

MSN TO DNP: ADVANCED PRACTICE

The Advanced Practice DNP is a practice-focused doctorate for those with certification in an advanced specialty of nursing practice; it is comparable to clinical doctorates in other health disciplines such as pharmacy, physical therapy, and medicine. The Advanced Practice MSN-DNP program will give you the skills you need to excel in today's complex, challenging and ever-changing healthcare environment.

PMHNP Concentration

In response to the overwhelming demand for mental health care today and frequent requests from non-psychiatric Nurse Practitioners for education in psychiatric-mental health care to better meet the needs of their clients, the Egan School offers an expanded MSN-DNP program that includes the didactic and clinical courses required to sit for ANCC certification as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Individuals who currently hold certification as a non-psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (e.g. FNP, ANP, PNP, etc.) and are interested in achieving additional certification as a PMHNP may apply to the Advanced Practice MSN-DNP program with a specialization focus in advanced practice psychiatric nursing.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Core Courses		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7609	Role Reflective Practice for MSN-DNP Students	1
DNP Core Courses		
NURS 7602	Healthcare Economics and Marketing	3
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	8
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
Total Credits		32

¹ A total of 1000 practicum/immersion hours is required for the DNP (1 credit = 50 hours). For MSN to DNP students, these hours include documented hours of supervision in an MSN program.

Code	Title	Credits
PMHNP Concentration Courses		
NURS 7650	Psychopathology	3
NURS 7651	Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents	2

NURS 7652	Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 7659	Foundational Clinical Skills for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7661	Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7663	Primary Mental Health Nursing of At-Risk Populations Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7667	Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 7954	Practicum I: PMHNP	4
NURS 7955	Practicum II: PMHNP	5
NURS 7956	Practicum III: PMHNP	6
Total Credits		33

Plan of Study

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7609	Role Reflective Practice for MSN-DNP Students	1
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
Credits		7
Spring		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
Credits		7
Summer		
NURS 7602	Healthcare Economics and Marketing	3
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	2
Credits		8
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	2
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
Credits		6
Spring		
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	4
Credits		4
Total Credits		32

Advanced Practice MSN to DNP with PMHNP Concentration (Part-Time)

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7609	Role Reflective Practice for MSN-DNP Students	1
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
NURS 7650	Psychopathology	3
NURS 7651	Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents	2
Credits		9
Spring		
NURS 7652	Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 7659	Foundational Clinical Skills for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
Credits		7
Summer		
NURS 7667	Psychopharmacology	3
NURS 7954	Practicum I: PMHNP	4
Credits		7
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7661	Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7955	Practicum II: PMHNP	5
Credits		10
Spring		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7663	Primary Mental Health Nursing of At-Risk Populations Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 7956	Practicum III: PMHNP	6
Credits		11
Summer		
NURS 7602	Healthcare Economics and Marketing	3
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	1
Credits		7
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	2
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
Credits		6
Spring		
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3

NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	2
Credits		5
Total Credits		62

¹ A total of 1000 practicum/immersion hours is required for the DNP. For MSN to DNP students, these hours include documented hours of supervision in an MSN program.