

# Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed to prepare clinicians with the knowledge and skills to provide the highest standard of care for individuals, families, and communities and navigate today's complex health care systems. Nurse managers and administrators will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to develop, implement, and monitor programs of care and policies in complex organizations.

## Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- utilize scientific underpinnings for nursing practice;
- demonstrate organizational and systems leadership;
- evaluate clinical scholarship and analytical methods for evidence-based practice;
- evaluate information systems and patient care technology for the improvement and transformation of health care;
- influence health care policy for advocacy in health care;
- collaborate interprofessionally to improve patient and population health outcomes;
- design clinical prevention and population health interventions; and
- demonstrate expertise in advanced nursing practice.

## Requirements

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) requires a minimum of 73 s.h. of graduate credit. Students may complete the program in three to five years, depending on their focus area. Students must maintain a UI cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00.

DNP students complete basic graduate core courses, specialty courses, advanced core courses, and practicums. In didactic coursework, they explore clinical leadership, public policy and advocacy, specialty systems, change theory, finance and business, and entrepreneurial tools.

Those who enter the program with a master's degree must complete a minimum of 72 s.h., although some coursework from the master's degree program may count toward the DNP degree. Students who enter with a non-nursing master's degree who are interested in pursuing a focus in health administration can complete DNP degree requirements in health systems. Individuals who have been granted an MSN/ APRN may complete the DNP with a minimum of 29 s.h. of graduate credit earned at the University of Iowa after DNP program admission and with a minimum of 43 s.h. of transfer credit previously earned from the UI or elsewhere.

Students must complete a minimum of 1,000 practice experience hours. Individuals who enter the program having completed an MSN may transfer approved clinical hours from their MSN program to the DNP program. The clinical hours requirement is evaluated for each student who has completed an MSN with a specialty program. Students who completed more than 1,000 practice experience hours in an MSN advanced practice program still must complete the number of DNP practicum and project hours determined in consultation with their advisor and the DNP program director.

Students may choose from a number of specialties, including adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, anesthesia nursing, family nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner—acute care, pediatric nurse practitioner—primary care, psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner, and health systems. For yearly plans that detail coursework in these specialty areas, see the following section, "Plans of Study." Visit DNP Plans of Study on the College of Nursing website for a semester-by-semester view of required coursework for each DNP specialty.

A dual certification program is available that allows students to combine two of the nurse practitioner specialties (excluding anesthesia nursing). In addition, a combined program is available for BSN students with the nursing-RN subprogram who are interested in earning the DNP degree with an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, health systems, or pediatric nurse practitioner—primary care subprogram.

Students must adhere to all Graduate College policies regarding academic standing, probation, dismissal, and transfer of graduate credit. Transfer credit applicable to the DNP is limited and must be approved by the DNP program director and the College of Nursing associate dean for graduate practice programs. Transcripts for individuals who have completed an MSN are evaluated individually.

## Plans of Study

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## Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) Subprogram

### Three-Year Plan, AG-ACNP

The following coursework (75 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

#### First Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3

NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3

**Total Hours** **26**

### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** **26**

### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5038	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Acute Care	1
NURS:6410	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NURS:6411	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	4
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** **23**

### Four-Year Plan, AG-ACNP

The following coursework (75 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

#### First Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3

NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
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NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
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NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
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NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
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NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
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NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
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**Total Hours** **20**

### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3

**Total Hours** **15**

### Third Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** **17**

### Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-ACNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5038	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Acute Care	1
NURS:6410	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NURS:6411	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	4
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3

NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours 23**

### Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-PCNP) Subprogram

#### Three-Year Plan, AG-PCNP

The following coursework (79 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

##### First Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3

**Total Hours 29**

##### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours 27**

#### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5401/ASP:5401	The Care of the Frail Elderly	3
NURS:6200	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals I	3
NURS:6201	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	3
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours 23**

#### Four-Year Plan, AG-PCNP

The following coursework (79 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

##### First Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3

**Total Hours 20**

##### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3

**Total Hours 18**

**Third Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

**Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (AG-PCNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5401/ ASP:5401	The Care of the Frail Elderly	3
NURS:6200	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals I	3
NURS:6201	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	3
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>23</b>

**Anesthesia Nursing Subprogram****Three-Year Plan, Anesthesia Nursing**

The following coursework (81 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

**First Year, Three-Year Plan (Anesthesia Nursing)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	5
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4

NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6000/ ACB:6000	Human Anatomy for Advanced Practice	4
NURS:6004/ ANES:6004	Scientific Principles for Anesthesia Practice	4
NURS:6006/ ANES:6006	Pharmacology of Anesthesia Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
PCOL:6204	Pharmacology for Health Sciences: Nurse Anesthetist	5
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42</b>

**Second Year, Three-Year Plan (Anesthesia Nursing)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:6007/ ANES:6007	Basic Principles of Anesthesia Practice	5
NURS:6010/ ANES:6010	Advanced Principles of Anesthesia Practice I	4
NURS:6012/ ANES:6012	Advanced Principles of Anesthesia Practice II	1
NURS:6050/ ANES:6050	Introductory Clinical Anesthesia	2
NURS:6051/ ANES:6051	Clinical Anesthesia I	2
NURS:6052/ ANES:6052	Clinical Anesthesia II	2
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>22</b>

**Third Year, Three-Year Plan (Anesthesia Nursing)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:6053	Advanced Clinical Anesthesia	2
NURS:6054	Obstetrical Anesthesia	2
NURS:6055	Rural Anesthesia	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Subprogram

### Three-Year Plan, FNP

The following coursework (83 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

#### First Year, Three-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>29</b>

#### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

#### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6100	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents I	3
NURS:6101/ PEDS:6101	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents II	3

NURS:6200	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals I	3
NURS:6201	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	3
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	4
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

### Four-Year Plan, FNP

The following coursework (83 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

#### First Year, Four-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

#### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

#### Third Year, Four-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3

NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** **21**

#### Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (FNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6100	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents I	3
NURS:6101/ PEDS:6101	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents II	3
NURS:6200	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals I	3
NURS:6201	Primary Care: Adults and Older Individuals II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	3
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	4
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** **27**

### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Acute Care (PNP—AC) Subprogram

#### Three-Year Plan OF PNP-AC

The following coursework (78 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

##### First Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-AC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3

NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
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**Total Hours** **26**

#### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-AC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:6104	Essentials of Pediatric Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** **29**

#### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-AC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5038	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Acute Care	1
NURS:6400	Pediatric Acute Care I	3
NURS:6401	Pediatric Acute Care II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	4
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** **23**

#### Four-Year Plan, PNP-AC

The following coursework (78 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

##### First Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-AC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3

NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3

**Total Hours** 20

**Second Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-AC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3

**Total Hours** 15

**Third Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-AC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:6104	Essentials of Pediatric Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** 20

**Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-AC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5038	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Acute Care	1
NURS:6400	Pediatric Acute Care I	3
NURS:6401	Pediatric Acute Care II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	4
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1

NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
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**Total Hours** 23

**Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Primary Care (PNP-PC) Subprogram**

**Three-Year Plan, PNP-PC**

The following coursework (77 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

**First Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-PC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3

**Total Hours** 29

**Second Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-PC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** 24

**Third Year, Three-Year Plan (PNP-PC)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6100	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents I	3

NURS:6101/ PEDS:6101	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** **24**

### Four-Year Plan, PNP-PC

The following coursework (77 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

#### First Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-PC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3

**Total Hours** **20**

#### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-PC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3

**Total Hours** **15**

#### Third Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-PC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3

NURS:5035	Graduate Pharmacology Specialty	3
NURS:5039	Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures for Primary Care	1
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** **21**

### Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (PNP-PC)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6100	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents I	3
NURS:6101/ PEDS:6101	Primary Care: Infants, Children, and Adolescents II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** **21**

### Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Subprogram

#### Three-Year Plan, PMHNP

The following coursework (76 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

#### First Year, Three-Year Plan (PMHNP)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3



NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
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**Total Hours 29**

**Second Year, Three-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5036	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours 20**

**Third Year, Three-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5041	Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Lifespan I	2
NURS:5042	Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Lifespan II	1
NURS:6500	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for Advanced Practice Didactic I	3
NURS:6501	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for Advanced Practice Didactic II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours 27**

**Four-Year Plan, PMHNP**

The following coursework (76 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

**First Year, Four-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3

NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3

NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
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NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
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NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
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NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
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**Total Hours 20**

**Second Year, Four-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5014	Graduate Physiology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3

**Total Hours 12**

**Third Year, Four-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5023	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5031	Health Promotion and Assessment for Advanced Clinical Practice	4
NURS:5033	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS:5036	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours 20**

**Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (PMHNP)**

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5041	Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Lifespan I	2
NURS:5042	Psychotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing Across the Lifespan II	1
NURS:6500	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for Advanced Practice Didactic I	3
NURS:6501	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for Advanced Practice Didactic II	3
NURS:6701	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS:6702	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum II	4

NURS:6703	Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum III	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

## Health Systems (HS) Subprogram

### Four-Year Plan, Health Systems

The following coursework (73 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan.

