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The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels. At the graduate level we offer the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The MSN degree is designed to enable students to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing. Students interested in the MSN degree choose a role preparation in either nursing education or nursing administration/leadership and management.

They select a population focus in adult-gerontologic or family nursing. The DNP degree 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. The DNP degree is offered as a post-baccalaureate (BSN-to-DNP) option and as a post-master’s (MSN-to-DNP) option. The BSN-to-DNP option includes adult-gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner (NP), family NP, adult-gerontologic clinical nurse specialist (CNS), and nurse administrator/nurse executive (adult-gerontologic or family population focus) options. 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 college also offers a post-master’s certification program for nurses with master’s degrees in nursing who are interested in credit-bearing administration or nursing education role preparation courses.

Accreditation

The Nursing programs are approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing. The baccalaureate and master’s programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791, through December 31, 2021. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is accredited by CCNE through December 31, 2026.

Health Requirements

Admitted students must present evidence of having met current health requirements, such as immunity against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, varicella, rubella (measles), mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B, annual influenza vaccination, and tuberculin skin testing (evidence of two-step TB skin test is required if the student has never been tested for TB). Please refer to the specific health requirement information delineated on the college (https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences) website. Additional testing including laboratory titers and medical follow-up may be required. To secure admission acceptance, all health requirements, evidence of CPR certification, background check information, etc. must be submitted, along with the appropriate fee(s).

Admitted students must maintain their immune status against infectious diseases. Tuberculin skin tests are offered at the Student Health Service. Any student whose skin test converts from negative to positive while enrolled in the program must have a chest X-ray and a medical evaluation, and provide a statement of the clinician’s findings and recommendations. Annual interferon-gamma release assays (IGRAs) including QFT-Gold and T-Spot results may be acceptable in lieu of TB skin test results. Students are not permitted to participate in clinical course work unless all immunizations, TB tests, CPR certification, RN licensure, and background checks are current and cleared/approved. Clinical facilities may have additional requirements which must be met.

All expenses associated with health surveillance and care are borne by the student unless the Student Health Service specifically indicates otherwise. Students are not covered by health or accident insurance by UW-Eau Claire, the College, the practicum facility, or the practicum institution. In addition, workers’ compensation insurance does not cover students while engaged in clinical practice. If a student suffers a needle stick or is injured while in practicum, they are personally responsible to pay for all medical bills and therefore will need personal health insurance.

Due to occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, health care workers are at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B Virus infection and other serious infections. Students are considered to be at increased risk for needle-stick injuries. Such accidents can also be costly (e.g., student and patient testing, ER injury management, chemoprophylaxis, and potential illness care). The student, not the College, University, or clinical agency, is responsible for these expenses should an accidental exposure occur during a clinical experience.

Some clinical sites require students to show proof of health insurance; therefore, students are required to maintain health insurance for the duration of their education. Students must be able to provide proof of personal health insurance coverage if requested. Students are under a continuing obligation to notify the dean’s office of the college of any lapse in personal health insurance coverage.

CPR Certification

All students must hold Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification at the Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (American Red Cross) or Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider (American Heart Association) level. Evidence of CPR certification must be submitted at the time of admission. Admitted students must keep their certification current.

Student Background Check Requirements

Based on Wisconsin State law, clinical agencies must have completed background checks for all students. Consequently, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences requires students admitted to the nursing programs to complete background check materials which are submitted by the students to CastleBranch.com (https://www.castelebranch.com).

CastleBranch.com (https://www.castlebranch.com) conducts Wisconsin and out of state criminal record and healthcare fraud and abuse searches, and includes the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) Background Information Disclosure (BID), a release for a Wisconsin Department of Justice Criminal Background Check. More information regarding the Wisconsin Caregiver Law can be obtained from DHFS’s (https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov) Web site. Students participating in clinicals in Minnesota may be required to complete further background checks (with associated fees). Additional, including out of state background checks (with associated fees) may be required by the college and by the clinical agencies. Clinical agencies may conduct further background checks. Final admission status to the nursing program is contingent upon return of criminal background check(s) with no findings that would prevent participation in the program. Because of background check or BID findings, clinical agencies may refuse placement of students. This may prevent progression in or completion of the program. The findings also may affect future licensure, licensure good standing, and employment. A criminal history is not an automatic bar to clinical agency placement, program progression, licensure/certification, and/or future
employment. Admitted students are under a continuing obligation to notify the Dean’s Office at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences of any pending charges or violations of federal, state, and local laws or the campus student conduct code that occur at any future date and during their tenure as College of Nursing and Health Sciences students. Failure to notify the college may result in loss of good academic standing in the college and an inability to progress in the program.

