

POST-MSN DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE

The Post-Master’s Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed for masters-prepared nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing. The Post-Master’s DNP curriculum educates nurses in evidence-based practice, quality improvement and systems thinking, and leadership.

The students must successfully complete 30 credits to earn the DNP degree. The minimum acceptable grade is B- or greater. If a student earns less than a B- within a course, the student will be required to retake the course. A required course may be repeated once. If the student is not successful in earning a B- or greater, the student will be disenrolled from the program.

The student must complete a minimum of 500 leadership hours. In conjunction with the student’s MSN hours, the Post MSN DNP student needs to complete a total of 1,000 hours to fulfill the program requirements. The MSN hours will need to be obtained and submitted from the graduating university.

The Post-Master’s DNP student will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate organizational and system leadership to improve the quality of health care for individuals;
2. Design, implement, and evaluate strategies to address the environmental influences of culture, economics, ethics, law, policy, politics, society, and technology on health outcomes;
3. Engage in the processes of critical thinking, communication, change, and lifelong learning as an advanced practice nurse.

All students must complete the curriculum as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
NUR-615	Ethical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR-620	Epidemiology	3
NUR-625	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Healthcare	3
NUR-633	Business and Legal Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR-645	Advanced Nursing Research Methods	3
NUR-652	Foundation of Scholarly Work	3
NUR-658	Health Policy and Population Health	3
NUR-662	Health Care Management and Care Systems	3
NUR-665	Biostatistics	3
NUR-670	Quality Improvement, Initiatives and Safety in Advanced Nursing	3
Total Credits		30

Degree Plan for Post-Master’s Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
NUR-652	Foundation of Scholarly Work	3
NUR-665	Biostatistics	3
Credits		6

Spring		
NUR-615	Ethical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR-645	Advanced Nursing Research Methods	3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Summer		
Additional Hour Class 1: 0-250 hours		
Credits		0
Fall		
NUR-620	Epidemiology	3
NUR-625	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Healthcare	3
Credits		6
Spring		
NUR-633	Business and Legal Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR-658	Health Policy and Population Health	3
Credits		6
Third Year		
Summer		
Additional Hour Class 1: 250-500 hours		
Credits		0
Fall		
NUR-662	Health Care Management and Care Systems	3
NUR-670	Quality Improvement, Initiatives and Safety in Advanced Nursing	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		30