

## **NURSING**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (B.S.N.) TO DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.)**

*(Minimum of ~~80~~72 credits required)*

*Maximum of 85 credits*

The B.S.N. to D.N.P. program prepares graduates for advanced practice roles as Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioners, Family Nurse Practitioners or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners with a doctoral degree focusing on practice leadership. The emphasis of the program is the delivery of advanced practice nursing (APN) to culturally diverse populations, especially the burgeoning group of persons over 65 years old. Graduate education in nursing occurs within the context of societal demands and needs as well as the interprofessional work environment. The Institute of Medicine (IOM, 2003) and the National Research Council of the National Academies (2005) have called for nursing education that prepares individuals for practice with interdisciplinary, information systems, quality improvement and patient safety expertise.

The program is designed for nursing leaders to develop skills in shaping and evaluating practice models in their own practice settings. The program will accept a limited number of applicants. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission. The program is designed to be completed in a full-time plan of study. Classes are offered in various formats, including online, live weekly sessions and intensive weekends.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommends that students complete 1000 hours of clinical practicum hours. Clinical practice hours in the second year of study are designed to develop new practice skills and test new models of care.

#### **Admission Requirements**

B.S.N. to D.N.P. applicants are admitted once a year in the summer. See the College of Nursing [website](#) for application deadlines. Evidence of the following information is required in the admissions process:

1. A baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an approved nursing program. B.S.N. programs will be evaluated by the Ph.D. program department on a case-by-case basis. International B.S.N. programs are not accredited by U.S. accrediting bodies.

2. A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA in the baccalaureate program is required.
3. Curriculum vitae or résumé presented in specified format located on the College of Nursing [website](#).
4. Two letters of recommendation from academic and professional references, in which one is from a baccalaureate program professor holding a doctorate (guidelines located on the College of Nursing [website](#) ).
5. A typed statement of the applicant's goals for the D.N.P. degree of no more than 500 words.
6. Satisfactory oral interview by members of the graduate admissions committee.
7. A Level 2 (state/federal) criminal background check.
8. Basic undergraduate research and statistics course.
9. Current or eligible for Florida RN license.

**Note:** The B.S.N. to D.N.P. program is designed for full-time study.

### **Degree Requirements**

The faculty in the College may recommend the Doctor of Nursing Practice when the student has met the following requirements:

1. The candidate must complete a minimum of 8072 graduate credits beyond the bachelor's degree.
2. The candidate must complete a minimum 1000 clinical hours in graduate courses beyond the bachelor's degree.
3. The candidate must complete a D.N.P. project that evaluates an innovation related to advanced practice nursing and/or administration of nursing care.
4. The D.N.P. project committee for each student will oversee the development and completion of the student's project. Upon successful completion of the project, the candidate will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice.

### **Program Outcomes**

See D.N.P. [Program Outcomes](#) listed above.

### **Master of Science in Nursing Option**

Completion of the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree is an option for all B.S.N. to D.N.P. degree-seeking students. This Master's Along the Way option allows D.N.P. students to be eligible to take the national certification exams for the advanced practice specialty area and to become licensed as advanced practice nurses prior to completing the D.N.P. degree.

Upon completion of all master's-level coursework (which occurs during semester IX of the D.N.P. curriculum), D.N.P. students are eligible for a Master of Science in Nursing degree. Students desiring the M.S.N. degree must apply for the degree during semester VIII of the D.N.P. curriculum. After the M.S.N. degree has been awarded, the D.N.P. student may then move directly into the final doctoral-level courses (semesters X and XI) to complete the D.N.P. degree.

## B.S.N. to D.N.P. Program Curriculum Plan

### Doctoral Core Courses - 49 or 52 credits

Advanced Health Assessment	NGR 6002	2
Advanced Health Assessment Lab	NGR 6002L	1
Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring	NGR 6110	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	NGR 6141	3
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	NGR 6172	3
Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6673	3
Theoretical Grounding for Caring-Based Practice	NGR 7124	3
Ethics and Public Policy for Promoting Health	NGR 7738	3
Population-Based Healthcare and Health Equity	NGR 7662C	3
Introduction to Practice Management: Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 7767	3
The Role of the Doctor of Nursing Practice as Scholar	NGR 7768	3
Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare	NGR 7795	3
Translation of Evidence for Advanced Practice Nursing	NGR 7855	3
Caring, Informatics and Technology in Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 7876	3
Healthcare System Analysis and Quality Improvement	NGR 7895	3
Practicum for the Doctor of Nursing Practice*	NGR 7947L	1-3
Doctor of Nursing Practice Proposal Development	NGR 7974	3
Project Implementation, Evaluation and Dissemination*	NGR 7975C	1-3

\*Student must register for this course twice.

### Concentration: Adult/Gero Nurse Practitioner - ~~28~~31 credits

Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 2	NGR 6176	3
Primary Care 1: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6200	3
Primary Care 1 Practicum: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6200L	<del>3</del> 5
Perspectives of Aging	NGR 6251	3
Women's Health: Nursing Situations in Advanced Practice	NGR 6342	3
Primary Care 2: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6605	3

Primary Care 2 Practicum: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6605L	<del>34</del>
Comprehensive Care of Adolescents through Older Adults	NGR 6607	3
Comprehensive Care of Adolescents through Older Adults Practicum	NGR 6607L	4
<b><i>Concentration: Family Nurse Practitioner - <del>2831</del> credits</i></b>		
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 2	NGR 6176	3
Primary Care 1: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6200	3
Primary Care 1 Practicum: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6200L	<del>35</del>
Care of Children: Nursing Situations in Advanced Practice	NGR 6301	3
Women's Health: Nursing Situations in Advanced Practice	NGR 6342	3
Primary Care 2: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6605	3
Primary Care 2 Practicum: Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6605L	<del>34</del>
Primary Care of Families: Comprehensive Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6619	3
Primary Care of Families Practicum	NGR 6619L	4
<b><i>Concentration: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - <del>2225</del> credits</i></b>		
Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan: Advanced Nursing Situations	NGR 6503	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Role Synthesis in Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6505L	4
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Group Therapy in Advanced Nursing Situations	NGR 6508	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum 2: Group Therapy in Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6508L	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Individual and Family Therapy in Advanced Nursing Situations	NGR 6509	3
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum 1: Individual and Family Therapy in Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6509L	<del>34</del>
Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6538	3
<u>Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Diagnosis and Medication Management in Advanced Practice</u>		<del>2</del>
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