#### First Year, Four-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5016	Health Care Infrastructure and Informatics	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

#### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:6550	Advanced Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6551	Financial Management	4
NURS:6552	Executive Management in the Organization	4
NURS:6554	Seminar on Healthy Work Environments	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

#### Third Year, Four-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	3
NURS:6553	Seminar on Innovations	4
NURS:6704	Practicum in Executive Leadership and Management	4

NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours 14**

### Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6556	Marketing and Communications for Health Care Leaders	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

One of these elective courses: 3

NURS:3595	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I (same as ENTR:3595, MGMT:3500, MUSM:3500, RELS:3700, SSW:3500)	
NURS:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II (same as MGMT:3600, RELS:3701, SSW:3600)	
NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	

**Total Hours 11**

### Five-Year Plan, Health Systems

The following coursework (73 s.h.) is required for a five-year plan.

#### First Year, Five-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5002	Leadership and Management Essentials	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6550	Advanced Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3

NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
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**Total Hours** **19**

### Second Year, Five-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5015	Health Systems, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS:5016	Health Care Infrastructure and Informatics	3
NURS:6551	Financial Management	4
NURS:6552	Executive Management in the Organization	4
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3

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**Total Hours** **17**

### Third Year, Five-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	3
NURS:6554	Seminar on Healthy Work Environments	3
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3
One of these elective courses:		3

NURS:3595	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I (same as ENTR:3595, MGMT:3500, MUSM:3500, RELS:3700, SSW:3500)	
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NURS:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II (same as MGMT:3600, RELS:3701, SSW:3600)	
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NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
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NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
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NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	
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NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
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NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
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NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	
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**Total Hours** **18**

### Fourth Year, Five-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6553	Seminar on Innovations	4
NURS:6704	Practicum in Executive Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

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**Total Hours** **11**

### Fifth Year, Five-Year Plan (HS)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6556	Marketing and Communications for Health Care Leaders	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

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**Total Hours** **8**

Students with a master's degree, such as an MA, MS, MBA, or MPH with an interest in pursuing a focus in health administration may complete the following coursework to fulfill the DNP degree requirements in health systems.

### Three-Year Plan of Health Systems With Administration Degree

The following coursework (45 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan for students with a master's degree in an administration field.

#### First Year, Three-Year Plan (Health Systems With Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6550	Advanced Leadership and Management	3
NURS:6551	Financial Management	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3

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**Total Hours** **21**

#### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (Health Systems With Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:6556	Marketing and Communications for Health Care Leaders	3

NURS:6704	Practicum in Executive Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1
One of these elective courses:		3
NURS:3595	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I (same as ENTR:3595, MGMT:3500, MUSM:3500, RELS:3700, SSW:3500)	
NURS:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II (same as MGMT:3600, RELS:3701, SSW:3600)	
NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	
NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (Health Systems With Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>8</b>

### Four-Year Plan, Health Systems With Non-Administration Degree

The following coursework (55 s.h.) is required for a four-year plan for students with a master's degree in a non-administration field.

### First Year, Four-Year Plan (Health Systems With Non-Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Second Year, Four-Year Plan (Health Systems With Non-Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6550	Advanced Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6551	Financial Management	4
NURS:6552	Executive Management in the Organization	4
One of these elective courses:		3
NURS:3595	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I (same as ENTR:3595, MGMT:3500, MUSM:3500, RELS:3700, SSW:3500)	
NURS:3600	Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness II (same as MGMT:3600, RELS:3701, SSW:3600)	
NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	
NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
NURS:5032	Mental Disorders in Advanced Practice	
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Third Year, Four-Year Plan (Health Systems With Non-Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6553	Seminar on Innovations	4
NURS:6554	Seminar on Healthy Work Environments	3
NURS:6704	Practicum in Executive Leadership and Management	4
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** 14

### Fourth Year, Four-Year Plan (Health Systems With Non-Administration Degree)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1

**Total Hours** 8

### For MSN and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Subprogram

Students in the MSN and APRN subprogram complete the following requirements in addition to transferring a minimum of 43 s.h. of credit previously earned at the UI or elsewhere.

