

Graduate School of Nursing



DNP Program—BS to DNP & Pre Graduate Option to DNP



The University of Massachusetts Medical School is the commonwealth's first and only public academic health sciences center, home to the School of Medicine, *Graduate School of Nursing* and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The focus of the UMMS GSN Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is to prepare graduates as nurse practitioners in leadership roles. The curriculum is designed to educate students to improve and transform health care through advanced clinical knowledge, research translation, and systems leadership. Graduates are prepared to assume advanced practice nurse leadership roles in hospitals and community-based settings, health care organizations, and schools of nursing.

The BSN to DNP prepares students to meet the objectives of The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006), the Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies (NONPF, 2012), as well as the Population Focused Competencies for Family Acute and Primary Care Nurse Practitioners (NONPF, 2013)

Why consider the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing GSN PhD Program?

- ◇ Only publicly funded nursing school in the commonwealth with a sole focus on graduate education.
- ◇ Part of a top rated Medical School that includes interprofessional and state of the art education.
- ◇ Small class size and student: faculty ratio.
- ◇ NP faculty who currently practice while mentorship available year round.
- ◇ Excellent nurse practitioner certification pass rates.
- ◇ Excellent time to graduation record.

DNP Tracks:

- ◇ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (AG-PCNP)
- ◇ Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (AG-ACNP)
- ◇ Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

DNP Program Pathways:

- ◇ GEP to DNP (127 credits Family 130 credits)
- ◇ BS to DNP (75 credits Family 78 credits)
- ◇ MS to DNP (39 credits)

DNP Curriculum Total Academic Credits 75 adult NP tracks/78 family NP track (minimum)					
Fall Semester Year One		Spring Semester Year One		Summer Session Year One	
N603A Societal Forces	3cr	N603B2 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (continues from Fall)	0.5cr	N715 Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry	3cr
N603B1 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (goes Fall through Spring)	0.5cr	N615 Advanced Health Assessment	3cr	N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics	3cr
N613 Advanced Pathophysiology	3cr	N614 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3cr	N659 Adv. Nursing Science I : Maternal & Child Health (FNP track only)	3cr
N604 Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice	3cr	N704 Epidemiology	3cr	NXXX Elective (may be taken another semester)	3cr
N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals	3cr	N723 Quality & Safety in Health Care Organizations	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	9cr	N731A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum II	9cr	N731C Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III	1cr
or		or		or	
N740A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory I & Clinical Practicum I	9cr	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	1cr
or		or		or	
N760A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum I	9cr	N761A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory III & Clinical Practicum II	9cr	N761C Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III	1cr
N730C1 } Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Seminar	0.5cr	N730C2 } Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Seminar	0.5 cr	N709C DNP Scholarly Project Proposal	1cr
N740C1 }		N740C2 }		N708 Organizational Systems & Health Care Financing	3cr
N760C1 }		N760C2 }			
N709A DNP Scholarly Project Proposal	1cr	N709B DNP Scholarly Project Proposal	1cr		
		N710 Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods	3cr		
Fall Semester Year Three		Spring Semester Year Three		Pre-Graduate Option students :	
N707 Biomedical Informatics	3cr	N777B DNP Practicum	1cr	Required to take two additional courses upon matriculation: (4 extra credits)	
N776 Leadership for Advanced Practice	3cr	N773 DNP Scholarly Project : Evaluation	2cr		
N777A DNP Practicum	1cr			N519A Leadership & Management	3 cr
N772 DNP Scholarly Project : Implementation	2cr			N603C Population Health Clerkship	1cr

Admission Requirements

Admission to the DNP in Nursing program is based on an overall appraisal of the applicant's ability to undertake doctoral study and of their potential contributions to advanced nursing practice. An admission interview is required. Applications to the DNP program will be considered complete when all of the following have been received:

- ◇ Completed on-line application via Nursing CAS
- ◇ Completed Goal Statement
- ◇ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- ◇ Three letters of recommendation, one academic, one professional and one letter that addresses leadership potential submitted to Nursing CAS
- ◇ Evidence of an unrestricted license Massachusetts licensure as an RN
- ◇ Resume submitted to Nursing CAS and Completed Checklist from website
- ◇ Application fee made payable to the Graduate School of Nursing
- ◇ A notarized proof of residency (all applicants, both Massachusetts Residents and non-residents, must submit)
- ◇ Official GRE Scores with acceptable verbal, quantitative and writing scores (required for all students; official results must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS))
- ◇ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required from international students who have not earned a degree in a country where English is the primary language.