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)

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### Year One Fall Semester
- N705 Trends Influencing the DNP: 3cr
- N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals: 3cr
- N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal: 1cr

### Year One Spring Semester
- N704 Principles of Epidemiology: 3cr
- N723 Quality & Patient Safety in Health Care Orgs: 3cr
- N709 DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal: 1cr
- N710 Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods: 3cr

### Year One Summer Semester
- N715 Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry: 3cr
- N708 Org. Systems and Healthcare Financing: 3cr
- N709 DNP Scholarly Project Proposal: 1cr

### Year Two Fall Semester
- N707 Biomedical Informatics: 3cr
- N769 Leadership for Nurse Executive (Nurse Admins only): 3cr
- N777 DNP Practicum: 2cr
- NXXX Elective: 3cr

### Year Two Spring Semester
- N777 DNP Practicum: 2cr
- N773 DNP Scholarly Project: Evaluation: 2cr
- N772 DNP Scholarly Project: Implementation: 2cr

### Year Three Fall Semester
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