

**Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Academic Program Guide – Full Time  
2018-2019 Cohort**



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**College of Nursing**

This Program Guide is intended as a recommended course schedule to help students guide program progression. Students should meet regularly with the faculty advisor to discuss specific course selections, remaining requirements, and degree options.

**DNP – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty  
Full Time Guide**

**RISE I**

**Begin program by attending Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) and NURS 695B DNP Forum (Begins at RISE in August and continues through Fall)**

**Fall Term 1**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice	3	<sup>1</sup> This course will begin during RISE in Summer Term 1 and continue through this Fall Term.	<b>Responsible Conduct of Research Statement:</b> Complete this form via GradPath.  <b>Transfer Coursework Request:</b> Complete Transfer Coursework Form available in Doctoral Commons. Approved courses should be submitted via GradPath.
NURS 650 Theories of Leadership & Organizational Management	3		
NURS 695B DNP Forum <sup>1</sup>	1		
NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for DNP's	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>10</b>		

**Spring Term 1**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology	3		<b>Plan of Study:</b> Students must complete and file the Doctoral Plan of Study with the Graduate College via GradPath by end of this term.
NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics	3		
NURS 644 Molecular & Clinical Genetics/Genomics	2		
NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>8-10</b>		

**Summer Term 2**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice	3	*If NURS 644 was not taken in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (1 unit)- Scholarly writing in Summer Term 2. And take NURS 753.	
NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice	3		
NURS 699 (see course notes)	1		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>6-7</b>	If you took NURS 644 in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (2 units)- Population Health in Fall Term 2. And do not take NURS 753.	

**RISE II**

**Register to attend the Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) in August if registered for NURS 609a Health Assessment in Fall Term 2**

**Fall Term 2**

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3	<sup>2</sup> This course will begin during RISE in Summer Term 2 and continue through the Fall Term.	
NURS 609a Health Assessment <sup>2</sup>	3		
NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety & Quality Improvement	3		
NURS 628 Introduction to Behavioral Health Therapy Across the Lifespan	3	*If NURS 644 was not taken in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (1 unit)- Scholarly writing in Summer Term 2. And take NURS 753.	
NURS 699 (see course notes)	2		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1	If you took NURS 644 in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (2 units)- Population Health in Fall Term 2. And do not take NURS 753.	
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>13-15</b>		

**Spring Term 2: Clinical Management**

**CSI:** Register to attend the Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) in March of Spring Term 2 if registered for NURS 620a & 629a in Spring Term 2

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 573 Psychopharmacology	1	<sup>3</sup> (2 units didactic, 2 units practicum = <u>180 total</u> clinical hours this term)  <sup>4</sup> (of the 720 required clinical hours, at least 100 clinical hours must be in direct care of children/ adolescents)  <sup>5</sup> 2 units as part of the DNP project development course, 1 unit with the student's DNP Project Committee Chair	<b>Doctoral Committee Appointment Form:</b> File this form via GradPath by no later than the end of the Spring-2 semester.
NURS 542 Pediatric pharmacology	1		
NURS 629a Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I <sup>3,4</sup> (PMHNP)	4		
NURS 629c Advanced PMHNP III: Focus on children and adolescents (didactic course)	2		
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>5</sup>	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>180</b>		

### Summer Term 3: Clinical Management

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629b – Advanced PMHNP II <sup>6</sup>	4	<sup>6</sup> (2 units didactic, 2 units practicum = <u>180 total</u> clinical hours this term)	<b>DNP Project Proposal Presentation:</b> Complete and submit to DNP Project Committee after 3-unit DNP Project Course is completed in Spring Term 2
NURS 695c Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams	1		
NURS 922 DNP Project	1		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>180</b>		

### Fall Term 3: Clinical Management

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 683 Issues in Gerontological Health	3	<sup>7</sup> (1 unit didactic, 4 units practicum)  <sup>8</sup> NURS 922 DNP Project: 6 total units are required; with 3 units taken during Spring Term 2 that leaves 3 units remaining. These can be spread over multiple terms  *If NURS 644 was not taken in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (1 unit)- Scholarly writing in Summer Term 2. And take NURS 753.  If you took NURS 644 in Spring Term 1, then must take NURS 699 (2 units)- Population Health in Fall Term 2. And do not take NURS 753.	<b>Portfolio:</b> Portfolio must be finalized for review by the end of the term.  <b>DNP Project:</b> Complete and submit the DNP Project for graduation
NURS 693a Clinical Residency <sup>7</sup> (PMHNP)	5		
NURS 753 Population Health for DNP's	3		
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>8</sup>	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>10-13</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practicum Hours:</b>	<b>360</b>		

### Spring Term 3 (If Needed)

Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 922 DNP Project	1-2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>1-2</b>		

**DEGREE UNIT TOTAL: 67**

**TOTAL CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS: 720**

The following are important notes about the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program for all students:

- **Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE):** BSN to DNP students are required to attend the RISE experience at least twice during the program.
- **Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI):** Students are required to attend the CSI experience once during Spring Term 2 when Clinical Management courses begin.

The following are additional resources to students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Handbook
  - Clinical Guidelines Handbook
  - Doctoral Commons (University of Arizona D2L)
  - University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies