

# Doctor of Nursing Practice (MS-DNP)

Academic Program Guide  
2021– 2022 Catalog Year



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This is the required course sequence and schedule any changes must be discussed with your academic advisor and approved.

MS – DNP– Non-Specialty Part Time Guide			
RISE I			
All students begin the MS-DNP program by attending Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE) in August			
Fall Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 652 Methods for Scholarly Inquiry	2		<b>Complete Responsible Conduct of Research Statement &amp; Plan of Study:</b> Submit forms via GradPath.
NURS 695B DNP Forum	2		
NURS 704 Philosophy and Theory for the DNP	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Transfer Coursework Request:</b> Complete Transfer Coursework Form.
Spring Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 642 Health Policy and Economics	3		
NURS 751 Evidence-Based Practice	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>6</b>		
Summer Year 1			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 695c Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Teams	1		
NURS 752 Evaluation Methodologies for Safety & Quality Improvement	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>4</b>		
Fall Year 2			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 688 Organizational Leadership and Finance in Health Systems	3		<b>DNP Project:</b> Identify Chair of the DNP Project Committee by term's end.
NURS 753 Population Health for DNPs	3		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>6</b>		
Spring Year 2			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 629 Statistical Inference for Evidence-based Practice	3		<b>Doctoral Committee Appointment Form:</b> students must file this form at the completion of comprehensive exams.
NURS 922 DNP Project	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>5</b>		
Summer Year 2			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>1</sup>	2	<sup>1</sup> Students may continue DNP Project work during the summer term depending on committee availability.	<b>DNP Project Proposal Presentation:</b> complete and submit to DNP Project Committee.
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>2</b>		

Fall Year 3			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
NURS 646 Healthcare Informatics: Theory & Practice	3	NURS 922 DNP Project: 6 total units are required.	DNP Project: complete and submit the DNP Project for graduation.
NURS 922 DNP Project <sup>2</sup>	2		
<b>Total Term Units:</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>DEGREE UNIT TOTAL: 35*</b>			

\* Students who have previously completed Graduate Level Coursework may be eligible to transfer up to 9 units into the program. The full policy on transfer units is available in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Handbook.

#### Program Notes

- **Nurse Faculty Loan Recipients:** NFLP recipients should take NURS 602 (Academic Faculty Role: Theory and Application) as a 3-credit elective course. NFLP recipients are also required to take NURS 694 (Teaching Practicum) for 1-6 units. Students will work with the faculty advisor to determine how many units are appropriate relative to the student's prior experience.
- **Course Availability:** Courses are typically taught once per year and must be taken in the order listed.
- **Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE):** MS to DNP students are required to attend the RISE experience at least once during the program.

#### Additional Student Resources

- DNP Program Handbook
- DNP Program Clinical Handbook
- University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies
- [DNP Program Progression Guide – Full-time Student](#)
- DNP Program Progression Guide – Part-time Student