



Graduate School of Nursing

DNP Program - Course Descriptions

N702 Research and Theory for Doctor of Nursing Practice This course expands students' understanding of theory and research within the context of advanced clinical practice. The student will explore philosophy, theory, and qualitative and quantitative methods used to develop evidence for clinical practice. The course enables graduates to serve as leaders in synthesizing clinical nursing knowledge and translating research findings into practice within complex health care settings and community-based organizations.

N705 Trends Influencing the Doctor of Nursing Practice This course explores the trends influencing the role of the DNP in hospitals and community-based settings. The student will develop strategies to address these challenges that are grounded in evidence based practice. The course enables graduates to serve as leaders in synthesizing clinical nursing knowledge and translating research findings into practice within complex care settings and community-based organizations.

N708 Organizational Systems and Health Care Financing This course expands the student's understanding of systems theory and health care economics. The student will explore current global, technological, socioeconomic and organizational factors that have an impact on the delivery of high quality health care. The course expands upon expert clinical knowledge and enables students to engage with other interprofessional team members in developing and evaluating contemporary approaches to clinical practice within health care organizations.

N770 Doctor of Nursing Practice Residency I This course is the first of two advanced nursing science residency courses for the preparation of advanced practice nurses with the practice doctorate. The focus is on development and refinement of the leadership skills needed by the advanced practice nurse. The course enhances the student's ability to apply theories, standards of practice and evidence-based research to the care of the increasingly complex patients to improve practice and health care delivery. The student implements the role activities of the advanced practice nurse through critical thinking, therapeutic intervention, communication and professional interaction.

N771 Doctor of Nursing Practice Residency II This course is the second of two advanced nursing science residency courses for the preparation of advanced practice nurses with the practice doctorate. The focus is on the refinement and synthesis of the leadership skill needed by these advanced practice nurses. This course enhances the student's ability to translate evidence-based research and clinical scholarship to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for patients. The student implements the role activities of the advanced practice nurse through critical thinking, therapeutic intervention, communication and professional interaction.

N772 Doctor of Nursing Practice Capstone Project I This course requires the development of a scholarly capstone project for the preparation of advanced practice nurses with the practice doctorate. The focus is on the identification and implementation of a specific activity that uses evidence to improve patient-focused organizational outcomes. The scholarly capstone project integrates knowledge from the DNP core and specialty courses, elective and clinical residency experience in the formulation of a capstone project that demonstrates advanced practice nursing leadership at the practice doctorate level.

N773 Doctor of Nursing Practice Capstone Project II This course requires the completion of a scholarly capstone project for the preparation of advanced practice nurses with the practice doctorate. The focus is on the completion of a specific activity that uses evidence to improve patient-focused organizational outcomes. This scholarly capstone project is derived from the DNP specific courses and electives including clinical residency experiences. The scholarly capstone project demonstrates the student's attainment of the program outcomes and provides evidence of the student's knowledge and expertise as an advanced practice nurse at the practice doctorate level.