



This Program Guide is intended as a recommended course schedule to help students guide program progression. Students should meet regularly with the faculty advisor to discuss specific course selections, remaining requirements, and degree options.

**DNP – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty  
Full Time Guide**

**RISE I**

**Begin program by attending Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) and NURS 695B DNP Forum** (*Begins at RISE in August and continues through Fall*)

**Fall Term 1**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice	3	<sup>1</sup> This course will begin during RISE in Summer Term 1 and continue through this Fall Term.	<b>Responsible Conduct of Research Statement:</b> Complete this form via GradPath.  <b>Transfer Coursework Request:</b> Complete Transfer Coursework Form available in Doctoral Commons. Approved courses should be submitted via GradPath.  <b>Clinical Placement Application:</b> Submit this form via Doctoral Commons
NURS 650 Theories of Leadership & Organizational Management	3		
NURS 695B DNP Forum <sup>1</sup>	1		
NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for DNPs	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>10</b>		

**Spring Term 1**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology	3		<b>Plan of Study:</b> Students must complete and file the Doctoral Plan of Study with the Graduate College via GradPath by end of this term.  <b>Identify Academic Advisor:</b> Complete the Change of Advisor Form available in Doctoral Commons by the end of this term.
NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics	3		
NURS 644 Molecular & Clinical Genetics/Genomics	2		
NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>10</b>		

**Summer Term 2**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice	3		
NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>6</b>		

**RISE II**

**Register to attend the Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) in August if registered for NURS 609a Health Assessment in Fall Term 2**

**Fall Term 2**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	<sup>2</sup> This course will begin during RISE in Summer Term 2 and continue through the Fall Term. There is a mandatory end-of-term assessment in Tucson associated with this course.	<b>DNP Project:</b> Identify Chair of the DNP Project Committee by term's end.  Submit Independent Study request for 1-unit of NURS 922 for Spring DNP Project unit with Chair.
NURS 609a Health Assessment <sup>2</sup>	3		
NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety & Quality Improvement	3		
NURS 628 Introduction to Behavioral Health Therapy Across the Lifespan	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>12</b>		

**Spring Term 2: Clinical Management**

**CSI:** Register to attend the Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) in March of Spring Term 2 if registered for NURS 620a & 629a in Spring Term 2

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 573 Psychopharmacology	1	<sup>3</sup> (2 units didactic, 2 units practicum = <u>180 total</u> clinical hours this term)	<b>Doctoral Committee Appointment Form:</b> File this form via GradPath by no later than the end of the Spring-2 semester.
NURS 542 Pediatric pharmacology	1		
NURS 629a Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I <sup>3,4</sup> (PMHNP)	4	<sup>4</sup> (of the 720 required clinical hours, at least 100 clinical hours must be in direct care of children/adolescents)	
NURS 629c Advanced PMHNP III: Focus on children and adolescents (didactic course)	2		
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>5</sup>	3		

<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>11</b>	<sup>5</sup> 2 units as part of the DNP project development course, 1 unit with the student's DNP Project Committee Chair	
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>180</b>		
Summer Term 3: Clinical Management			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629b – Advanced PMHNP II <sup>6</sup>	4	<sup>6</sup> (2 units didactic, 2 units practicum = <u>180 total</u> clinical hours this term)	<b>DNP Project Proposal Presentation:</b> Complete and submit to DNP Project Committee after 3-unit DNP Project Course is completed in Spring Term 2
NURS 573a Advanced Geriatric Pharmacology	1		
NURS 695c Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams	1		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>180</b>		
Fall Term 3: Clinical Management			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 681 Issues in Gerontological Health	2	<sup>7</sup> (1 unit didactic, 4 units practicum)	<b>Portfolio:</b> Portfolio must be finalized for review by the end of the term.  <b>DNP Project:</b> Complete and submit the DNP Project for graduation
NURS 693a Clinical Residency <sup>7</sup> (PMHNP)	5		
NURS 753 Population Health for DNP's	2	<sup>8</sup> NURS 922 DNP Project: 6 total units are required; with 3 units taken during Spring Term 2 that leaves 3 units remaining. These can be spread over multiple terms	
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>8</sup>	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>360</b>		
Spring Term 3 (If Needed)			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 922 DNP Project	1-2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>1-2</b>		
<b>DEGREE UNIT TOTAL: <u>67</u></b>			
<b>TOTAL CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS: <u>720</u></b>			

## Program Notes

The following are important notes about the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program for all students:

- **Nurse Faculty Loan Recipients:** NFLP recipients should take NURS 602 (Academic Faculty Role: Theory and Application) as a 3 credit elective course. NFLP recipients are also required to take NURS 694 (Teaching Practicum) for 1-6 units. Students will work with the faculty advisor to determine how many units are appropriate relative to the student's prior experience.
- **RHPP Scholars:** 3 rural focused courses are required for RHPP Scholars. A minimum of 1 rural course must be selected from 773, 774, and/or 638.
- **Course Availability:** Courses are typically taught once per year and must be taken in the order listed.
- **Summer Courses:** Courses offered during the summer term may be offered between variable dates. Students are encouraged to review all courses in the University's official schedule for accurate start and end dates. Students may also review the University's official calendar for additional information.
- **Program Milestones:** A complete checklist of all program milestones, including instructions, is available to current students and faculty via Doctoral Commons (University of Arizona D2L).
- **Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE):** BSN to DNP students are required to attend the RISE experience at least twice during the program. Students choosing a part-time plan of study should work with the faculty advisor to determine when the student should attend RISE.
- **Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI):** Students are required to attend the CSI experience once during Spring Term 2 when Clinical Management courses begin.
- Students who have previously completed graduate level coursework may be eligible to transfer up to 9 units into the program in consultation with faculty advisor after admission to the program.

## Additional Student Resources

The following are additional resources to students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Handbook
- Clinical Guidelines Handbook
- Doctoral Commons (University of Arizona D2L)

- University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies