

NURSING: POPULATION HEALTH CONCENTRATION, DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Post MS to DNP Population Health

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed to prepare nurses for the highest level of clinical practice in the profession of nursing. Graduates are prepared to create and lead new models of health care delivery for communities locally, across the nation and around the world. The DNP program is innovative, inter-/intra-professional and focuses on evidence-based population focused health care. The program maximizes the use of hybrid delivery methods for enhanced learning and increased course accessibility. (To read more about the DNP, visit the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website:<https://www.aacnnursing.org/>)

The School of Nursing offers the DNP for the:

- Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse
- Master-prepared nurse practitioner who is certified in adult/geriatric acute care, family or psychiatric-mental health
- Post-master's registered nurse

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses in all concentrations. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements.

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 director.

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 director.

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.

MS-DNP Program and associated post-masters certificate options. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher is required.

Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
 - 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. Seventy percent of graduates will complete their program on-time starting from enrollment day one of the first class of their nursing option.
3. 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

Students who did not complete a minimum of 500 clinical hours in their master's program must complete 1-16 credits of NSG 709L as determined by admission gap analysis.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
		Credits
		9
Spring		
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1-16
		Credits
		12-27
Summer		
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3

NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1-16
Credits		4-19
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1-16
Credits		1-16
Spring		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1-16
Credits		1-16
Summer		
NSG 810L	DNP Project Practicum (if needed)	1
Credits		1
Total Credits		28-88

Course	Title	Credits
Total Lab Hours		0
Total DNP Practicum Hours		540-720
Total Practicum Hours		540-720
Total Program Credits		32-50

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 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.

Part-time Option

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
Credits		4
Spring		
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
Credits		7
Summer		
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
Credits		3
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
Credits		5
Spring		
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4

NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1
Credits		5
Summer		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	2
Credits		2
Year 3		
Fall		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	4
Credits		4
Spring		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	2
Credits		2
Total Credits		32

Full-time Option

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
Credits		9
Spring		
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	1
Credits		12
Summer		
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	2
Credits		5
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	4
Credits		4
Spring		
NSG 809L	MS NSG DNP Project Practicum	2
Credits		2
Total Credits		32