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**Graduate Options**

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The **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree** is designed to enable students to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing. Students interested in the MSN degree choose a role preparation in either nursing education or nursing administration/leadership and management. They select a population focus in adult-gerontologic or family nursing.

- Nursing, Family Health-Education - Master of Science in Nursing
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Education - Master of Science in Nursing
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Administration - Master of Science in Nursing
- Nursing, Family Health-Administration - Master of Science in Nursing

The **Doctor of Nursing (DNP) degree** 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. The DNP degree is offered as a post-baccalaureate (BSN-to-DNP) option and as a post-master’s (MSN-to-DNP) option.

The **BSN-to-DNP option** includes adult-gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner (NP), family NP, adult-gerontologic clinical nurse specialist (CNS), and nurse administrator/nurse executive (adult-gerontologic or family population focus) options.

- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Administration - Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Primary Care Nurse Practitioner - Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Nursing, Adult-Gerontology-Clinical Nurse Specialist - Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Nursing, Family Health-Administration - Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Nursing, Family Health-Nurse Practitioner - Doctor of Nursing Practice

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.

- Nursing - Doctor of Nursing Practice (Post-Master’s DNP)
- Nursing, Nurse Executive - Doctor of Nursing Practice (Post-Master’s)

**Graduate Certificates**

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers a post-master’s certification program for nurses with master’s degrees in nursing who are interested in credit-bearing nursing administration or nursing education role preparation courses.

- Post-MSN Nursing Administration
- Post-MSN Nursing Education

**NRSG 589 Cross Cultural Health (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: GEOG 111 or SOC 101 or ANTH 161 or consent of instructor.

- Cross-listed with NRSG 389. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Enhances insight and understanding of the impact of culture on health, illness, and wellness within the Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Hmong, and Native American cultures. Analyze and synthesize information to develop culturally congruent health care.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**NRSG 626 Contemporary Issues in Critical Care (3 crs)**

Consent: Instructor Consent Required

- Distance education fee for students in Marshfield section. Cross-listed with NRSG 426. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

The complexity and impact of critical illness/injury on patients, families, and nurses are examined. Selected pathophysiological, care priority, and multidisciplinary considerations are analyzed within the context of the health care delivery system. Observational clinical may be included.

Attributes: Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
NRSG 701 Nursing Research: Methods (4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
• Distance education fee for Marshfield students.
Philosophies of science, research methodologies, and qualitative and quantitative data analyses are examined. Legal and ethical issues applicable to nursing research are discussed.
Attributes: Special Course Fee Required Varies by Term/Section
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 702 Nursing Research: Application (2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 701. Limited to graduate students in the MSN program.
Nursing research studies critically examined. Collective findings appraised as foundation for evidence-based practice. Sources and methods of research funding are discussed.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 703 Advanced Clinical Concepts for Nurse Educators (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 709. Limited to graduate students in the MSN program.
Examination of key concepts of epidemiology, pharmacology, and physical assessment at the advanced professional nursing level for MSN students seeking the Nursing Education role preparation.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 704 Advanced Health Assessment: Adults and Older Adults (2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 709 or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Focuses on the development of advanced clinical practice assessment skills. Builds upon basic physical assessment and documentation skills in the management of adults and older adults. Lab included.
Attributes: Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1.5
Lab/Studio Hours: 2.5

NRSG 705 Cultural Immersion Seminar: International Health (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Immersion in language, cultural values, social etiquette, interpersonal and family patterns, teacher-student interaction, and daily life in a country of choice, as preparation for study, clinical experiences, or web-based interaction in another country.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 708 Advanced Health Assessment: Family (2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 709 or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Focuses on the development of advanced clinical practice assessment skills. Builds upon basic physical assessment and documentation skills in the management of individuals across the life span. Lab included.
Attributes: Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1.5
Lab/Studio Hours: 2.5

NRSG 709 Advanced Physiological and Pathophysiological Concepts (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Undergraduate coursework in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and pathophysiology, or consent of instructor.
In-depth study of selected physiological and pathophysiological concepts. Emphasis on human physiology and pathophysiology and current research findings.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 712 Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Clinical Practice (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 709 or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Emphasis is on scientific and theoretical knowledge as the basis for diagnosing and treating common health conditions, emphasizing pharmacotherapeutic interventions and decision-making for advanced clinical practice. Developmental factors affecting pharmacotherapeutics are included.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 714 Scholarly Writing in Nursing (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Application of writing principles to explore nursing content at the graduate level. Focus includes summarizing professional literature, with emphasis on synthesis. Paper organization, grammar, and APA format. Examines process of writing for publication.
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 715 Leadership and Health Policy in Nursing (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Leadership application for the graduate-prepared nurse with an analysis of external and internal influences. Examination of health policy, personal and professional transitions, and evolving advanced nursing roles.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
NRSG 718 Conceptual and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing (2 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN program.
The basic philosophies, concepts and theories, and ethical decision-making frameworks underlying the development of the discipline of nursing are examined. Emphasis is focused on the development of nursing knowledge.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 719 Human Responses in Health and Illness: Adults and Older Adults (4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 719 and NRSG 722.
A theory- and research-based approach to selected human responses in health and illness in adults and older adults within seven human response systems (spiritual, cultural, social, family, cognitive, emotional, and physical).
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 720 Advanced Theory and Practice of Adults and Older Adults I (4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 701 and NRSG 719. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Clinical decision-making with adults and older adults within the context of nursing, adult, older adult, developmental, and related theories.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 722 Individual, Family, and Community Responses (4 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 722 and NRSG 719.
A theory-based approach to selected theories/concepts of individual, family, and community responses in health and illness.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 725 Advanced Theory and Practice of Family Health Nursing I (4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 701 and NRSG 722. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Theory and evidence-based clinical decision-making with children, adults and families (as unit). This course integrates ethics, cultural influences, and social awareness in providing holistic care to families.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 729 Spirituality, Healing, and Caring (3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
A theory-based advanced exploration of three major phenomena: spirituality, healing, and caring; emerging as decisive in quality of life, and health and illness situations.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 730 Nursing Education I (6 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 702, NRSG 703, NRSG 715; NRSG 720 or NRSG 725; or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Examination of education, the educator role, and teaching/learning theory. Curriculum development and education issues explored, considering personal values, research, and societal and healthcare trends.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 15

NRSG 731 Nursing Education II (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 730. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Role of nurse educator as a learning facilitator, evaluator, and faculty member is examined. Research, theoretical foundations, and strategies are explored with application to class and clinical teaching.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 20

NRSG 741 Clinical Nurse Specialist I: Adult and Older Adult Health (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 704, NRSG 712, NRSG 720; NRSG 803 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program.
First clinical role course for students in advanced clinical practice preparing to become clinical nurse specialists. Exploration, analysis, and implementation of CNS role components with adults and older adults.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 15

NRSG 750 Nursing Administration I (6 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 702, NRSG 715; and NRSG 720 or NRSG 725; NRSG 803 or concurrent enrollment for BSN-to-DNP students. Or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Exploration of administration and managerial theories and the nurse administrator role functions as applied to the organization and delivery of nursing care services.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 15
NRSG 751 Nursing Administration II (5-7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 750. Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Application of administration and managerial principles and methods in
selected nursing organizational settings and in the delivery of nursing care
services.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2-3
Lab/Studio Hours: 15-20

NRSG 793 Directed Study in Nursing (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
Investigation of a small-scale problem under faculty direction.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

NRSG 794 Scholarly Project (1-2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 701, NRSG 702; and NRSG 720 or NRSG 725. Limited to
graduate students in the MSN program.
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
• Permission of scholarly project adviser.
Selection and implementation of an aspect of the scholarship/research process
with guidance from a nursing graduate faculty adviser. Project culminates in a
product and an oral presentation.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits
Grading Basis: S/U/PR Only Grade Basis

NRSG 797 Independent Study (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN or DNP programs.
Consent: Department Consent Required
Individual research under faculty direction.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

NRSG 798 Graduation Only (1 cr)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the MSN program.
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: PR Only Grade Basis

NRSG 799 Thesis (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 701, NRSG 702; NRSG 720 or NRSG 725. Limited to graduate
students in the MSN program.
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
• Full-time equivalent. Permission of thesis adviser.
Development and completion of research project using formal investigative
methodology.
Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: PR Only Grade Basis

