



Curriculum effective Fall 2021

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Family Nurse Practitioner in Emergency Care Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Family Nurse Practitioner in Emergency Care (FNP-EC) program is based at Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ. This program of study prepares nurses to assume the assessment and management of emergent and urgent care to patients across the lifespan. Graduates are also prepared in 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.



Role and Qualifications: An FNP-EC has a graduate degree in nursing and advanced preparation in the evaluation and management of changing health needs in individuals across the lifespan and 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 offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Once nationally certified, graduates may apply for certification in the State of New Jersey as an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority. As a certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), graduates are eligible to take the Emergency Nurse Practitioner certification examination offered by AANP.

Scope of Practice: The FNP-EC promotes the provision of timely and comprehensive care to all patients seeking emergency services while striving to eliminate healthcare disparities among diverse populations using evidence-based practice. The FNP-EC role is grounded in the nursing, biological, social, and behavioral sciences.

Curriculum: The program is 81 credits with 945 precepted practicum hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
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.**
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	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	



Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
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.
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
FHNP 6750	Family Centered Primary Care for Infants, Children, and Adolescents Theory	3	
FEAC 6510	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Theory 1	3	
FEAC 6511	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Practicum 1	4	225
FEAC 6512	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Theory 2	3	
FEAC 6513	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Practicum 2	4	225
FEAC 6514	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Theory 3	3	
FEAC 6515	FNP in Emergency Acute Care Practicum 3	4	225
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		81	945

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).