

NURSING: ADULT/ GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE/ FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION, DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

AGACNP/FNP

This program prepares students to provide evidence-based, safe, quality patient-centered care in a variety of chronic, acute, and emergent care settings. Students will also be prepared for primary care practice across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination and Family Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

Some states require a specific master's degree to practice as a nurse practitioner; therefore, a concurrent Master of Science with a major in Nursing will be awarded with completion of the DNP.

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements using a gap analysis evaluation.

School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent, and caring nurses to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Transfer credit will be awarded per the published Graduate Programs section of the University catalog. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credits from an accredited institution may be applied to the degree with approval from the graduate nursing program coordinator.

Time Limits

Courses completed 6 or more years before the date of graduation will not be accepted as satisfying graduation requirements without the approval by the graduate nursing program coordinator.

Accreditation

Effective December 12, 2019, the DNP nursing program at Colorado State University Pueblo School of Nursing located in Pueblo, CO is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on December 12, 2021.

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Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Studies section of the University catalog.

1. Complete application to the nursing program.
2. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or Colorado Nursing Compact State Registered Nurse license for all MS and MS-DNP emphasis options or by the end of the first semester for the BSN-DNP emphases options).
3. Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS, BSN-DNP and associate post-masters certificate options).
4. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable) including statistics, microbiology and chemistry. Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.
5. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS-DNP Program and associate post-masters certificate options).

Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
 - Complete the program within one and one-half times the length of the program
 - Express satisfaction with the program
 - Pass national certification exam the first time
 - Be employed in role-related professional practice within six months to one year
2. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates' job performance.

DNP Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice
2. Conduct scholarly inquiry to influence health outcomes of individuals, aggregates and populations
3. Organize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
4. Assume a leadership role in transforming health care systems, policies and standards of care

Specific Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG WRITING & PRESENTATION SKILLS ¹	1
NSG 505	BIOSTATISTICS & RESEARCH	3
NSG 507	ADVANCED PRACTICE ROLES	2
NSG 508	ADVANCED PRACTICE THEORY	3
		Credits
		9
Spring		
NSG 562	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT	2
NSG 562L	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT LAB	1
NSG 748	HEALTHCARE: ETHICS, LAW & POLICY	4
NSG 712	RESEARCH & EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
		Credits
		10
Summer		
NSG 551	HEALTH PROMOTION	2
NSG 571	HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS	2

NSG 714	EPIDEMIOLOGY	3
Credits		7
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 552	ADVANCED PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	3
NSG 561	ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY	3
NSG 716	HEALTH CARE BUSINESS & FINANCE	4
Credits		10
Spring		
NSG 610	DIAGNOSTIC REASONING	2
NSG 613L	ACUTE CARE SKILLS LAB I	2
NSG 718	ORGANIZATIONAL & SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP	4
Credits		8
Summer		
NSG 614L	ACUTE CARE SKILLS LAB II	1
NSG 641	ADULT/ GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE I	3
NSG 641L	AGACNP PRACTICUM I	1
NSG 661	FAMILY I	2
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 801	DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SEMINAR	1
Credits		9-21
Year 3		
Fall		
NSG 642	ADULT/ GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP PRACTICUM II	3
NSG 662	FAMILY II	2
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 802	DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM I	3
Credits		11-23
Spring		
NSG 643	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP PRACTICUM III	2
NSG 663	FAMILY III	2
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 803	DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM II	3
Credits		10-22
Summer		
NSG 644	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP PRACTICUM IV	2
NSG 664	FAMILY IV	1
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 804	DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM III	2
Credits		8-20
Year 4		
Fall		
NSG 645	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP PRACTICUM V	2
NSG 665	FAMILY V	1
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 805	DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM IV	3
Credits		8-20
Spring		
NSG 807L	FINAL DNP PRACTICUM AGACNP/FNP	10
Credits		10
Optional		
NSG 636L	FNP PRACTICUM ¹	1-13
NSG 810L	DNP PROJECT PRACTICUM	1
Credits		2-14
Total Credits		102-174

Course	Title	Credits
Total Lab Hours		90
Total AGACNP Practicum Hours		585
Total FNP Practicum Hours		585
Total DNP Practicum Hours		540
Total Practicum Hours		1710
Total Program Credits		104

¹ Family Nurse Practitioner students must complete a total of 13 semester hours of Family Practicum, the recommended sequence to graduate in eleven semesters is: Summer (Year 2) NSG 636L FNP PRACTICUM (1.00 c.h.) – 1 semester hours, /Fall (Year 3) NSG 636L – 2 semester hours /Spring (Year 3) NSG 636L FNP PRACTICUM (1.00 c.h.) – 2 semester hours, /Summer (Year 3) NSG 636L FNP PRACTICUM (1.00 c.h.) – 1 semester hours. /Fall (Year 4) NSG 636L FNP PRACTICUM (1.00 c.h.)-2 semester hours/Spring (Year 4) NSG 807L FINAL DNP PRACTICUM AGACNP/FNP (10.00 c.h.)-4 semester hours. Students are required to take a minimum of 1 semester hour of Family Practicum starting summer of Year 2, a change to the degree plan must be approved by the Graduate Nursing Program Coordinator.

Specific Graduation Requirements

The graduate degree will be granted to candidates who meet all of the University catalog requirements plus the following:

1. Graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. All courses must be passed with a B or better.
3. Complete the university requirements for a master's degree.
4. Complete an approved DNP Project.

Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG 507	Advanced Practice Roles	2
NSG 508	Advanced Practice Theory	3
Credits		9
Spring		
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2
NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
Credits		10
Summer		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2

NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
	Credits	7
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
	Credits	10
Spring		
NSG 610	Diagnostic Reasoning	2
NSG 613L	Acute Care Skills Lab I	2
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4
	Credits	8
Summer		
NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 641	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 641L	AGACNP Practicum I	1
NSG 661	Family I	2
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum	1
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
	Credits	9
Year 3		
Fall		
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum (Continuation of Family Practicum)	2
NSG 642	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	3
NSG 662	Family II	2
NSG 802	DNP Project Practicum I	3
	Credits	12
Spring		
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum (Continuation of Family Practicum)	2
NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 663	Family III	2
NSG 803	DNP Project Practicum II	3
	Credits	11
Summer		
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum (Continuation of Family Practicum)	2
NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 664	Family IV	1
NSG 804	DNP Project Practicum III	2
	Credits	9
Year 4		
Fall		
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum (Continuation of Family Practicum)	2
NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 665	Family V	1
NSG 805	DNP Project Practicum IV	3
	Credits	9
Spring		
NSG 807L	Final DNP Practicum AGACNP/FNP	10
	Credits	10
Optional		
NSG 810L	DNP Project Practicum	1
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum (If not completed)	1-13
	Credits	2-14
	Total Credits	106-118