

PhD & DNP w/ FNP Specialty

Dual Degree Option (MSN Pathway)

2024-2025 Program of Study

The Program of Study is the required curriculum for the dual degree option. The curriculum is sequenced to support students' academic trajectory. The program of study lists courses required for every semester. DNP courses are only available once a year. Therefore, it is imperative to follow the Program of Study each semester when registering for classes. Students should meet with their faculty advisors minimally once a semester to review their program of study. The student's responsibility is to follow their Program of Study and notify their faculty advisors to request changes to their Program of Study. Changes to the Program of Study will impact the projected graduation date and require approval by the faculty advisors.

Year – 1

Fall Semester (13 Units)

- PhD Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE I)
- DNP Required Immersive Summer Experience (RISE)
- NURS 630 Statistics for the Health Sciences (3 units)
- NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Practice (3 units)
- NURS 695A The Science and Practice of Nursing (1 unit)
- NURS 705 Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice (3 units)
- NURS 731 Qualitative Methods in Clinical Nursing Research (3 units)

Spring Semester (12-15 Units)

- NURS 631 Advanced Statistics for the Health Science (3 units)
- NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics (3 units)
- NURS 656 Nurse Educator Roles (3 units) [NFLP students only](#)
- NURS 706 Theory Development and Evaluation (3 units)
- NURS 730 Quantitative Methods in Clinical Nursing Research (3 units)

Summer Semester (7-10 Units)

- NURS 694 Teaching Practicum (3 units) [NFLP students only-the units may be spread out over semesters](#)
- NURS 695C Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams (1 units)
- NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety and Quality improvement (3 units)
- NURS 773 Rural Health Systems (3 units) [available only on odd yrs.](#)
- NURS 774 Rural Community Health (3 units) [available only on even yrs.](#)

Year – 2

Fall Semester (11-14 Units)

- PhD Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE-II)
- NURS 694 Teaching Practicum (3 units) [NFLP students only-the units may be spread out over semesters](#)
- NURS 695B DNP Forum: The Scholarship and Practice of Nursing (2 units)
- NURS 707 Introduction to Proposal Writing for Research (3 units)
- NURS 734 Advanced Research Methods: Mixed Methods Research for Health Sciences (3 units)
- NURS 753 Population Health (3 units)

Spring Semester (15 Units)

- NURS 501 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology (3 units)
- NURS 701 Foundations in Scholarly Literature Reviews (3 units)
- NURS 751 Evidence Based Practice (3 units)
- NURS 787 Diverse Populations: Theories and Methods for Examining Health Disparities (3 units)
- NURS 791A Research Preceptorship (3 units)

Summer Semester (12 Units)

- NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapies for Nursing (3 units)
- NURS 613a Palliative Care I (odd yrs. only) (3 units)
- NURS 613b Palliative Care II (even yrs. only) (3 units)
- NURS 773 Rural Health Systems (3 units) [available only on odd yrs.](#)
- NURS 774 Rural Community Health (3 units) [available only on even yrs.](#)

Year-3

Fall Semester (10 Units)

- PhD Resident Intensive Summer Experience - RISE-III
- NURS 609a Advanced Health and Physical Assessment (3 units)
- NURS 609c Pediatric Health Assessment (1 unit)
- NURS 920 Dissertation (6 units)

Spring Semester (11 Units)

- Clinical Immersion-1 – [on campus](#)
- NURS 542 Pediatric Pharmacotherapeutics (1 unit)
- NURS 612 Pediatrics in Advanced Practice (2 units)
- NURS 620A Introduction to Primary Care (5 Units) [180 clinical hours](#)
- NURS 920 Dissertation (3 units)

Summer Semester (12 Units)

- Clinical Immersion-2 – [on campus](#)
- NURS 620B Advanced Primary Care (5 Units) [180 clinical hours](#)
- NURS 680 Women's Health in Advanced Practice Nursing (2 units)
- NURS 920 Dissertation (5 units)

Year-4

Fall Semester (13 Units)

- Clinical Immersion-3 – [on campus](#)
- NURS 683 Advanced Practice Nursing Issues in the Care of Older Adults (3 units)
- NURS 620C Clinical Residency (6 Units) [360 clinical hours](#)
- NURS 920 Dissertation (4 units)

Summary

Totals & Requirements

- Time to Degrees 4 years
- 116 Total Units (with NFLP, up to 124)
- 720 clinical hours
- Required to attend PhD RISE-I, II, & III
- Required to attend DNP Clinical Immersions 1, 2 & 3 on campus

Advisors: Students must have a DNP and PhD faculty advisor

Additional Student Resources:

[DNP Program Handbook](#), [DNP Program Clinical Handbook](#), [University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies](#)