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 advanced 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)
- 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
- N769 Leadership for Nurse Executive (Nurse Admins) 3cr

#### Year One Spring Semester (IP= in progress)
- 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 (APRNs) 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)
- N771 DNP Practicum (complete 2cr)
- N773 DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation 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
- N603A Societal Trends & Population Health 3cr
- N603D DNP CSL Practicum IP
- N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics (APRN) 3cr
- N769 Leadership for Nurse Executive (Nurse Admins) 3cr

#### Year One Spring Semester
- 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 (APRNs) 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)
- N771 DNP Practicum (complete 2cr)
- 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