

NURSING (D.N.P.)

The College of Nursing offers a 31-37 credit program for the student who has completed an M.S.N. with a major in Advanced Practice Nursing (Direct Care) or Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership (Indirect Care) leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree or a 71-77 credit program for the post baccalaureate student.

The program prepares graduates to improve the health care of diverse populations through application of research, analysis of health care systems and leadership in development of practice models, health policy and standards of care. The D.N.P. curriculum is comprised of core course requirements in theory and research, and didactic and practice course requirements in a chosen specialty area, either Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) or Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership. Advanced practice nursing includes the nurse practitioner, the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwives, and the certified registered nurse anesthetist. These courses are offered within the College of Nursing as well as at other schools and colleges in the university.

The D.N.P. requires a total of 1,000 hours of post-baccalaureate supervised clinical practice and will culminate in completion of a Scholarly Project. Applicants with an M.S.N. degree who major in APN or Nursing Administration will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine required coursework and clinical hours.

Upon completion of the D.N.P. program the graduate will be able to:

- Evaluate and apply conceptual models, theories, and research to improve health care of diverse populations.
- Analyze the social, economic, political, and policy components of health care systems which affect care planning and delivery.
- Assume leadership roles in the development of clinical practice models, health policy, and standards of care to advance health care.
- Integrate professional values and ethical decision-making in advanced nursing practice.
- Systematically investigate a clinically focused area of nursing.

Criteria for Admission

The following are required for admission to the D.N.P. Program:

- Graduate of an A.C.E.N. or C.C.N.E. accredited Baccalaureate or Master's Program in Nursing with a minimum of 3.0 GPA;
- Resumé or curriculum vitae;
- Personal statement (not more than 1,000 words) outlining career goals and objectives, career progress and area of interest for Scholarly Project;
- Two professional letters of recommendation;
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary colleges and schools attended, both undergraduate and graduate; and
- An MSN 3.5 GPA. For applicants who do not have a 3.5 GPA, a satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within the past 5 years is required.

The following areas of undergraduate study must be completed prior to the first graduate course in nursing and are not credited toward the graduate degree: Statistics, Nursing Research and an Undergraduate Physical Assessment course. Nurse practitioner students must complete a basic physical assessment (with hands on component) refresher course no more than three years prior to enrolling in Practicum I (Acute

Care students are required to take a Basic Health Assessment Refresher Course prior to Practicum I).

- Documentation of professional nursing licensure, CRNP license (if applicable) and specialty certification (if applicable) within the United States;
- TOEFL scores (minimum scores of 22 in reading, 22 in listening, 26 in speaking and 24 in writing) and WES reports for all nurses educated outside the United States and/or educated in a language other than English; and
- Application fee of \$75.00,
- Selected candidates will be invited for a personal interview.

Prior to enrollment in clinical courses, accepted students must complete Joint Commission and OSHA requirements for immunization, medical history, liability insurance, criminal background check and competencies including the American Heart Association Certification course for CPR (BLS for Healthcare Professionals) Acute Care Students are required to have ACLS.

Pre-Scholarly Project Advisement

Students will be assigned to an academic advisor upon admission to the program based upon the student's area of interest. Students will choose the role they prefer, Advanced Practice Nursing or Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership, and identify how they want to put their knowledge into practice in that health care arena. Once a Scholarly Project committee is selected the chair of the Scholarly Project committee will assume the responsibility for academic advisement for the student.

D.N.P. Scholarly Project Approval Process and Requirements

Students must qualify for Scholarly Project Approval in the D.N.P. program by first satisfactorily completing the Scholarly Project Dialogue, which is the formal presentation of a project related to professional practice to a faculty committee. Students must receive written approval for the Scholarly Project before they begin to implement it. Eligibility to apply for Scholarly Project Dialogue:

1. Matriculation: Only D.N.P. students who are fully matriculated are eligible to qualify for the Scholarly Project.
2. Good Academic Standing: All D.N.P. students are required to have a minimum cumulative, post master's grade point average of 3.0 to qualify for the Scholarly Project Dialogue.
3. Scholarly Project Dialogue application must be filed before taking NURS 9922 Scholarly Project I.
4. Scheduling of a Scholarly Project Dialogue is determined based on student eligibility and faculty and student schedules

Continuous Registration for D.N.P. Students

D.N.P. students who completed Scholarly Project Dialogue, received approval for their proposed Scholarly Project and completed the Scholarly Project I and II course sequence must register for a one-credit Scholarly Project Advisement course (NURS 9924-9935) each semester until they have satisfactorily completed and defended the Scholarly Project. **Students should also refer to the general University**

catalogue statements on continuity with regard to Leave of Absence and Continuation. Failure to register without being granted a leave of absence constitutes resignation. Students must complete all degree requirements within ten years of matriculation.

