

Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-DNP)

Academic Program Guide
2021 – 2022 Catalog Year

The Program Guide is the course sequence and schedule. Any changes must be discussed with your academic advisor and approved.



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BSN – DNP – Nurse Anesthesia Specialty

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
SUMMER TERM 1 (9 units)			
CMM 501 Human Gross Anatomy	4		
NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3		
NURS 670 Bioscience for Nurse Anesthesia Practice	2		
Total Term Units	9		
Attend the Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) in May or June			
FALL TERM 1 (12 units)			
NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice	3	¹ This course will begin during RISE and continue through this Fall Term.	Complete Responsible Conduct of Research Statement & Plan of Study: Submit forms via GradPath. Transfer Coursework Request: Complete Transfer Coursework Form 16 hours of simulation lab required
NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry	2		
NURS 671a Foundations of Nurse Anesthesia	2		
NURS 695b DNP Forum ¹	2		
NURS 704 DNP Philosophy	3		
Total Term Units	12		
SPRING TERM 1 (12 units)			
NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology ²	3	² Offered in Fall and Spring Semesters	16 hours of simulation lab required
NURS 575 Nurse Anesthesia Pharmacology	3		
NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics	3		
NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice Methods	3		
Total Term Units	12		
Attend the Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) in May or June			
SUMMER TERM 2 (5 units)			
NURS 671b Foundations of Nurse Anesthesia II	2		16 hours of simulation lab required
NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety & Quality Improvement	3		
Total Term Units	5		
FALL TERM 2 (14 units)			
NURS 609a Health Assessment ³	3	³ This course will begin during RISE and continue through the Fall Term.	DNP Project: Identify Chair of the DNP Project Committee by term's end. 16 hours of simulation lab required
NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice	3		
NURS 688 Organizational Leadership and Finance in Health Systems	3		
NURS 673 Advanced Anesthetic Principles	4		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1		
Total Term Units	14		
WINTER TERM 2 (1 unit)			
NURS 672a Clinical Practicum I ⁴	1	⁴ (1-unit practicum = 90 clinical hours [1 day per week])	
Total Term Units	1		
Attend the Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) in January of Spring Term 2			
SPRING TERM 2 (8 units)			
NURS 672b Clinical Practicum ⁵	2	⁵ (2 units practicum = 180 clinical hours [2 days per week])	Doctoral Committee Appointment Form: students must file this form and receive approval prior to the end of semester.
NURS 674a Senior Seminar Professional Role	1		
NURS 675 Co-existing Disease and Anesthetic Implications	3		

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NURS 922 DNP Project ⁶	2		
Total Term Units	8		Clinical Skills Intensive =32 hours of sim lab
SUMMER TERM 3 (5 units)			
NURS 672c Clinical Practicum 1 ⁶	3	⁶ (3 units practicum = 270 clinical hours [3 days per week])	DNP Project Proposal Presentation: Complete and submit to DNP Project Committee after 3-unit DNP Project Course is completed in Spring Term 2.
NURS 695c Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams	1		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1		
Total Term Units	5		
FALL TERM 3 (13 units)			
NURS 672d Clinical Practicum II ⁷	6	⁷ (6 units practicum = 540 clinical hours [4 days per week])	
NURS 753 Population Health for DNPs	3		
NURS 922 DNP Project ⁸	1		
Total Term Units	10		
WINTER TERM 3 (1 unit)			
NURS 672e Clinical Practicum II ⁹	1	⁹ (1 unit practicum = 90 clinical hours [5 days per week/holiday time off])	
Total Term Units	1		
SPRING TERM 3 (8 units)			
NURS 672f Clinical Practicum III ¹⁰	6	¹⁰ (6 units practicum = 540 clinical hours [4 days per week])	DNP Project: Complete and submit the DNP Project for graduation.
NURS 674b Senior Seminar: Clinical topic synthesis	1		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1		
Total Term Units	8		
DEGREE UNIT TOTAL: 85			

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.
- **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 DNP Program Forms & Resources.
- **Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE):** BSN to DNP students are required to attend the RISE experience at least three times 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.

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
- University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies