

**Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing**  
**DNP to PhD Pathway 64 units**

**Program Guide & Plan of Study**



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**College of Nursing**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Updated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the blanks with your current plan of study. Update this form at minimum, prior to Fall semester. **Add approved graduate-level transfer units** in the appropriate section. Upload the updated form to your **PhD Portfolio** and use for any advisory meetings.

**CORE/REQUIRED COURSES**

Number	Units	Title	Pre-requisites	Term (Year) Offered/ Fill in Year Taken	Grade
NURS 630 <sup>1</sup>	3	Statistics for the Health Sciences	None	Fall (Year 1) /	
NURS 631	3	Advanced Statistics for the Health Sciences	NURS 630 or Instructor approval	Spring (Year 1) /	
NURS 695A	1	The Science and Practice of Nursing	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 705*	3	Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 706	3	Theory Development and Evaluation	NURS 705	Spring (Year 1)/	
NURS 707	3	Introduction to Proposal Writing for Research	NURS 730, NURS 731	Fall (Year 2)/	
NURS 730	3	Quantitative Methods in Clinical Nursing Research	NURS 631 (can take concurrently), or instructor approval	Spring (Year 1)/	
NURS 731	3	Qualitative Research for Nursing Science	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 791A	3	Research Preceptorship (may be split into 2 or 1 units in separate terms)	NURS 730, 731 Advanced Methods (may be taken concurrently)	Spring, Summer, Fall	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>				

<sup>1</sup> (optional) does not count toward total units, \*potential transfer/substitution course

**Substantive Courses [12 units required; NURS 701 plus Approved Transfer/Substitution Courses (maximum 9 units), see list below]**

Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade
NURS 701 <sup>2</sup>	3	Foundations of Scholarly Literature Reviews	Spring Year 2/	
			/	
			/	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>			

<sup>2</sup> required course.

**Minor Area of Interest<sup>3</sup>:** ☐ Nursing ☐ Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Minor Courses [9 units required; Approved Transfer/Substitution Courses (maximum 9 units), see list below]**

Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>			

<sup>3</sup>Students may choose to minor in "nursing", or to choose an outside minor (business, psychology, etc.)

Required Advanced Methods Course (3 units required; see list below)				
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade
			/	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>			

Dissertation (18 units required)				
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>			

## ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION TO GUIDE PLAN OF STUDY

ADVANCED METHODS COURSES					
Number	Units	Title	Prerequisites	Term Offered	Year
NURS 734	3	Advanced Research Methods: Mixed Methods Research for Health Sciences	NURS 631 (or equivalent), 730, 731 or instructor approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 782	3	Creating and Testing Behavioral Interventions	NURS 631 & 730	Spring	Year 2

SUBSTANTIVE AND MINOR COURSE OPTIONS IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING					
Number	Units	Title	Prerequisites	Term Offered	Year
NURS 701	3	Foundations of Scholarly Literature Reviews	None	Spring	Year 2
NURS 721	3	Psychoneuroimmunology Foundations and Clinical Implications	NURS 350, NURS 501 or Instructor Approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 740	3	Theories in Complex Systems Science and Integrative Health	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 744	3	Topics in Integrative Health Research	None	Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 727	3	Theories and Models of Illness Management and Health Promotion	NURS 706 or Instructor Approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 787	3	Diverse Populations: Theories and Methods for Examining Health Disparities	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 656	3	Nurse Educator Role <sup>4</sup>	None	Spring/	Years 1, 2
NURS 694	1-6	Teaching Practicum <sup>4</sup>	NURS 656	Spring, Summer, Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 657	3	Outcome-focused Program Design <sup>5</sup>	None	Fall/	Years 1, 2
NURS 658	3	Evaluation Strategies in Nursing Education <sup>5</sup>	None	Spring/	Years 1, 2
NURS 642	3	Health Policy and Economics <sup>6</sup>	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 646	3	Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Research <sup>6</sup>	None	Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 668	3	Influential Leadership in Health Systems <sup>6</sup>	Instructor Approval	Summer	Year 2
NURS 736	3	Technology for Expanding Healthcare Capacity <sup>7</sup>	NURS 705	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 753	3	Population Health <sup>6</sup>	None	Fall	Year 2
NURS 773	3	Rural Health Systems <sup>7</sup>	None	Summer – odd years only	Years 1, 2
NURS 774	3	Rural Community Health <sup>7</sup>	None	Summer – even years only	Years 1, 2

<sup>4</sup>Required for NFLP students: NURS 656 AND NURS 694 (1-6 units, # of units needed is determined by past teaching experience by the NFLP teaching coordinator); <sup>5</sup>option for NFLP/Nursing Education Minor; <sup>6</sup>DNP curriculum; <sup>7</sup>Rural telehealth certificate

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