

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

2026-2027 Program of Study

Spring Admission

Executive Health Systems Leadership (EHSL) – Full-Time - Approved



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Nursing

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. Most 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 plan 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 may impact the projected graduation date and require approval by the Specialty Coordinator.

Year – 1

Spring Semester

- ☐ Resident Immersive Spring Experience (RISE)
- ☐ NURS 604 Statistics in Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 605 Scholarly Inquiry Methods (2 units)
- ☐ NURS 609 Health Policy & Healthcare Economics: U.S. to Global (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 702 Introduction to the DNP Role & Scholarly Writing (2 units)

Summer Semester

- ☐ NURS 613 Healthcare Informatics (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 708 Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP (3 units)

Fall Semester

- ☐ NURS 651 Effective Design in Complex Adaptive Systems (3 Units)
- ☐ NURS 694a EHSL Practicum I (2 units) – **180 Hours**
- ☐ NURS 703 Theoretical & Philosophical Underpinnings for the DNP (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 709 Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement (3 units)

Year – 2

Spring Semester

- ☐ NURS 619 Social Determinants & Population Health (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 671 Finance for Organizational Growth and Sustainability (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 694b EHSL Practicum II (2 units) – **180 Hours**
- ☐ NURS 921 Introduction to the DNP Project (2 units)

Summer Semester

- ☐ NURS 672 Leading to Implement and Sustain Organizational Change (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 694c EHSL Practicum III (1 units) – **90 Hours**
- ☐ NURS 922 DNP Project (1 unit)

Fall Semester

- ☐ NURS 681 Role of Executive Nurse Leader in Organizational Decision Making (3 units)
- ☐ NURS 694d EHSL Practicum IV (2 units) – **180 Hours**
- ☐ NURS 922 DNP Project (1 unit)

Year-3

Spring Semester

- ☐ NURS 922 DNP Project (2 unit)

Summary

Totals & Requirements

- ☐ Time to Degree 2.5 years
- ☐ 50 Total Units
- ☐ 630 practicum hours
- ☐ Required to attend RISE

Additional Student Resources

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