



The DNP Program of Study is the required curriculum for the specialty. The DNP program curriculum is sequenced to support students' academic trajectories. 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 DNP Program of Study each semester when registering for classes. Students should meet with their faculty advisor minimally once a semester to review their program of study. The student's responsibility is to follow their DNP Program of Study and notify their faculty advisor to request changes to their DNP Program of Study. Changes to the DNP Program of Study will impact the projected graduation date and require approval by the faculty advisor.

Year – 1**Summer Semester - 2025**

- CMM 501 Human Gross Anatomy (4 units)
- NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing (3 units)
- NURS 670 Bioscience for Nurse Anesthesiology Practice (2 units)

Fall Semester - 2025**16 Hours on campus simulation labs**

- NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice (3 units)
- NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry (2 units)
- NURS 671A Foundations of Nurse Anesthesiology (2 units)
- NURS 695B DNP Forum (2 units)
- NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for the DNP (3 units)

Spring Semester 2026**16 hours on campus simulation labs**

- NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology (3 units)
- NURS 575 Nurse Anesthesiology Pharmacology (3 units)
- NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics (3 units)
- NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)
- NURS 671B Foundations of Nurse Anesthesiology II (2 Units)

Year – 2**Summer Semester - 2026****Required Immersive Summer Experience (RISE) and Virtual OSCEs – 56 hours simulation labs**

- NURS 673 Advanced Anesthetic Principles (4 units)
- NURS 752 Eval Methodologies for Safety & Quality Improvement (3 units)

Fall Semester - 2026**Clinical Preparedness Intensive (CPI) – 24 hours simulation labs**

- NURS 609A Health Assessment (3 units)
- NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice (3 units)
- NURS 688 Organizational Leadership and Finance in Health Systems (3 units)
- NURS 675 Co-existing Disease and Anesthetic Implications (3 units)

Spring Semester -2027**Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) on campus – 30 hours simulation labs**

- NURS 672A/B Clinical Practicum I/II Nurse Anesthesia (4 units) – **360 Clinical Hours minimum with 540 hours programmed (4 days per week)**
- NURS 674A Senior Seminar Professional Issues of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (1 unit)

- NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)

Year-3

Summer Semester - 2027

- NURS 672C Clinical Practicum III Nurse Anesthesia (3 units) – **270 Clinical Hours minimum with 430 hours programmed (3 days per week)**
- NURS 695C Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams (1 unit)
- NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)

Fall Semester - 2027

- NURS 672D Clinical Practicum IV Nurse Anesthesia (6 units) – **540 Clinical Hours with 640 programmed (4 days per week)**
- NURS 753 Population Health for DNPs (3 units)
- NURS 922 DNP Project (1 unit)

Spring Semester - 2028

- NURS 672E/F Clinical Practicum V/VI Nurse Anesthesia (7 units) – **630 Clinical Hours with 750 programmed (5 days per week)**
- NURS 674B Senior Seminar II - Clinical Topics (1 unit)
- NURS 922 DNP Project (1 unit)

Summary

Totals & Requirements

- Time to Degree 3 years
- 86 Total Units
- 2,250 clinical hours - minimum per Council on Accreditation to sit for boards
- 650 anesthetic management cases - minimum per Council on Accreditation to sit for boards
- Required to attend RISE (On Campus)
- Required to attend Clinical Preparedness and Clinical Skills Intensives (on-campus)

Additional Student Resources

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