#### Two-Year Plan, MSN and APRN

The following coursework (29 s.h.) is required for a two-year plan.

#### First Year, Two-Year Plan (MSN and APRN)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** 18

#### Second Year, Two-Year Plan (MSN and APRN)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3

NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
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NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
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One of these elective courses: 3

NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
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NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	
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NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
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NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
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NURS:6554	Seminar on Healthy Work Environments	
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NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
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NURS:6556	Marketing and Communications for Health Care Leaders	
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NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	
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NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	
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**Total Hours** 11

### Three-Year Plan, MSN and APRN

The following coursework (29 s.h.) is required for a three-year plan.

#### First Year, Three-Year Plan (MSN and APRN)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5007	Applied Epidemiology	3
NURS:5009	Evaluating Evidence for Practice	3
NURS:5017	Quality and Safety	3
NURS:6809	Advanced Practice Role I: Introduction	3

**Total Hours** 12

#### Second Year, Three-Year Plan (MSN and APRN)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:5010	Clinical Data Management and Evaluation	3
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy	3
NURS:6826	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project I	2
NURS:6827	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II	1

**Total Hours** 9

### Third Year, Three-Year Plan (MSN and APRN)

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:6810	Advanced Practice Role II: Integration	3
NURS:6828	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III	1
NURS:6829	Doctor of Nursing Practice Project IV	1
One of these elective courses:		3
NURS:5018	Clinical Education in the Care Environment (offered in summer odd years)	
NURS:5019	Role Development: Educator in a Practice Discipline (offered in summer even years)	
NURS:5020	Application of Educator Role Competencies	
NURS:5040	Genetics/Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (plus an additional 1 s.h. elective course; consult advisor)	
NURS:6554	Seminar on Healthy Work Environments	
NURS:6555	Care Coordination Across Professional and Organizational Boundaries	
NURS:6556	Marketing and Communications for Health Care Leaders	
NURS:6557	Clinical Practice Management and Leadership for Advanced Practice Providers	
NURS:6808	Population Health for Advanced Practice	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>8</b>

## Admission

Applicants to College of Nursing graduate programs must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Applicants must have a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00; applicants for the dual certification programs must have a minimum GPA of at least 3.50. A criminal background check is required for all students upon admission. The College of Nursing has additional application requirements, as follows.

## Admission to the DNP Program

Application requirements specific to the DNP program are:

- a bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in nursing from a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited nursing program;
- satisfaction of the legal requirements for the practice of nursing;
- current written recommendations from three persons knowledgeable about the applicant's competence in

the practice of nursing and potential for leadership and scholarship (forms required);

- a current résumé, goal statement (statement of purpose), statement of disclosure, and supplemental/information form;
- transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate coursework;
- DNP applicants to the direct care programs with master's degrees in nursing from other schools must provide verification of completed clinical hours from their institution's graduate director or must submit appropriate course syllabi;
- additional application requirements for post-APRN MSN to DNP applicants include providing verification of an MSN in a recognized ARNP specialty and proof of certification;
- an upper-level statistics course (undergraduate course at junior/senior level) completed within five years of application deadline except for post-APRN MSN to DNP applicants; acceptable University of Iowa courses are STAT:3510 Biostatistics, PSQF:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods, STAT:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods, or BIOS:4120 Introduction to Biostatistics (equivalent courses from other colleges also are accepted), and the upper-level statistics course must have a letter grade of C-minus or higher; and
- specific clinical experience requirements working as a registered nurse are required if applying to subprograms of adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner-acute care, and anesthesia nursing. Visit DNP Admission Information FAQs on the College of Nursing website for specific work experience requirements.

For statistics courses taken at another institution, refer to that institution's catalog or registrar's office to verify course numbering scheme. Community college courses are not acceptable as an admission prerequisite statistics course. For further questions regarding the admission upper-level statistics course requirement, contact the College of Nursing graduate programs office.

Due to the level of web-based coursework required, international students in the DNP program of study are not eligible for F-1, F-2, or J-1 student immigration status. Questions regarding visas and immigration documentation should be directed to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).

## Application Deadlines

The application deadline for the DNP is Feb.1 for all subprograms except anesthesia nursing. The anesthesia nursing subprogram application deadline is June 1.

## Career Advancement

The DNP program prepares nurses for leadership and advanced practice roles within today's complex health care system. Graduates acquire the knowledge and skills to provide the highest standard of care for individuals, families, and communities.