



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

2026-2027 Program of Study –

Spring Admission

Nursing Education Leadership – Full Time – Final

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

- Required Immersive Summer Experience (RISE)
- NURS 604 Statistics in Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)
- NURS 605 Scholarly Inquiry Methods (2 units)
- NURS 702 Introduction to the DNP Role & Scholarly Writing (2 units)

Summer Semester

- NURS 690 Clinical Foundations in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 units)
- NURS 690a Clinical Foundations in Advanced Nursing Practicum (1 unit) **90 Hours**
- NURS 708 Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP (3 units)

Year – 2

Fall Semester

- NURS 651 Effective Design in Complex Adaptive Systems (3 units)
- NURS 656a Nurse Educator Role (3 units)
- NURS 709 Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement (3 units)

Spring Semester

- NURS 606 Healthcare Leadership and Finance (3 units)
- NURS 657a Outcome-Focused Program Design (3 units)
- NURS 694e Teaching Practicum I (3 units) **270 Hours**
- NURS 921 Introduction to DNP Project (2 unit)

Summer Semester

- NURS 613 Healthcare Informatics (3 units)
- NURS 658a Evaluation Strategies in Nursing Education (3 units)
- NURS 694f Leadership Practicum I (1 unit) **90 Hours**
- NURS 694g Teaching Practicum II (1 unit) **90 Hours**
- NURS 922 DNP Project (1 unit)

Year-3

Fall Semester

- NURS 703 Theoretical & Philosophical Underpinnings for the DNP (3 units)
- NURS 694h Teaching Practicum III (2 units) – **180 Hours**
- NURS 922 DNP Project (1 units)

Spring Semester

- NURS 609 Health Policy & Healthcare Economics: U.S. to Global (3 units)
- NURS 619 Social Determinants & Population Health (3 units)
- NURS 922 DNP Project (2 units)

Summary

Totals & Requirements

- Time to Degree 2.5 years
- 57 Total Units
- 720 practicum hours
- Required to attend RISE (Virtual)

Additional Student Resources

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