

HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP, D.N.P.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the College of Saint Scholastica prepares future nursing leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead health care change and advance population health at the highest levels of nursing practice. The Department of Graduate Nursing offers two DNP degree options: Baccalaureate to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSDNP) and a Post-Graduate DNP.

The BS to DNP program educates professional nurses for advanced roles in healthcare leadership including an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) concentration: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Doctoral-level courses are integrated throughout the advanced practice nursing curriculum and prepare the future DNP to expand their knowledge and practice options. The BS to DNP is completed in 3- 4 years and offered in a hybrid format consisting of online courses supplemented with minimal on-campus meetings.

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Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice and/or post-graduate APRN certificate, the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge and apply evidence-based research from nursing and related disciplines as a basis for advanced nursing practice across the lifespan.
2. Implement roles of advanced nursing practice responsive to changing social, economic, political, technological, and environmental conditions.
3. Apply skills in leadership on interprofessional teams to collaboratively improve patient and population health outcomes, particularly among rural and underserved.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Healthcare Leadership, D.N.P.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 31

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
DNP Core Courses		
Core courses in the Healthcare Leadership BS-DNP program are combined with one of three concentrations selected by the student.		
HIF 6010	Foundations Health Informatics	3
NSG 8110	Introduction to the DNP	3
NSG 8201	Clinical Project I	3
NSG 8206	Clinical Project II	3
NSG 8207	Clinical Project III	3
NSG 8213	Evidence Based Practice & Health Outcomes	3
NSG 8323	Quality Improvement	3

NSG 8620	Health Policy, Ethics & Law	3
NSG 8660	Leadership in Health Care: Organizational Innovations	3
NSG 8673	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
NSG 8674	Biostatistics for the DNP	1
Select one concentration from the following:		
Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner		
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)		
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner		
Total Credits		31

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences. The BS to DNP degree option includes DNP core course work the first two years of the program with AGACNP clinical coursework occurring the third and fourth years of the program. The post-graduate APRN certificate option can be completed in three consecutive semesters.

Credits: 78

Clinical Hours: 1020

DNP Hours: 500

Code	Title	Credits
DNP Core Courses		
31		
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8661	Health Care Management I: Adult	3
NSG 8663	Advanced Practicum I	4
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8706	Introduction to Acute Care Practice, Therapeutics and Diagnostics	2
NSG 8710	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management I	2
NSG 8712	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management II	3
NSG 8714	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management III	3
NSG 8715	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum I	4
NSG 8717	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum II	5
NSG 8719	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum III	5
NSG 8777	Topics (Advanced Practice Nursing Roles: Interdisciplinary Practice Seminar)	2
Total Credits		78

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration

The Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences. The BS to DNP degree option includes DNP core course work the first two years of the program with FNP clinical coursework occurring the third and fourth years of the program.

Credits: 78**Clinical Hours: 1020****DNP Hours: 500**

Code	Title	Credits
DNP Core Courses		
31		
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8220	Health Care Management IV: Women's Reproductive Health	2
NSG 8661	Health Care Management I: Adult	3
NSG 8663	Advanced Practicum I	4
NSG 8664	Health Care Management II: Peds and Adolescents	3
NSG 8665	Advanced Practicum II	3
NSG 8666	Health Care Management III: Older Adult/Chronic	2
NSG 8667	Advanced Practicum III	4
NSG 8669	Advanced Practicum IV: Rural/Emergent Practicum	3
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8679	PMH for Primary Care	3
NSG 8777	Topics (Advanced Practicum V)	4
NSG 8777	Topics (Advanced Practice Nursing Roles: Interdisciplinary Practice Seminar)	2
Total Credits		78

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Concentration

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus lab days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences.

Credits: 75**Clinical Hours: 960****DNP Hours: 500**

Code	Title	Credits
DNP Core Courses		
31		
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8520	Assessment and Management of Psychiatric Disorders in Adults	3
NSG 8521	Psychiatric Practicum I: Adults	4
NSG 8550	Assessment and Management of Psychiatric Disorders in Children/Adolescents/Families	3
NSG 8551	Psychiatric Practicum II: Child/Adolescent/Families	4
NSG 8662	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	6

NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8678	Psychopharmacology	3
NSG 8777	Topics (Advanced Practice Nursing Roles: Interdisciplinary Practice Seminar)	2
NSG 8777	Topics (Psychiatric Practicum III: Practice Transition)	5
Total Credits		75

Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, graduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Minimum GPA: 3.0