

BSN TO DNP: NURSE MIDWIFERY TRACK

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Midwifery is a degree that focuses on the assessment and application of existing evidence to improve practice. Taught as a cohort program, students are educated in the fundamental skills necessary to make a difference in the discipline of midwifery. In addition to didactic midwifery focused courses, students take courses throughout the program focused on population-level health care, organizational systems, leadership, business management, clinical scholarship, information technology, and policy-making. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Nurse Midwifery track, is a full-time, partially frontloaded program, designed to meet the competencies for doctoral education in midwifery set forth by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and to meet the ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice.

The program prepares students as expert nurse midwives for every stage and in every setting in which midwifery care is delivered. Because nurse midwives are responsible for direct patient care, students gain hands-on experience in providing gynecologic, antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn, and breastfeeding care under the supervision of Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) faculty. Nurse midwifery students will attend births in a variety of settings with a heavy focus on normal physiological birth. They will also be prepared to recognize and co-manage high-risk obstetric and gynecologic cases within an interdisciplinary healthcare team.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Core Courses		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7610	Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice	3
DNP Core Courses		
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7613	Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	5
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
Advanced Practice Core Courses		
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7640	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
Midwifery Courses		

NSMW 7620	Antepartum Care	3
NSMW 7622	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery I	3
NSMW 7623	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery II	3
NSMW 7625	Intrapartum Care	3
NSMW 7627	Advanced Midwifery Management: At-Risk Childbirth	3
NSMW 7951	Antepartum Clinical	2
NSMW 7952	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery Clinical	3
NSMW 7953	Intrapartum Clinical	2
NSMW 7954	Advanced Midwifery Clinical	2
NSMW 7955	Integration to Nurse-Midwifery Practice	6
Total Credits		75

¹ A total of 1000 practicum/immersion hours is required for the DNP Midwifery.

Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7610	Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice	3
NURS 7640	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	4
NSMW 7620	Antepartum Care	3
NSMW 7951	Antepartum Clinical	2
Credits		16
Spring		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
NSMW 7622	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery I	3
Credits		13
Summer		
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NSMW 7623	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery II	3
NSMW 7952	Primary Care and Gynecologic, Reproductive, and Sexual Health for Nurse Midwifery Clinical	3
Credits		9

Second Year**Fall**

NURS 7613	Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NSMW 7625	Intrapartum Care	3
NSMW 7953	Intrapartum Clinical	2
Credits		11

Spring

NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	1
NSMW 7627	Advanced Midwifery Management: At-Risk Childbirth	3
NSMW 7954	Advanced Midwifery Clinical	2
Credits		9

Summer

NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
Credits		3

Third Year**Fall**

NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	2
NSMW 7955	Integration to Nurse-Midwifery Practice	6
Credits		8

Spring

NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	2
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
Credits		6

Total Credits **75**

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