

Curriculum effective Fall 2024

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## Post-Baccalaureate DNP Nursing Leadership Program



The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nursing Leadership program is designed for those on a leadership trajectory across all settings. This program incorporates the ongoing changes in the healthcare system. The Essentials of the Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN), Quality and Safety in Education for Nurses (QSEN) and the American Organization of Nursing Leadership (AONL) competencies are embedded in this program. Students completing this program are prepared to take the leadership certification exam offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or AONL.

This program offers a blend of synchronous and asynchronous remote courses. The practicum courses are assigned and require 680 hours of mentored practicum experience by program completion. DNP Project experience hours are obtained through the development, implementation, and evaluation of the required DNP project.

**Role and Qualifications:** Students in this program come from varied roles ranging from staff nurse-to-nurse executive, and across varied settings to include practice, academia, and industry.

**Scope of Practice:** Graduates of this program are expected to lead healthcare organizations across the continuum in changing the delivery of care and the expected outcomes for our clients, community, and global health. Graduates of this program will contribute to the discipline of nursing through innovation and evidence.

**Curriculum:** The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Nursing Leadership Program is 60 credits with a minimum of 680 precepted practicum hours. This is when the student develops, implements, evaluates, and disseminates their DNP Project. Applications are accepted in both Fall and Spring semesters on a rolling basis. The following are the required courses for this program:

### 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 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics and Business Practices		
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation and Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning & 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.
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	35
CLDR 6410	Leadership Across the Continuum Practicum	3	135
CLDR 6420	Organizational Complexity Theory	3	35
CLDR 6430	Organizational Complexity Practicum	3	135
CLDR 6440	Quality & Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	35
CLDR 6450	Quality & Safety in Healthcare Practicum	3	135
CLDR 6460	Creating & Sustaining Quality Organizations Theory	3	35
CLDR 6470	Creating & Sustaining Quality Organizations Practicum	3	135
CLDR 6510	Managing Human Capital	3	
XXXX ****	Elective	3	
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		<b>60</b>	<b>680</b>

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 1,000. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1,000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).