

## Nursing Practice, D.N.P.

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree program is a professional degree designed to prepare advanced practice nurses for complex practice, leadership roles in the clinical setting, and teaching roles at California's community colleges and universities. The BSN-DNP program prepares graduates for evidence-based inquiry, leadership, health policy and advocacy, and development of high-level competencies and skills in the following six nurse practitioner clinical specialty areas: Adult Gerontology Primary Care, Adult Gerontology Acute Care, Family Practice, Pediatric Primary Care, and Psychiatric-Mental Health Across the Life Span. The program also prepares the students for national certification examination in specified clinical specialty. The BSN-to-DNP Program is a 72 semester-unit, three-year (full time) program. It consists of 39 units (54.67%) of core courses, 24 units (33.33%) of clinical specialty courses and 9 units (12.5%) of doctoral project. The students will complete 1,000 clinical hours in practicum experience.

The BSN-DNP Degree is available to qualified students who desire advanced studies. The School of Nursing is approved to offer both undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 1 Dupont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington DC, 20036-1120, phone: (202) 887-6791.

### Admission requirements/Pre-requisites

1. A bachelor's degree in Nursing;
2. Current unrestricted license to practice as a registered nurse in California;
3. Admission to graduate standing in nursing at the university;
4. A college level, upper division course in statistics\*;
5. A physical assessment course which includes clinical practice (lab)\*;
6. An upper division or graduate level course in pathophysiology\*;
7. An overall GPA of 3.0 or better in the undergraduate program;
8. Three letters of reference;
9. An official copy of all transcripts;
10. Interview;
11. Writing of an on-site essay test;
12. Statement of purpose for obtaining the BSN-DNP degree.

\*These courses are usually part of the BSN programs

### Advancement to Candidacy

1. Satisfy the general University requirements for advancement to candidacy;
2. Approval of the School Graduate Director and Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Services

### Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 72 units in approved upper division, doctoral level courses;
2. An overall GPA of 3.0 or better;
3. Completion of 1000 clinical hours in the chosen clinical specialty;
4. Completion of the Doctoral Directed Project.

## Course Requirements (72 units)

### Core Courses (39 units)

- [NRSG 701 - Advanced Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 702 - Advanced Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 703 - Health Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 703L - Health Assessment for Advanced Practice Nursing Laboratory](#) (1 unit)
- [NRSG 704 - Health Care Policy and Economic](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 705 - Social Determinants of Health, Epidemiology, Population and Global Health](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 706 - Leadership and Roles for Advanced Practice](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 707 - Humanism in Health and Health Care](#) (2 units)
- [NRSG 708 - Informatics in Healthcare](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 709 - Data Management and Evaluation for Advanced Nursing Practice](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 710 - Advanced Evidence-Based Practice](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 711 - DNP Proposal Development](#) (2 units)
- [NRSG 712A - Learning and Instructional Theories Applied to Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 712B - Curriculum Development in Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 795 - National Certification Review Course](#) (1 unit)

### Clinical Specialty Courses:

#### Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty (24 units)

##### Family Nurse Practitioner Theory Courses:

- [NRSG 720 - Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Theory I](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 721 - Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Theory II](#) (3 units)

##### Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses:

- [NRSG 720L - Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum I](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 721L - Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum II](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 722L - Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Residency I](#) (2 units)

#### Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty (24 units)

##### Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory Courses:

- [NRSG 730 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Theories for Advanced Practice Nursing I](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 731 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Theories for Advanced Practice Nursing II](#) (3 units)

##### Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses:

- [NRSG 730L - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum I](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 731L - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice: Clinical Practicum II](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 732L - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Clinical Residency I](#) (2 units)

#### Psychiatric Mental Health (Across the Life Span) Nurse Practitioner Specialty (24 units)

#### Psychiatric Mental Health (Across the Life Span) Nurse Practitioner Theory Courses

- [NRSG 740 - Psychiatric-Mental Health Theory for Adults and Elderly for Advanced Practice Nursing I](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 741 - Psychiatric-Mental Health Theory for Children and Adolescents for Advanced Practice Nursing II](#) (3 units)

#### Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses

- [NRSG 740L - Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Studies for Adults and Elderly for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum I](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 741L - Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Studies for Children and Adolescents for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum II](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 742L - Psychiatric-Mental Health DNP Clinical Residency I](#) (2 units)

### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Specialty (24 units)

#### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Theory Courses

- [NRSG 750 - Pediatric Theories for Advanced Practice Nursing I](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 751 - Pediatric Theories for Advanced Practice Nursing II](#) (3 units)

#### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses

- [NRSG 750L - Pediatric Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum I](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 751L - Pediatric Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum II](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 752L - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Clinical Residency I](#) (2 units)

### Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty (24 units)

#### Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory Courses

- [NRSG 760 - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Theories for Adv Practice Nursing I](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 761 - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Theories for Adv Practice Nursing II](#) (3 units)

#### Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses:

- [NRSG 760L - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum I](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 761L - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Studies for Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum II](#) (8 units)
- [NRSG 762L - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Residency I](#) (2 units)

### Culminating Experiences Leading to Doctoral Project (9 units)

- [NRSG 792A - Integrative Scholarship I: Evidence Based Practice](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 792B - Integrative Scholarship II](#) (1 unit)
- [NRSG 792C - Integrative Scholarship III](#) (2 units)
- [NRSG 792D - Integrative Scholarship IV](#) (3 units)

### Electives: (Not required for degree)

- [NRSG 551A - Spanish Language Competency for Advanced Nursing Practice](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 556C - Microteaching in Nursing](#) (3 units)
- [NRSG 556L - Theoretical Concepts in Nursing Education: Practice Teaching](#) (4 units)

## Culmination

- Completion of the Doctoral Project

The Doctoral Project is developed as the student is enrolled in four Integrative Scholarship courses. The DNP Project deals with the investigation of practice-related problems, translational research and testing of applicability of established nursing interventions with different patient populations. Examples of doctoral projects include quality improvement, testing of protocols to improve patient care, testing of the applicability of measurement with different patient populations. The ultimate goal of all DNP doctoral projects is to improve patient care to individual, families or populations. The DNP project takes place within the context of the four Integrative Scholarship courses of NRSG 792A, B, C, and D for a total of 9 units.

- Completion of 1000 clinical hours.