

Doctor of Nursing Practice & Certificate Option
DNP Degree = PNP & Certificate = PMHNP
2025-2026 Academic Program Guide



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This is the recommended course sequence and schedule. Any changes must be approved by your academic advisor.

DNP Degree = Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Certificate = Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)			
RISE 1			
Begin by attending Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) as a PNP Student			
Fall Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice	3		Responsible Conduct of Research Statement: Complete this form via GradPath. Transfer Coursework Request: Complete Transfer Coursework Form
NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry	2		
NURS 695b DNP Forum	2		
NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for the DNP	3		
Total Units:	10		
Spring Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology	3		
NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics	3		
NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice	3		
Total Units:	9		
Summer Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing	3		
NURS 695c Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams	1		
NURS 752 Evaluation Methods for Safety & Quality Improvement	3		
Total Units:	7		
RISE 2			
Attend RISE-2 as a PNP Specialty Student			
Fall Year 2			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 609a Health Assessment	3		Must attend RISE-2 but will not begin DNP Project and NURS-922 courses until Fall Year-3
NURS 609c Pediatric Health Assessment	1		
NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice	3		
NURS 688 Organizational Leadership and Finance in Health Systems	3		
Total Units:	10		
Spring Year 2: PNP Clinical Management			
Attend Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) Spring Year 2 as a PNP Specialty Student			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 542 Pediatric Pharmacotherapeutics	1	¹ Didactic = 3 units and Practicum = 2 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 180 hours	
NURS 642a Primary Care of the Well Child and Adolescent ¹	5		
Total Units:	6		
Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	180		

Summer Year 2: PNP Clinical Management			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 642b Diagnosis and Management of Acute and Chronic Conditions in Children and Adolescents ²	6	² Didactic = 4 units and Practicum = 2 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 180 hours	
NURS 680 Women's Health in Advanced Practice Nursing	2		
Total Units: Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	8 180		
RISE-3			
Attend RISE-3 as PMHNP Specialty Student			
Fall Year 3: PNP Clinical Management			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 573 Psychopharmacology	1	³ Didactic = 2 units and Practicum = 4 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 360 hours	Must attend RISE-3 and follow the PMHNP specialty schedule.
NURS 683 Advanced Practice Issues in the Care of Older Adults	3		
NURS 642C Clinical Residency ³	6		
Total Units: Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	10 360		
Spring Year 3: PMHNP Clinical Management			
Attend Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) Spring Year 3 as a PMHNP Specialty Student			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 628 Intro to Behavioral Health Therapy Across the Lifespan	3	⁴ Didactic = 3 unit and Practicum = 2 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 180 hours	
NURS 629a Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I ⁴	5		
NURS 629c Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing III ⁵	2		
NURS 922 DNP Project	2		
Total Units: Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	12 180	⁵ Focus on children and adolescents	
Summer Year 3: PMHNP Clinical Management			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629b – Advanced Psychiatric Mental HealthNursing II ⁶	5	⁶ Didactic = 3 units and Practicum = 2 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 180 hours	
NURS 922 DNP Project	2		
Total Units: Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	7 180		
Fall Term 4 Clinical Management: PMHNP			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629D Clinical Residency ⁷	6	⁷ Didactic = 2 units and Practicum = 4 units (1 practicum unit = 90 clinical hours) Total clinical hours = 360 hours	DNP Project & Portfolio must be completed before graduation
NURS 753 Population Health for DNPs	3		
NURS 922 DNP Project	2		
Total Units: Total Clinical Practicum Hours:	11 360		
DNP Degree PNP Specialty Total Units: 65 Total Clinical Practicum Hours: 720		Certificate PMHNP PMHNP Units: 25 + Shared DNP Degree Units: 10 = 35 Total Units Total Clinical Practicum Hours: 720	

Programs of Study:

- Students enrolled in the DNP Degree & Certificate Option are required to submit two programs of study in Gradpath one for the DNP Degree and one for the certificate.
 - DNP Program of Study submitted to Gradpath will include all the courses listed above expect it will NOT include the 25 PMHNP units.
 - Certificate Program of Study submitted to Gradpath will only include the 25 PMHNP units & the 10 shared DNP degree units