



Curriculum effective Fall 2026

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Post-Master’s DNP Practice Focus Program

The Post-Master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP with a practice focus) is for master’s-prepared nurses who have an advanced nursing specialty or role and are seeking a doctoral degree. The program prepares nurses with the skills to lead clinical practice and guide clinical policy to attain the highest levels of excellence in practice.

The program is designed to accommodate full-time practice. Students meet for two remote, synchronous, weekend classes per semester. The remaining classes are taught asynchronously over a 15-week semester. Class times for weekend courses vary by course. Additional individual or class meetings will be determined by course faculty. The weekend schedule for the whole program is released upon orientation.

Curriculum: The Post-Master’s DNP Practice Focus Program is 32 credits and 355 DNP Project Experience hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	DNP Hrs.*
XXXX 0000	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Scholarly Inquiry, Appraisal, and Writing	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Health Data, Informatics, and Technology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Strategic Leadership and Partnerships	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Healthcare Delivery and Economics	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Evidence-Based Approaches to Advanced Nursing Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Population Health, Policy, and Advocacy	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Organizational Complexity Theory	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Preparation	2.00	30
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	2.00	70
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Implementation	2.00	100
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2.00	50

Subtotal DNP Core Credits: 32.00

Total Program Credits:	32.00
Total DNP Project Hours:	355 (minimum)
Total DNP Degree Hours:	1,000 (minimum)**

*A student who does not complete their DNP Project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit DNP Project Continuation course (XXXX 0000) until the project sequence is complete.

**A gap analysis will be completed for all post-master’s students to determine the amount of hours needed to meet the minimum requirement for a doctor of nursing practice degree, which is 1,000.