

NURSING - DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

(Code 700-830)

UW-Eau Claire offers Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree options for individuals pursuing education in advanced practice nursing. The DNP is a clinical doctorate designed to prepare nurses to assume leadership roles in the areas of advanced practice nursing (nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) or nursing administration/nurse executive. Both MSN-to-DNP and BSN-to-DNP options are offered.

The post-master's (MSN-to-DNP) option includes an advanced clinical practice option (for nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists) or a nurse executive option. The MSN-to-DNP option typically is a part-time two-year program that includes 30 credits of nursing courses (29 credits for the Nurse Executive Option). The plan requires students to take courses during Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring terms.

The post-baccalaureate (BSN-to-DNP) option includes an adult-gerontologic or family nursing population focus and a primary care nurse practitioner (NP), clinical nurse specialist, or nurse administrator/nurse executive role preparation. Students choose from the following BSN-to-DNP options:

- Adult-gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner
- Adult-gerontologic clinical nurse specialist
- Family nurse practitioner
- Nurse administrator/nurse executive (adult-gerontologic or family population focus)

The post-baccalaureate DNP program includes approximately 68 credits for administration/nurse executive students and 73 credits for advanced clinical practice students (nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist). The courses are taken over three academic years for full-time students and four to five years for part-time students.

Program costs are higher than typical University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire graduate programs and thus the 800-level DNP courses involve additional course fees. Graduate students must earn a grade of C or above in courses and practica to successfully progress. No more than 2 C's may be earned in the graduate program. Further information may be obtained from the Nursing Graduate Programs Director, College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the College (<http://www.uwec.edu/conhs>) website.

A graduate of the DNP program will be prepared to:

1. Expand advanced nursing practice by integrating the art and science of nursing with theory and knowledge from biophysical, psychosocial, political, ethical, technical, analytical, cultural, spiritual, environmental, and organizational realms.
2. Promote culturally sensitive, holistic advanced nursing practice care and services in a global community, with emphasis on disease/illness prevention and health/wellness promotion as well as restoration and maintenance.
3. Synthesize leadership skills, systems analysis, and advocacy expertise.
4. Integrate clinical expertise and competence with population-focused management, evidence-based practice, and health care policy.
5. Analyze health-related information systems and technology for the improvement of health care.

6. Develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based approaches to advanced nursing practice.
7. Evaluate the outcomes of advanced nursing practice.
8. Apply clinical scholarship and leadership skills to advanced nursing practice.
9. Evaluate personal scholarship, professional growth, and excellence in practice.

Criteria for admission into the DNP Post-Master's Program include:

1. Acceptance as a graduate student in good standing in the University.
2. An undergraduate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (CCNE, NLN, or ACEN) nursing program, with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.
3. A master's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (CCNE, NLN, or ACEN) nursing program, with a role preparation in Advanced Practice Nursing as an Adult (-Gerontologic) or Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult (-Gerontologic) Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Administrator, with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.
4. Evidence of at least 550 hours of master's-level clinical practicum (or national certification by a body approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing).
5. Evidence of basic epidemiology content.
6. Evidence of graduate-level pharmacology (not required for nursing administration students).
7. Evidence of graduate-level nursing research and nursing theory.
8. Wisconsin Registered Nurse licensure (needed by July 1st following admission). Current nursing licensure in one of the jurisdictions of the United States required at time of application.
9. Satisfactory evidence of personal qualifications and capacity for doctoral study in nursing.
10. Completed application materials including a DNP Demographic Form, essay, resume, university application, official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended, three references (forms provided) from individuals who are knowledgeable of the applicant's clinical expertise and/or potential for graduate study, and all application fees.
11. Completed health record, background check, and evidence of current CPR certification and other related requirements (needed by July 1st following admission).

Nursing - Post-Master's DNP Advanced Clinical Practice Curriculum

Post-Master's DNP

The post-master's DNP (MSN-to-DNP) advanced clinical practice option includes 30 credits of courses at the 800 level, including core and seminar and practicum courses. A DNP project with presentation is required. Students complete a minimum of 450 hours of clinical for the MSN-to-DNP option. Courses are taught via immersion days on campus with some online/hybrid content.

800-Level Core Courses

NRSNG 800	Advanced Nursing Practice and Informatics	2
NRSNG 801	Philosophical, Theoretical, and Ethical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
NRSNG 803	Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Population Health	4

NRS 805	Clinical Scholarship for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
NRS 809	Organizational Leadership and Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
800-Level Practica and DNP Project		
NRS 821	MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum I	4
NRS 822	MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum II	3
NRS 890	DNP Project I	2
NRS 891	DNP Project II	3
Total Credits		30