

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 N510 Concepts in Professional Nursing N511 Biomedical Sciences I N513 Health Assessment and Skills I N516A Nursing I: Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions N516B Nursing I: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions	2cr 2cr 3cr 3cr 5cr 5cr	N509 Pharmacology for Nursing II N512 Biomedical Sciences II N514 Health Assessment and Skills II N517A Nursing II: Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions N517B Nursing II: Clinical Care of Persons with Acute and Chronic Conditions N518A Nursing III: Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family N518B Nursing III: Clinical Care of the Childbearing and Child Rearing Family	1 cr 2 cr 1 cr 5cr 3cr 5cr 3cr	N519A Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Leadership and Management N519B Nursing IV: Clinical Capstone: Internship	3cr 7cr
Fall Semester Year Two	Spring Semester Year Two	Summer Session Year Two			
N521 Transition to Practice N603A Societal Forces N603B1 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (goes Fall through Spring) N603C Population Health Clerkship N613 Advanced Pathophysiology N604 Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice N706 Health Policy for Health Care Professionals	0.5cr 3cr 0.5cr 1cr 3cr 3cr 3cr	N522 Transition to Practice N603B2 IP Community Service Learning Practicum (continues from Fall) N615 Advanced Health Assessment N614 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics N704 Epidemiology N723 Quality & Safety in Health Care Organizations	0.5cr 0.5cr 3cr 3cr 3cr 3cr	N715 Analytical Foundations of Practice Inquiry N719 Genetics, Genomics, Pharmacogenomics N659 Adv. Nursing Science I : Maternal & Child Health (FNP track only) NXXX Elective (may be taken another semester)	3cr 3cr 3cr 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 or N740A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory I & Clinical Practicum I or N760A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum I N730C1 } Health Promotion & Disease Prevention N740C1 } Seminar N760C1 } N709A DNP Scholarly Project Proposal	9cr 9cr 9cr 0.5cr 1cr	N731A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum II or N741A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II & Clinical Practicum II or N761A/B Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Theory III & Clinical Practicum II N730C2 } Health Promotion & Disease Prevention N740C2 } Seminar N760C2 } N709B DNP Scholarly Project Proposal N710 Clinical Scholarship & Analytical Methods	9cr 9cr 9cr 0.5 cr 1cr 3cr	N731C Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III or N741C Adv. Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III or N761C Adv. Nursing Science: Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum III N709C DNP Scholarly Project Proposal N708 Organizational Systems & Health Care Financing	1cr 1cr 1cr 1cr 1cr 3cr
Fall Semester Year Four	Spring Semester Year Four				
N707 Biomedical Informatics N776 Leadership for Advanced Practice N777A DNP Practicum N772 DNP Scholarly Project : Implementation	3cr 3cr 1cr 2cr	N777B DNP Practicum N773 DNP Scholarly Project : Evaluation	1cr 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)