

Graduate Entry Pathway To Doctor of Nursing Practice

GEP to DNP



Graduate School of Nursing 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655





Transforming advanced practice nursing

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Family Nurse Practitioner

Objectives for the GEP to DNP Program

- Prepare graduates in advanced practice nursing specialties for clinical practice diverse populations, organizational and systems leadership in health care systems, and clinical nursing education;
- Produce advance practice nurses with 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 practice nursing 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 Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) is designed as an alternate pathway into the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program for applicants who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing, who are not registered nurses, and who seek a doctoral degree in nursing, to become a Nurse Practitioner in a leadership role. The GEP responds to the growing need for well educated professional nurses and faculty, particularly in population focus arears such as acute and primary care.

Competencies: The Graduate Entry Pathway prepares students to meet competencies in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing approved Baccalaureate and DNP Essentials. The Graduate School of Nursing GEP to DNP program also prepares the student to meet the competencies from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Core Competencies for Nurse Practitioners. Additional competencies for students who matriculate into the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track include the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Scope and Standards of Practice. and for students in the Family Nurse Practitioner Track, Population Focused Competencies for Family Nurse Practitioners (NONPF, 2013)

GEP Year 1 to DNP Curriculum = 50 total credits		
Fall Semester Year One	Spring Semester Year One	Summer Session Year One
NG508 Pharmacology For Nursing I 2cr NG510 Concepts in Professional Nursing 2cr NG511 Biomedical Sciences I 3cr NG513 Health Assessment and Skills I 3cr NG516A Nursing I: Care of Persons with	NG509 Pharmacology for Nursing II 1cr NG512 Biomedical Sciences II 2cr NG514 Health Assessment and Skills II 1cr NG517A Nursing II: Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions 5cr	NG519A Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Leadership and Management 3cr NG519B Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Internship 7cr
Acute and Chronic Conditions 5cr NG516B Nursing I: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions 5cr	NG517B Nursing II: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions 3cr NG518A Nursing III: Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family 5cr NG518B Nursing III: Clinical Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family 3cr	
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Fall Semester Year One	Spring Semester Year One	Summer Session Year One
NG522 Transitions to Professional Practice IP N603A Societal Trends 3cn N603B IP Community Service Learning Practicum (goes Fall through Spring) (IP) NG603C IP Clerkship 1cn N613 Advanced Pathophysiology 3cn N604 Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice 3cn N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics 3cn	NG522 Transitions to Professional Practice 1cr N603B Community Service Learning Practicum (continues from Fall) 1cr N615 Advanced Health Assessment 3cr N614 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 3cr N704 Epidemiology 3cr N723 Quality & Safety in Health Care Organizations 3cr	N708 Organizational Systems & Health Care Financing 3cr N659 Adv. Nursing Science: I Maternal & Child Health (FNP track only) 3cr
Fall Semester Year Two	Spring Semester Year Two	Summer Session Year Two
N730A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory & Clinical Practicum I or N740A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory I & Clinical Practicum I 9cr	N731A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum II or N741A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum II 9cr	N741C Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III or N761C Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse
N760A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum I 9cr N730C \(\) Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	or N7601/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory III & Clinical Practicum II 9cr N730C \(\) Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	Practitioner Clinical Practicum III 1cr
N740C N760C Seminar (IP) N709 DNP Scholarly Project Proposal 1cr	N740C Seminar 1cr N760C N709 DNP Scholarly Project Proposal 1cr N776 Leadership for Advanced Practice 3cr	N709 DNP Scholarly Project Proposal 1cr
Fall Semester Year Three	Spring Semester Year Three	
N707 Biomedical Informatics 3cr N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals 3cr N777 DNP Practicum (IP) N772 DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation 2cr NXXX Elective 3cr	N777 DNP Practicum 2cr N773 DNP Scholarly Project : Evaluation 2cr	