



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NURSING

Objectives for the Doctor Of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

- Prepare graduates in advanced nursing practice leadership roles for careers in clinical practice with diverse populations, organizational and systems leadership in health care systems, and clinical nursing education;
- Produce advance nurse practice leaders with the skills to apply principles of population health outcomes and evidence-based practice to clinical situations as interdisciplinary team members for improvement and transformation of patient care;
- Develop advanced nursing practice leaders with expert knowledge of complex health problems who will lead and or improve nursing practice in Worcester, the Commonwealth, and beyond.

The purpose:

The Post Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the University of Massachusetts Worcester is to prepare nurse practitioner and nurse administrators graduates for advanced nursing practice leadership roles. The curriculum is designed to educate students to improve and transform health care through systems leadership, research translation, and advanced clinical knowledge. Graduates are prepared to assume advanced nursing practice leadership roles in hospitals and community-based settings, health care organizations, and schools of nursing as clinical faculty.

Competencies:

The Post Master's DNP prepares students to meet the objectives of The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2006)

DNP Curriculum for Post Master's DNP program

Full-Time Study Plan

Year One Fall Semester (IP= in progress)	Year One Spring Semester (IP= in progress)
N603A Societal Trends & Population Health 3cr N603D Societal Trends Community Service Learning (CSL) Practicum IP N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Advisement IP N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics (APRN) 3cr or N769 Leadership for Nurse Executive (Nurse Admins) 3cr	N603D IP and Population/ DNP CSL Practicum (complete 1cr) N704 Principles of Epidemiology 3cr N723 Quality & Patient Safety in Health Care Orgs 3cr N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Advisement IP N770 DNP Leadership for Advanced Practice (APRN) 2cr
Year One Summer Semester	Year Two Fall Semester
N715 Advanced Statistical Application for the APN 3cr N710 Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods 3cr N708 Org. Systems and Healthcare Financing 3cr N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Advisement (complete 2cr)	N707 Biomedical Informatics 3cr N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals 3cr N771 DNP Practicum IP N772 DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation 2cr
Year Two Spring Session	
N771 DNP Practicum (complete 2 cr) N773 DNP Scholarly Project: Evaluation 2cr N820 Essentials for Academic Health Educator 3cr (May take 3 credit elective alternative to taking 820)	Total 40 credits *May take full time DNP course work as a part time plan: See below

Part-Time Study Plan

Year One Fall Semester	Year One Spring Semester
N603A Societal Trends & Population Health 3cr N603D DNP CSL Practicum IP N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics (APRN) 3cr or N769 Leadership for Nurse Executive (Nurse Admins) 3cr	N603D IP and Population/ DNP CSL Practicum (complete 1cr) N704 Principles of Epidemiology 3cr N723 Quality & Patient Safety in Health Care Orgs 3cr
Year One Summer Semester	Year Two Fall Semester
N715 Advanced Statistical Application for the APN 3cr N710 Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods 3cr	N707 Biomedical Informatics 3cr N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals 3cr N709 DNP Capstone I Project Prospectus IP (2cr)
Year Two Spring Session (con't)	Year Two Summer Semester
N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Advisement IP N770 DNP Leadership for Advanced Practice (APRN) 2cr	N708 Org. Systems and Healthcare Financing 3cr N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Advisement (complete 2cr)
Year Three Fall Semester	Year Three Spring Semester
N771 DNP Practicum IP N772 DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation 2cr	N771 DNP Practicum (complete 2 cr) N773 DNP Scholarly Project : Evaluation 2cr N820 Essentials for Academic Health Educator 3cr (May take 3 credit elective alternative to taking 820) Total 40 credits

Admission Requirements

- Application completed via NursingCAS
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended;
- Evidence of unrestricted Massachusetts licensure as an RN and/or NP;
- A master's degree in nursing from an accredited program or non nursing masters (nurse administrator track);
- For NPs applying: APN certification as either an ANP, ACNP, FNP, GNP, FNP, PNP, or WHNP
- For Nurse Administrators applying: Certification is recommended for nurse administrator applicants;
- Four letters of recommendation; 2 academic, 1 professional and 1 letter from someone that can evaluate your leadership potential
- One example of scholarly writing (i.e., publication, scholarly paper);
- Two personal statements with goals of study;
- Residency and capstone project focus congruent with faculty member;
- Professional APN Portfolio that demonstrates attainment of NONPF or AONE competencies