



Post-Baccalaureate DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program is based at the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ. This program of study prepares nurses to assume the role of primary care provider for patients from birth until the end of life. The curriculum provides a combination of theory and practicum experiences. The School of Nursing offers students the opportunity to learn from experienced and nationally recognized faculty who are all actively engaged in teaching and clinical practice. Students receive mentoring and individualized attention from faculty throughout the program based on the student's needs.



Role and Qualifications: A FNP has a graduate degree in nursing and advanced preparation in the evaluation and management of changing health needs in infants, children, adolescents, and adults. Our FNP graduate is distinguished by doctoral preparation that supports advanced clinical practice and leadership in nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Once nationally certified, graduates can apply for certification in the State of New Jersey as advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority.

Scope of Practice: The FNP provides a holistic approach to primary care for patients across the lifespan from birth to senescence in diverse practice and health care settings. The FNP emphasizes health promotion and preventive care utilizing evidence-based practice and interprofessional collaboration with attention to vulnerable populations.

Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Program is 75 credits with 810 precepted practicum hours. The program can be completed through part-time or full-time study. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Clinical Hrs. |
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| NURS 5104 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | |
| NURS 5105 | Advanced Clinical Pharmacology | 3 | |
| ADHA 5107 | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 | |

DNP Core Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Project Hrs.** |
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| NURS 6010 | Clinical Scholarship | 2 | |
| NURS 6060 | Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6930 | Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6040 | Determinants of Health | 3 | |
| NURS 6780 | Healthcare Economics & Business Practices for Advanced Practice Nurses | 3 | |
| NURS 6880 | Leadership for the Doctor of Nursing Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6980 | Epidemiology and Population Health | 3 | |
| NURS 6033 | Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 | |



| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Project Hrs.** |
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| NURS 6020 | Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice | 3 | |
| NURS 6940 | Evidence Translation & Implementation Science | 3 | |
| NURS 6030 | DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development* | 3 | |
| NURS 6031 | DNP Project Implementation* | 2 | |
| NURS 6032 | DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination* | 2 | |

Specialty Courses:

| Course # | Course Title | Cr. Hrs. | Clinical Hrs. |
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| AGPC 6600 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 1 | 3 | |
| AGPC 6610 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 1 | 3 | 135 |
| AGPC 6620 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 2 | 3 | |
| AGPC 6630 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 2 | 3 | 135 |
| AGPC 6640 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 3 | 3 | |
| AGPC 6650 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 3 | 3 | 180 |
| AGPC 6660 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 4 | 3 | |
| AGPC 6670 | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 4 | 3 | 180 |
| FHNP 6750 | Family Centered Primary Care for Infants, Children, and Adolescents Theory | 3 | |
| FHNP 6760 | Family Centered Primary Care for Infants, Children, and Adolescents Practicum | 3 | 180 |
| | Totals | 75 | 810 |

In addition to the successful completion of the above course requirements, all DNP students must meet all the DNP project requirements set forth by the program. *A student who does not complete their DNP project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit project continuation course in subsequent semesters until the project is complete. **The minimum number of combined clinical practicum and DNP project experience hours is 1000. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).