Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
2026-2027 Program of Study
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Certificate - Revised

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

Fall Semester 2026

- ❑ Required Immersive Summer Experience (RISE)
- ❑ NURS 573 Psychopharmacology (1 unit)
- ❑ NURS 609A Health Assessment (3 units)

Spring Semester

- ❑ Clinical Immersion #1 (on-campus)
- ❑ NURS 600 Advanced Pathophysiology (3 units) – Replaces NURS 501
- ❑ NURS 542 Pediatric Pharmacotherapeutics (1 unit)
- ❑ NURS 628 Introduction to Behavioral Health Therapy Across the Lifespan (3 units)
- ❑ NURS 629A Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I (5 units) – **180 Clinical Hours**
- ❑ NURS 629C Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing III (2 units)

Summer Semester

- ❑ Clinical Immersion #2 (on-campus)
- ❑ NURS 601 Advanced Pharmacology (3 units) – Replaces NURS 572
- ❑ NURS 629B Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing II (5 units) – **180 Clinical Hours**

Year-2

Fall Semester 2027

- ❑ Clinical Immersion #3 (on-campus)
- ❑ NURS 683 Advanced Practice Nursing Issues in the Care of Older Adults (3 units)
- ❑ NURS 629D Clinical Residency (6 units) – **360 Clinical Hours**

Summary

Totals & Requirements

- ❑ Time to Degree 1 year and four months
- ❑ 35 Total Units & 720 clinical hours
- ❑ **Transfer Policy**: After admission, students currently licensed as APRNs who have previously completed the **three P's** can request to transfer up to 9 units into the certificate.
- ❑ Required to attend RISE (Virtual) and Clinical Immersions 1, 2, & 3 (on-campus)

Additional Student Resources

- DNP Program Handbook
- DNP Program Clinical Handbook
- University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies