

# Nursing Practice, D.N.P.

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The D.N.P. program prepares students to lead healthcare innovation at the highest organizational level and influence policy while allowing students to focus on a particular specialty area. The D.N.P. nurse impacts the practice of nursing, the healthcare delivery system, and the shaping of health policy by providing the environment, resources, and knowledge needed to provide high-quality patient and family-centered nursing care and to practice as a professional within an interprofessional team.

Applicants who have a Master's of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) should apply to the Post-Masters D.N.P. which requires 40 to 46 credit hours, including 1,000 course-related practice hours.

Applicants who have a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), should apply to the Advanced Practice Post-Bachelor's D.N.P. which requires 77 credit hours, including 1000 course-related practice hours, or the Healthcare Systems Leadership which requires 69 credit hours, including 1000 course-related hours. Within the Advanced Practice Post-BSN-DNP students will select an advanced practice concentration in either Family Nurse Practitioner or Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner which will prepare them to be eligible for the certification exam in their chosen concentration. Students in the Healthcare Systems Leadership concentration will be prepared to lead innovation at the highest organizational level and influence policy. The Post-BSN-DNP plan of study in the Advanced Practice or the Healthcare Systems Leadership concentrations does not award an M.S.N. Students who complete this program will receive a D.N.P. degree.

## Admission Post-Masters to D.N.P.

To be considered for admission to the D.N.P. program prospective students must:

Complete the online application for [The Graduate School](#) and for [NURSINGCAS](#).

- Applicant must hold a master's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited institution with a minimum 3.2 undergraduate studies GPA.
- Submit an official transcript from each institution attended.
- Hold an unencumbered Registered Nurse license
- Statement of professional goals.
- Letters of recommendation from at least two persons
- Meet the school's technical standards for admission.
- Provide a current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Complete an interview upon request.
- Complete health documentation and CPR certification.

For international applicants, also provide:

- Passing grade on CGFNS exam (both parts)

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT total score of 80 or above (OR) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band score of 6.5 or above (OR) Duolingo total score of 105 or above.

## **Application Deadline for Post-Masters to D.N.P.**

Applications deadlines for the post Masters to DNP are due December 1<sup>st</sup> for spring admission and March 15<sup>th</sup> for fall admission.

## **Admission Post-Bachelors to DNP**

To be considered for admission to the D.N.P. program prospective students must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited institution with a minimum 3.2 graduate studies GPA.
- Submit an official transcript from each post-secondary institution attended.
- Hold an unencumbered Registered Nurse license.
- Complete health documentation and CPR certification.
- Submission of letters of recommendation from at least two persons
- Statement of professional goals and its relationship to both the mission of the School of Nursing and the area of scholarly inquiry focus.
- An interview may be required.

International applicants must also provide:

- Passing grade on CGFNS exam (both parts)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT total score of 80 or above (OR) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall band score of 6.5 or above (OR) Duolingo total score of 105 or above.
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- Complete the online application for [The Graduate School](#) and for [NURSINGCAS](#).
  - Apply to [The Graduate School](#).

Select a concentration area for doctoral study:

- Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioner
- Advanced Practice Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner.
- Healthcare Systems Leadership

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## **Application Deadline for Post-Bachelors to D.N.P.**

Applications for the post-bachelor's DNP are due October 1<sup>st</sup> for spring admission.

## Post-M.S.N. to D.N.P. Courses

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NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>  
NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>  
NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>  
NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00* Cognate courses *Credits: 6.00*<sup>2</sup>  
**Total Credit Hours: 40-46**

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### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> The D.N.P. requires 1000 course-related practice hours post B.S.N. to D.N.P. Post-master's students will have completed a variable number of M.S.N. contact hours. Upon admission, an analysis of previously-completed courses will be completed to determine the required practicum hours. If fewer than 9 credit hours are needed for practicum, elective courses will replace additional practicum hours. Elective courses will be determined in consultation with the student's adviser.

<sup>2</sup> Cognate courses can be taken any semester, including summer.

Note: Up to nine credits may be transferred in; minimum of 40 credits must still be earned.

## Recommended Schedule Full Time Post-M.S.N. to D.N.P Curriculum

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### Spring Year 1: 12 Credit Hours

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NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*  
Focused Cognate *Credits: 3.00*

### Fall Year 1: 7-11 Credit Hours

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NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

**Spring Year 2: 7-11 Credit Hours**

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NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

**Fall Year 2: 8-12 Credit Hours**

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Focused Cognate *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00*

**Total: 40-46 Credit Hours**

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## **Recommended Schedule for Part Time Post-M.S.N. to D.N.P. Curriculum**

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**Spring Year 1: 6 Credit Hours**

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NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*

**Fall Year 1: 6 Credit Hours**

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NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*

**Spring Year 2: 9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*

Focused Cognate *Credits: 3.00*

**Fall Year 2: 4-8 Credit Hours**

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NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

**Spring Year 3: 4-8 Credit Hours**

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NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

Focused Cognate *Credits: 3.00*

**Fall Year 3: 5-9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00*  
**Total: 40-46 Credit Hours**

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## Footnote

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<sup>1</sup>The D.N.P. requires 1000 course-related practice hours post-B.S.N. to D.N.P. Post-master's students will have completed a variable number of M.S.N. program contact hours but must complete at least 9 credits in D.N.P. practicum courses. The total number of credits for the D.N.P. program varies by individual and depends on transfer credits and the number of clinical hours needed to obtain 1000 hours.

## Post-B.S.N. to D.N.P. Courses Advanced Practice

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Required courses

NSG 520. Advanced Health Assessment *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 521. Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 522. Advanced Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 611. Research for the Advanced Health Professional *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 612. Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 630. Care Delivery and Coordination I *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 631. Care Delivery and Coordination II *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 632. Coordinated Care of the Elderly *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 634. Advanced Nursing Role Development *Credits: 1.00*  
NSG 636. Care Delivery and Coordination: Female Reproductive Health *Credits: 2.00*  
NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 671. NP Practicum I *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 672. NP Practicum II *Credits: 1.00-5.00 (Must be taken for 5 credit hours.)*  
NSG 673. NP Practicum III *Credits: 1.00-5.00 (Must be taken for 5 credit hours.)*  
NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*  
NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00*  
**Total: 65 Credit Hours**

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**Must choose one concentration:**

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**Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration: 12 Credit Hours**

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Students complete a total of 780 clinical practicum hours applying clinical skills, theories, and research findings to the primary care of children, adolescents, adults and older adults in a variety of health care settings.

NSG 635. Care Delivery and Coordination: Pediatrics *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration: 12 Credit Hours**

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Students complete a total of 650 clinical practicum hours in this program, where they apply clinical skills, theories, and research findings to provide primary care to individuals from adolescents to older adulthood in a variety of health care settings.

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*<sup>1</sup>

Choose one NSG elective course excluding NSG 635. *Credits: 3.00*

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<sup>1</sup> Must complete at least 9 credits in D.N.P. practicum courses.

**Total: 77 Credit Hours**

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## **Recommended Schedule Post-B.S.N. to D.N.P Curriculum**

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### **Year 1 Spring: 9 Credits Hours**

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NSG 522. Advanced Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 612. Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*

**Year 1 Summer: 9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 520. Advanced Health Assessment *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 611. Research for the Advanced Health Professional *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*

**Year 1 Fall: 10 Credit Hours**

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NSG 521. Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 630. Care Delivery and Coordination I *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 634. Advanced Nursing Role Development *Credits: 1.00*

NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

**Year 2 Spring: 12 Credit Hours**

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NSG 631. Care Delivery and Coordination II *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 671. NP Practicum I *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*

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**Year 2 Summer: 6-10 Credit Hours**

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NSG 635. Care Delivery and Coordination: Pediatrics *Credits: 3.00 (Nursing 635 for FNP students only)*

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Cognate course (*for AGPCNP students must be approved by faculty advisor*) *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 636. Care Delivery and Coordination: Female Reproductive Health *Credits: 2.00*

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*

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**Year 2 Fall: 11 Credit Hours**

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NSG 632. Coordinated Care of the Elderly *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 672. NP Practicum II *Credits: 1.00-5.00*

NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*

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**Year 3 Spring: 6-10 Credit Hours**

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NSG 673. NP Practicum III *Credits: 1.00-5.00*

NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*

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**Year 3 Summer: 4-8 Credit Hours**

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NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*

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**Year 3 Fall: 5-9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00*

NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00*

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**Post BSN DNP Healthcare Systems Leadership**

**Concentration (This program will start in Spring 2025)**

**Recommended Schedule Post BSN DNP Healthcare Systems Leadership Concentration**

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**Year 1 Spring: 9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 612. Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 651. Leadership Development *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 686. Executive Nursing Leadership: Practice, Education and Scholarship *Credits: 3.00*

## **Year 1 Summer: 9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 611. Research for the Advanced Health Professional *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 683. Healthcare Finance Management *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 690. Epidemiology and Population Assessment *Credits: 3.00*

## **Year 1 Fall: 10 Credit Hours**

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NSG 655. Concepts for Nurse Administrators *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 678. Nursing Administration Practicum I *Credits: 2.00-4.00*

NSG 692. Health Policy for Practice and Advocacy *Credits: 3.00*

## **Year 2 Spring: 10 Credit Hours**

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NSG 650. Organizational Behavior in Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 679. Nursing Administration Practicum II *Credits: 2.00 - 4.00*

NSG 685. Immersion in DNP Scholarship and Practice *Credits: 3.00*

## **Year 2 Summer: 7 Credit Hours**

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NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00 (NSG 771 must be taken for 1.00 credit hour)*

Cognate *Credits: 6.00*

## **Year 2 Fall: 8 Credit Hours**

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NSG 711. Analytical Methods for Health Care *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 713. Evidence Based Practice: Clinical Prevention and Population Health Promotion *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 771. Advanced Practicum I *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00 (NSG 771 must be taken for 2.00 credit hours)*

## **Year 3 Spring: 9 Credit Hours**

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NSG 712. Issues and Methods in Translational Inquiry *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 714. Improving Health Outcomes Through Quality Improvement and Patient Safety *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 772. Advanced Practicum II *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00 (NSG 772 must be taken for 3.00 credit hours)*

## **Year 3 Summer: 1 Credit Hour**

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NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00 (NSG 773 must be taken for 1.00 credit hour)*

## **Year 3 Fall: 6 Credit Hours**

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NSG 773. Advanced Practicum III *Credits: 1.00 - 5.00 (Nursing 773 must be taken for 2.00 credits)*

NSG 800. Scholarly Writing and Presentations *Credits: 3.00*

NSG 801. DNP Project *Credits: 1.00*