

Graduate School of Nursing

DNP Program—Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) 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 Graduate entry Pathway is designed as an alternate pathway into the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program for applicants who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. Students who are not registered nurses, and who seek a doctoral degree in nursing, to become a Nurse Practitioner in a leadership role.

The curriculum is designed to educate students to improve and transform health care as advanced practice nurses through systems leadership, research translation, and advanced clinical knowledge. Graduates are prepared to assume APN leadership roles in hospitals and community-based settings, health care organizations, and schools of nursing as clinical faculty.

The GEP 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 currently practice while mentorship available year round
- ◇ Excellent NCLEX and NP certification pass rates
- ◇ Excellent time to graduation record

DNP Nurse Practitioner Population Foci 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)

GEP to DNP Curriculum Total Academic Credits 127 adult NP tracks/ 130 family NP track (minimum)

Fall Semester Year One		Spring Semester Year One		Summer Session Year One	
N508 Pharmacology For Nursing I	2cr	N509 Pharmacology for Nursing II	1 cr	N519A Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Leadership and Management	3cr
N510 Concepts in Professional Nursing	2cr	N512 Biomedical Sciences II	2 cr	N519B Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Internship	7cr
N511 Biomedical Sciences I	3cr	N514 Health Assessment and Skills II	1 cr		
N513 Health Assessment and Skills I	3cr	N517A Nursing II: Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions	5cr		
N516A Nursing I: Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions	5cr	N517B Nursing II: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions	3cr		
N516B Nursing I: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions	5cr	N518A Nursing III: Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family	5cr		
		N518B Nursing III: Clinical Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family	3cr		
Fall Semester Year Two		Spring Semester Year Two		Summer Session Year Two	
N521 Transition to Practice	0.5cr	N522 Transition to Practice	0.5cr	N715 Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry	3cr
N603A Societal Forces	3cr	N603B2 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (continues from Fall)	0.5cr	N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics	3cr
N603B1 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (goes Fall through Spring)	0.5cr	N615 Advanced Health Assessment	3cr	N659 Adv. Nursing Science I : Maternal & Child Health (FNP track only)	3cr
N603C Population Health Clerkship	1cr	N614 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3cr	NXXX Elective (may be taken another semester)	3cr
N613 Advanced Pathophysiology	3cr	N704 Epidemiology	3cr		
N604 Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice	3cr	N723 Quality & Safety in Health Care Organizations	3cr		
N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals	3cr				
Fall Semester Year Three		Spring Semester Year Three		Summer Session Year Three	
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 Four		Spring Semester Year Four			
N707 Biomedical Informatics	3cr	N777B DNP Practicum	1cr		
N776 Leadership for Advanced Practice	3cr	N773 DNP Scholarly Project : Evaluation	2cr		
N777A DNP Practicum	1cr				
N772 DNP Scholarly Project : Implementation	2cr				

Admission to the GEP to 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 (see Admission Requirements on www.umassmed.edu/admissions)