

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-DNP)

Academic Guidelines

Admission Requirements

1. A current unencumbered Registered Nurse license(s). Two years of experience as a Registered Nurse is preferred.
2. Official transcripts documenting a baccalaureate and master's degree in Nursing from a program accredited by a national organization responsible for nursing accreditation (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACNE), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or their equivalent).
3. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate Statistics course.
4. Two professional letters of recommendation supporting the applicant's potential for success in the Doctoral program from graduate prepared nurses or faculty members who can address the applicant's potential.
5. Resume or CV with your application that includes work experience, educational, leadership and professional organization activities, and scholarly activities including publications, presentations, and research, honors and awards.
6. An essay/personal statement of a maximum of 1,000 words that addresses the following (Please be thorough and concise with a minimum of two and a maximum of four, double-spaced pages 12 font essay). Discuss your personal and professional reasons for seeking the Advance Practice Registered Nursing (APRN), Nurse Educator (NE), and/or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) role at this time and how furthering your education will influence your practice as a clinical leader. Please include the following:
 - Depending on the program to which you are applying (APRN, NE and/or DNP), explain your understanding of the role and why you are interested in this particular role.
 - Describe your personal strengths and experiences (leadership roles, nursing experience, community service) that will contribute to your success in graduate school.
 - Identify 1-2 long-term goals and how seeking an advance nursing degree will support these goals.
7. Confirmation of clinical hours completed in Master's program.

* Based on submitted admission materials, the graduate admissions committee may require an interview.

Registration Procedures

New students are given instructions on how to register with their acceptance letter. Before or during the first half of the first semester, student are encouraged to meet with their faculty advisor to map out a curriculum plan. For the remainder of the program students are

responsible for registering for their own classes. The process is as follows:

- Graduate students may register on-line via the Walsh University Cavalier Center (www.walsh.edu (<http://www.walsh.edu>)). To register on-line, the student must obtain an alternate PIN from their assigned academic advisor and resolve any holds that may prevent registration.
- Obtain a form from the website (www.walsh.edu (<http://www.walsh.edu>)). Click on "Academics" and scroll down to the "Office of the Registrar" link. Scroll down to the link "forms" and then on "Graduate Registration Form". Download a copy and fax (330) 490-7372, mail or present the completed form to the Registrar's Office (located in Farrell Hall).

Program Delivery

Post Masters DNP

The Post Masters DNP Program is offered using a distance learning methodology.*

BSN-DNP

The BSN-DNP Program is offered using a distance learning methodology* and depending on chosen track (Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner) there are on campus requirements:

•Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner:

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program is offered using a distance learning methodology* and requires students to be on campus for two intensives and other planned experiences.

•Family Nurse Practitioner:

The Family Nurse Practitioner program is offered using a distance learning methodology* and requires students to be on campus for two intensives.

•Nurse Educator:

The Nurse Educator program is offered using a distance learning methodology*.

•Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner:

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program is offered using a distance learning methodology* and requires students to be on campus for two intensives and other planned experiences.

* *Online refers to the definition from the Higher Learning Commission: Distance-delivered courses are those in which all or the vast majority (typically 75% or more) of the instruction and interaction occurs via electronic communication, correspondence, or equivalent mechanisms, with the faculty and students physically separated from each other.*

Academic Advising

Upon admission to the DNP program, the student is assigned to a graduate faculty member who will work with the student to develop a curriculum plan. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors prior to registration each semester to confirm their program plan. Upon development of the DNP Proposal, students are then assigned to an advisor who will work with them throughout the program on the DNP Project.

DNP Project

All Walsh Byers School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students must complete a DNP Project. The project is a faculty-guided scholarly experience that provides evidence of critical thinking ability to apply research principles through problem identification, proposal development, implementation, and evaluation of a problem significant to nursing practice.

The DNP project gives the student an opportunity to integrate newly learned skills into practice while demonstrating excellence in nursing scholarship and competencies reflected in the DNP Essentials (<https://www.aacnursing.org/Portals/42/Publications/DNPEssentials.pdf>).

Integration of these competencies and skills results in improved outcomes through quality improvement processes, organizational and systems leadership, and translation of evidence into practice.

BSN-DNP/Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Courses (12 credit hours)		12
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	
NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	
NURS 710	Nurs Ldrsp Role&Eth Compl Sys	
Practice Application Courses (18 credit hours)		18
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	
NURS 663	AGACNP Clin Assess & Mgmt	
NURS 671	Intensive I	
NURS 672	Intensive II	
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	
NURS 718	Hlctr Tech & Data Mgmt	
Expert Knowledge Courses (20 credit hours)		20
NURS 662	AGACNP Clinical Pharmacology	
NURS 664	Adult Gero Acute Care I	
NURS 665	Adult Gero Acute Care II	
NURS 667	Adult Gero Acute Care III	
NURS 668	AGAC Capstone	
Additional Research Course (2 credit hours)		2
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	
Specialty Content Courses (7 credit hours)		7
MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	
NURS 725	Adv Leader in Clin Practice (150 clinical hours)	
Capstone Project Courses (7 credit hours)		7
NURS 730	Residency Practicum (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 731	DNP Project (200 clinical hours)	1-4
Total AGAC Clinical Hours: 650		
Total DNP Clinical Hours: 500		
Total Hours		67-70

BSN-DNP/Family Nurse Practitioner

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Courses (12 credit hours)		12
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	

NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	
NURS 710	Nurs Ldrsp Role&Eth Compl Sys	
Practice Application Courses (21 credit hours)		21
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	
NURS 640	Clini Assessment & Management	
NURS 642	Clinical Pharmacology	
NURS 671	Intensive I	
NURS 672	Intensive II	
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	
NURS 718	Hlctr Tech & Data Mgmt	
Expert Knowledge Courses (20 credit hours)		20
NURS 641	FNP I :Care of Adults (100 clinical hours)	
NURS 643	FNP II: Care of Child/Adoles (100 clinical hours)	
NURS 645	FNP III: Care of Women (100 clinical hours)	
NURS 647	FNP IV:Care of Adult/Eld w/MCC (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 649	FNP V: Capstone (200 clinical hours)	
Additional Research Course (2 credit hours)		2
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	
Specialty Content Courses (7 credit hours)		7
MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	
NURS 725	Adv Leader in Clin Practice (150 clinical hours)	
Capstone Project Courses (7 credit hours)		7
NURS 730	Residency Practicum (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 731	DNP Project (200 clinical hours)	
Total FNP Clinical Hours: 650		
Total DNP Clinical Hours: 500		
Total Hours		69

BSN-DNP/Nurse Educator

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Courses (12 credit hours)		12
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	
NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	
NURS 710	Nurs Ldrsp Role&Eth Compl Sys	
Practice Application Courses (19 credit hours)		19
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	
NURS 633	Sem & Prac in Adv Specialty (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	
NURS 718	Hlctr Tech & Data Mgmt	
Expert Knowledge Courses (11 credit hours)		11
NURS 630	Assess,Meas&Eval in Nurs Educ	
NURS 631	Curr Design in Nurs Education	
NURS 632	Teach Strateg in Nursing Educ	

NURS 635	Practicum in Nurs Education (200 Clinical hours)	
Additional Research Course (2 credit hours)		2
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	
Specialty Content Courses (10 credit hours)		10
MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	
NURS 725	Adv Leader in Clin Practice (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 715	Clinical in Advanced Specialty (150 clinical hours)	
Capstone Project Courses (7 credit hours)		7
NURS 730	Residency Practicum (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 731	DNP Project (200 clinical hours)	
Total NE Clinical Hours: 350		
Total DNP Clinical Hours: 650		
Total Hours		61

Total PMHNP Clinical Hours: 600
Total DNP Clinical Hours: 500
Total Hours
75

BSN-DNP/Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Courses (12 credit hours)		12
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	
NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	
NURS 710	Nurs Ldrsp Role&Eth Compl Sys	
Practice Application Courses (21 credit hours)		21
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	
NURS 650	Adv Princ of Psychopathology	
NURS 654	Adv Psychopharmacology	
NURS 671	Intensive I	
NURS 672	Intensive II	
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	
NURS 718	Hlctr Tech & Data Mgmt	
Expert Knowledge Courses (26 credit hours)		26
NURS 651	Mental Hlth Assess & Int w/Ped	
NURS 652	Psych Assess & Interview Tech	
NURS 653	Care of Psy Mtl Hlth Primary	
NURS 655	Care of Pys Mtl Hlth in Crisis	
NURS 656	Brief Therapeutic Interventions	
NURS 657	Care of Client w/Sub Abuse Dis	
NURS 658	Clin Mgmt of Psychiatric Clie	
NURS 659	Prac in Pysch Mental Hlth Nurs	
NURS 660	Group Therapeutic Intervention	
Additional Research Course (2 credit hours)		2
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	
Specialty Content Courses (7 credit hours)		7
MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	
NURS 725	Adv Leader in Clin Practice (150 clinical hours)	
Capstone Project Courses (7 credit hours)		7
NURS 730	Residency Practicum (150 clinical hours)	
NURS 731	DNP Project (200 clinical hours)	