Curriculum Plan for Post MSN Applicants

Core Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CPSY 7005	Stat Theory - Computer App I	3
NURS 9937	Population Health for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 9938	Integrity in Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 9939	Leadership in Healthcare Business	3
NURS 9940	Advanced Nursing Practice in Health Care Systems	3
NURS 8500 or HCAD 8521	Quality - Risk Mgmt Healthcare	3
NURS 9919	Using Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 9920	D.N.P. Residency I (Two semester course sequence)	3
NURS 9921	D.N.P. Residency II (Two semester course sequence)	3
NURS 9922	Scholarly Project I	3
NURS 9923	Scholarly Project II	3
NURS 9924	D.N.P. Continuous Scholarly Project Advisement	1
NURS 9925	D.N.P. Continuous Scholarly Project Advisement	1
NURS 9935		1
Total Hours		36

Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty (APN) Requirements

M.S.N. coursework will be reviewed and additional coursework will be determined on an individual basis

Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership (NA/NEL)

M.S.N. coursework will be reviewed and additional coursework will be determined on an individual basis. *The 31 credits calculated for coursework in the post Master's D.N.P. program does not include the scholarly project advisement courses required for continuous enrollment. Enrollment for additional D.N.P. Continuous Scholarly Project Advisement credits will be determined in consultation with the student's advisor. Each enrollment will add 1 credit to the course credits calculated above. The total number of credits required to graduate is determined by the academic needs of the student.*

Curriculum Plan for Post Baccalaureate Applicants

Core Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CPSY 7005	Stat Theory - Computer App I	3
NURS 6123	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6124	Forces in Health Care	3
NURS 7141	Nursing Research I	3
NURS 7470	Advanced Professional Role Enactment	3

NURS 9937	Population Health for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 9938	Integrity in Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 9939	Leadership in Healthcare Business	3
NURS 9940	Advanced Nursing Practice in Health Care Systems	3
NURS 8500 or HCAD 8521	Quality - Risk Mgmt Healthcare	3
NURS 9919	Using Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 9920	D.N.P. Residency I (Two semester course sequence)	3
NURS 9921	D.N.P. Residency II (Two semester course sequence)	3
NURS 9922	Scholarly Project I	3
NURS 9923	Scholarly Project II	3
NURS 9924	D.N.P. Continuous Scholarly Project Advisement	1
NURS 9925	D.N.P. Continuous Scholarly Project Advisement	1
NURS 9935		1
Total Hours		48

APN Specialty Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6221	Health Concepts for Aging	3
NURS 6223	Health Promotion	3
NURS 6411	Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6415	Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS 7243	Adv Prac Nsg I- Adults	3
or NURS 7242	Adv Nsg Pract I-Younger Years	
or NURS 7236	Acute Care Theory I	
NURS 7246	Advanced Practice Nursing II: Adults	3
or NURS 7244	Advanced Practice Nursing II: Younger Years	
or NURS 7250	Acute Care Theory	
NURS 7333	Graduate Practicum I: Older Years	3
or NURS 7334	Graduate Practicum I: Younger Years	
NURS 7370	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	3
NURS 7344	Graduate Practicum II: Younger Years	3
or NURS 7348	Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Acute Care	
or NURS 7349	Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Older Years	
NURS 7470	Advanced Professional Role Enactment	3
NURS 7357	Graduate Nursing Practicum III: Younger Years	3
or NURS 7359	Graduate Nursing Practicum III: Older Years	
or NURS 7360	Graduate Nursing Practicum III: Acute Care	
NURS 7364	Graduate Nursing Practicum IV: Younger Years	3
or NURS 7366	Graduate Nursing Practicum IV: Older Years	
or NURS 7369	Graduate Nursing Practicum IV: Acute Care	
NURS 7510		4
NURS 7512		4
NURS 7514		4
NURS 7610		3
NURS 7612		3
NURS 7614		3
Total Hours		57

Nursing Administration and Nurse Executive Leadership Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6123	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6124	Forces in Health Care	3
NURS 6224	Nursing and Health Systems Administration	3
NURS 6304	Care Management, Reimbursement Systems and Corporate Integrity	3
NURS 6305	Healthcare Economics, Finance and Business Models	3
NURS 6306	Legal, Contract Negotiation, and Risk Management Issues	3
NURS 6501	Addressing Policy, Management and Economics for Population Focused Nursing	3
NURS 7310	Nursing Administration, Health Systems and Organizational Complexity	3
NURS 7311		3
NURS 7141	Nursing Research I	3
NURS 9919	Using Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
Total Hours		33