

POST-MASTERS DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The Nursing Graduate Programs at Walsh University prepare advanced generalist nurses to assume leadership positions in a variety of roles. We believe that it is the responsibility of the faculty to provide an environment that stimulates the learner to think critically, communicate effectively and act compassionately. We hold the ideal of providing quality care to clients and fulfilling our responsibility as contributing members of the profession and society.

Program Goals

To provide excellence in nursing education grounded in the human experience. The Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing prepares the graduate to practice nursing within the framework of Judeo-Christian values promoting health in diverse communities.

Program Outcomes

- Practice at the highest level of clinical nursing by integrating and applying knowledge from the sciences within the fields of organizational management, ethics, health policy, and information technology.
- Demonstrate leadership skills in organizational and health systems management to improve the safety and quality of health care.
- Apply analytical skills and translational science methodologies to practice-focused scholarship.
- Provide leadership in interdisciplinary collaborative teams to improve health outcomes for individuals, populations, and systems.
- Utilize strategies of risk reduction, illness prevention, health promotion, and health maintenance for individuals and populations.
- Develop skills in the analysis and shaping of health care policy that supports health.
- Demonstrate skill in the application of ethical decision-making frameworks to resolve ethical dilemmas.

Global Experience

While enrolled in the program, students may participate in the Byers School of Nursing's global experience(s). The student is advised to seek more information on global experiences from the Graduate Program Director of the Office of Global Learning.

NURS 715	Clinical in Advanced Specialty	1-3
NURS 725	Adv Leader in Clin Practice	4
Capstone Project Courses (7 Credit Hours)		
NURS 730	Residency Practicum	3
NURS 731	DNP Project	1-4
Total Clinical Hours: 500 ¹		
Total Hours		32-37

¹ Depending on the number of clinical hours that a student had in their master's degree program, some students may require an additional number of clinical practice hours post masters to reach the minimum number of hours mandated by the AACN for a DNP degree. AACN requires the DNP graduate to have a minimum of 1000 clinical practicum hours post-baccalaureate

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Courses (9 Credit Hours)		
NURS 701	Nurs Sci Adv Pract:Theor/Found	3
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	3
NURS 718	Hlthcr Tech & Data Mgmt	3
Research Courses (8 Credit Hours)		
NURS 702	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	3
NURS 708	Translat Evid to Clinl Pract	2
Specialty Content Courses (12-15 Credit Hours)		
MBA 723	Healthcare Finance/Economics	3
NURS 710	Nurs Role & Ethics for Clin Do	3