policy ¹	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	3
NURS 780	Organizational Theories and Systems in Healthcare	3
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 819	Evidence and Nursing Practice	3
NURS 897	DNP Project Preparation and Residency ¹	6

Total Credit Hours 27

¹ Indicates practicum course.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-Master's Entry; Nurse Executive Leadership Concentration

9 to 12 specialty credit hours (total program 36 to 39 credits hours):

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 806	Nurse Executive Leadership I ¹	3
NURS 807	Nurse Executive Leadership II ¹	3
NURS 809	Advanced Healthcare Financing *	3

Total Credit Hours 9

¹ Indicates practicum course

* MSN level finance course or **NURS 738** is a prerequisite for **NURS 809**.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-Master's Entry; No Concentration (Active APRN Required)

6 specialty credit hours (total program 33 credits hours):

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development ¹	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3

Total Credit Hours 6

¹ Indicates practicum course.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-BSN Entry; Nurse Executive Leadership

33 specialty credit hours (total program 60 credit hours):

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 734	Conceptual Basis of Health Systems	3
NURS 738	Financing of Health Care	3
NURS 740	Facilitative Processes in Nursing Administration	3
NURS 741	Coordinating Processes in Nursing Administration ¹	3

NURS 742	Integrative Processes in Nursing Administration ¹	3
NURS 806	Nurse Executive Leadership I ¹	3
NURS 807	Nurse Executive Leadership II ¹	3
NURS 809	Advanced Healthcare Financing	3
Total Credit Hours		33

¹ Indicates practicum course.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-BSN Entry; Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

47 specialty credit hours (total program 74 credit hours):

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning ¹	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 756	Advanced Primary Care of Children for the FNP	2
NURS 757	Advanced Primary Care of Women for the FNP ¹	2
NURS 758	Acute Problems in Primary Care for the FNP ²	6
NURS 759	Management of Common Chronic Health Problems for the FNP ^{1,2}	6
NURS 760	Family Nurse Practitioner Legal, Ethical, and Role Transition	2
NURS 760A	Family Nurse Practitioner Role Practicum ²	2
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development ²	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
Total Credit Hours		47

¹ Indicates on campus immersion course.

² Indicates practicum course.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-BSN Entry; Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

46 specialty credit hours (total program 73 credit hours):

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3

NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning ¹	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 773	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems I ²	6
NURS 774	Principals of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Complex Health Problems II ^{1,2}	6
NURS 778	Advanced Practice Role: Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP)	2
NURS 778A	Practicum of Advanced Practice Role: Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP) ²	2
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development ²	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 772	Introduction of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems	3
Total Credit Hours		46

¹ Indicates on campus immersion course.

² Indicates practicum course.

Required Concentration Courses for Post-BSN Entry; Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

47 specialty credit hours (Total 74 Program Credit Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning ¹	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 761	Neuroscientific Basis for Pharmacological & Nonpharmacological Treatments for Psychiatric Conditions	4
NURS 763	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum I: Management of Psychiatric/Mental Health Conditions ²	6
NURS 764	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum II: Management of Complex Psychiatric/Mental Health Conditions ²	6
NURS 768	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Legal, Ethical, and Role Transition	2
NURS 768A	Advanced Psychiatric Nurse Practicum III: Role Development ²	2
NURS 783	Clinical Project Immersion & Proposal Development ²	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
Total Credit Hours		47

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- ² Indicates practicum course.