

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) & Certificate Option
2025-2026 Program of Study
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) & Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP – Full Time)



College of Nursing

The DNP Program of Study is the required curriculum for both specialties. 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

Fall Semester

- ☐ Required Immersive Summer Experience (RISE)
- ☐ NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry (2 units)
- ☐ NURS 695B DNP Forum: The Scholarship and Practice of Nursing (2 units)
- ☐ NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for the DNP (3 units)

Spring Semester

- ☐ **NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology (3 units)**
- ☐ NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)

Summer Semester

- ☐ **NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing (3 units)**
- ☐ NURS 695C Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams (1 unit)
- ☐ NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety and Quality Improvement (3 units)

Year – 2

Fall Semester

- ☐ **NURS 609A Health Assessment (3 units)**
- ☐ NURS 609C Pediatric Health Assessment (1 unit)
- ☐ NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 688 Organizational Leadership and Finance in Health Systems (3 units)

Spring Semester

- ☐ 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**

Summer Semester

- ☐ 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)

Year – 3

Fall Semester

- ☐ Clinical Immersion #3 (on-campus)

☐ **NURS 683 Advanced Practice Nursing Issues in the Care of Older Adults (3 units)**

☐ **NURS 573 Psychopharmacology (1 unit)**

☐ **NURS 620C Clinical Residency (6 units) – 360 Clinical Hours**

Spring Semester

☐ Clinical Immersion #4 (on-campus)

☐ **NURS 628 Intro to Behavioral Health Therapy Across the Lifespan (3 units)**

☐ **NURS 629a Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I (5 units) – 180 Clinical Hours**

☐ **NURS 629c Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing III: Child and Adolescent (2 units)**

☐ **NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)**

Summer Semester

☐ **NURS 629b Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing II (5 units) – 180 Clinical Hours**

☐ **NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)**

Year – 4

Fall Semester

☐ **NURS 629d Clinical Residency (6 units) – 360 Clinical Hours**

☐ **NURS 753 Population Health for DNPs (3 units)**

☐ **NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)**

Summary

Totals & Requirements

☐ Time to Degree 3.3 years

☐ FNP Specialty Total: 69 units

☐ PMHNP Certificate: 22 PMHNP specialty units + 13 shared units = 35 total units

☐ Clinical Practicum: 720 hours FNP specialty & 720 hours PMHNP specialty = 1440 total hours

☐ Required to attend RISE (Virtual)

☐ Required to attend Clinical Immersions 1, 2, & 3 (on-campus) for FNP specialty and Clinical Immersions 4, 5, & 6 for PMHNP specialty

Additional Student Resources

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