NRSG 800 Advanced Nursing Practice and Informatics (2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 803. Limited to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level
courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Application of computer and information technologies to support and improve
patient care and health care systems. Identification of information processing
challenges and evaluation of informatics solutions.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 802 Philosophical, Theoretical, and Ethical Foundations for
Advanced Nursing Practice (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 720 or NRSG 725 or concurrent for BSN to DNP students.
Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level
courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Inquiry into the philosophical, theoretical, and ethical perspectives and
foundations of the discipline. Paradigms and strategies for theory development
in advanced practice nursing are examined. Includes advocacy for social justice
and ethical health policies.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 803 Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Population Health
(4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 801. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of
Nursing Practice (DNP) program. NRSG 720 or NRSG 725 in addition to the
aforementioned courses for students in the BSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level
courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Epidemiological research and concepts are synthesized and applied to clinical
and population-based health to best identify and analyze the determinants
of health, health promotion and risk reduction strategies, and to evaluate the
distribution of health conditions. Epidemiological, biostatistical, and other
scientific approaches are used to analyze population data to better understand
determinants of health and illness.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
NRSG 805 Clinical Scholarship for Advanced Nursing Practice (4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 800. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. For BSN to DNP students NRSG 702 is also required.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Course focuses on the elements of advanced clinical scholarship. Content will include evidence-based practice processes, the translation of research into practice, the evaluation of practice, activities aimed at improving health care practice and outcomes, and participation in collaborative research. Principles of information technology will be integrated and applied to advance nursing practice.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 809 Organizational Leadership and Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice (4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 805. BSN to DNP students: NRSG 816, NRSG 818, or NRSG 751 in addition to NRSG 805. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Graduate equivalent of health policy content. Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Course will focus on the systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics, and outcomes of programs to improve health care and inform future programmatic decisions. Emphasis is placed on the strategies used in needs assessment and implementation of effective health care interventions, programs, and policies. This course prepares the advanced nursing professional to respond to current realities and provide enhanced leadership for future policy development and professional practice.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 812 Advanced Clinical Practice for Adults and Older Adults I (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 704, NRSG 712, or NRSG 720; NRSG 803 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program. Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 812 and NRSG 814.
• Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 812 and NRSG 814. Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Advanced nursing clinical decision-making including health promotion, maintenance, and prevention for adults and older adults. Interventions focus on developmental life changes, cultural and environmental stressors, and health patterns. Practicum experience occurs in primary care practice.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

NRSG 814 Family Health: Advanced Clinical Practice I (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 708, NRSG 712, and NRSG 725; NRSG 803 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program. Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 812 and NRSG 814.
• Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 812 and NRSG 814. Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Advanced nursing clinical decision-making including health promotion, maintenance, and prevention for individuals and families. Interventions focus on developmental life changes, cultural and environmental stressors, and health patterns. Practicum experience occurs in primary care settings.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 15

NRSG 816 Advanced Clinical Practice for Adults and Older Adults II (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 741 or NRSG 812; NRSG 805 or concurrent enrollment; or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program. Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 816 and NRSG 818.
• Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 816 and NRSG 818. Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Focuses on advanced clinical decision-making with emphasis on acute and chronic health deviations in adults, older adults, and communities. Clinical decision-making expands to facilitate advanced clinical practice nursing and collaborative practice in a variety of settings.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 15

NRSG 818 Family Health: Advanced Clinical Practice II (7 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 814; NRSG 805 or concurrent enrollment. Limited to graduate students in the DNP programs. Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 816 and 818.
• Credit may not be earned in both NRSG 816 and NRSG 818. Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Focuses on advanced clinical decision-making with emphasis on acute and chronic health deviations in individuals, families, and communities. Clinical decision-making expands to facilitate advanced clinical practice nursing and collaborative practice in a variety of settings.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 15
NRSG 820 BSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum I (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 809. Limited to graduate students in the BSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Focuses on inter-professional teams and the role of advanced nursing within this collaboration. Addresses critical analysis of emerging clinical patterns and comprehensive health and illness parameters. Includes application of culturally-sensitive, evidence-based practice approaches within healthcare.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lab/Studio Hours: 5
Seminar Hours: 2

NRSG 821 MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum I (4 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 809; Limited to graduate students in the MSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Focuses on inter-professional teams and the role of advanced nursing within this collaboration. Addresses critical analysis of emerging clinical patterns and comprehensive health and illness parameters. In-depth application of culturally-sensitive, evidence-based practice approaches within healthcare.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 822 MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum II (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 821. Limited to graduate students in the MSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Refine leadership skills to improve healthcare outcomes in the inter-professional healthcare environment. Design and analyze strategies to promote evidence-based practice, quality outcomes, and health policy. Synthesize knowledge and experiences as a DNP-prepared nurse expert.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 5

NRSG 824 BSN to DNP Seminar II (1 cr)
Prerequisite: NRSG 820; NRSG 831 or NRSG 833 or NRSG 852 concurrent enrollment. Limited to graduate students in the BSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Emphasis on role transition to advanced professional nursing roles within a complex healthcare environment. Identify leadership skills to improve health care outcomes. Begin to synthesize knowledge and experiences as a future DNP prepared nurse.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 1

NRSG 825 BSN to DNP Seminar III (1 cr)
Prerequisite: NRSG 824; NRSG 835 or NRSG 837 or NRSG 853 concurrent enrollment. Limited to graduate students in the BSN to DNP program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Final course in the sequence to emphasize role transition to advanced professional nursing roles within a complex healthcare environment, including planning for life-long learning. Synthesize knowledge and experiences as a future DNP prepared nurse.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 1

NRSG 832 Synthesis of Advanced Clinical Practice of Adults and Older Adults I (1 cr)
Prerequisite: NRSG 831. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

This clinical practicum provides an opportunity for students to continue to develop clinical competencies and begin to synthesize care of adults and older adults.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0
Lab/Studio Hours: 5
NRSG 834 Synthesis of Advanced Clinical Practice of Families I (1 cr)
Prerequisite: NRSG 833. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

This clinical practicum provides an opportunity for students to continue to develop clinical competencies in the care of families and individuals across the lifespan.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0
Lab/Studio Hours: 5

NRSG 842 Advanced Clinical Practice of Frail Older Adults (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 816. Limited to graduate students in the DNP Program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Third in a series of advanced clinical decision-making courses. Course focuses on care management of frail older adults. Practicum experience with frail older adults across the continuum of care is emphasized.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 844 Advanced Clinical Practice of Families within Vulnerable Populations (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 818 or NRSG 748. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Third in a series of advanced clinical decision-making courses. Care management focuses on care of individuals and families within vulnerable populations across the lifespan. Practicum experience includes vulnerable populations across the continuum of care.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 846 Synthesis of Advanced Practice of Adults and Older Adults (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 842 or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

This final clinical practicum provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate a synthesis of their Adult-Gerontologic clinical competencies in preparation for their future practice as Adult-Gerontologic Advanced Practice Nurses.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 848 Synthesis of Advanced Practice Family (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 844 or consent of instructor. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

This final clinical practicum provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate a synthesis of their Family clinical competencies in preparation for their future practice as Family Nurse Practitioners.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 850 Nursing Administration III (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 751. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Course focuses on the development of more complex organizational leadership and management, with emphasis on strategic planning and relationship building with diverse stakeholders.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10
NRSG 851 Synthesis for the Nurse Executive (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 850. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

This final course and clinical practicum provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate advanced leadership and management through the synthesis of the roles of the nurse executive.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 890 DNP Project I (2 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 809. BSN to DNP: NRSG 816 or NRSG 818 or NRSG 751 also required. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part one of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over two semesters. This project is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student’s prior experience and projected career goals. The project integrates the role of the DNP in a comprehensive health care environment that includes utilization of leadership, consultation, advocacy, and collaboration. In-depth work with experts from nursing and other disciplines will be incorporated to provide opportunities for meaningful student engagement in the health care environment.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 1

NRSG 852 Synthesis for the Nurse Executive (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 851. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part two of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over two semesters. This project is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student’s prior experience and projected career goals. The project integrates the role of the DNP in a comprehensive health care environment that includes utilization of leadership, consultation, advocacy, and collaboration. In-depth work with experts from nursing and other disciplines will be incorporated to provide opportunities for meaningful student engagement in the health care environment.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 10

NRSG 891 DNP Project II (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 890. Limited to graduate students in the DNP program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part two of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over two semesters. This project is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student’s prior experience and projected career goals. The project integrates the role of the DNP in a comprehensive health care environment that includes utilization of leadership, consultation, advocacy, and collaboration. In-depth work with experts from nursing and other disciplines will be incorporated to provide opportunities for meaningful student engagement in the health care environment.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 7.5
Seminar Hours: 1.5

NRSG 892 DNP Project I (1 cr)
Prerequisite: NRSG 809 or concurrent; for BSN to DNP students concurrent enrollment in NRSG 815 or NRSG 817 or NRSG 751 is also required. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part one of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over three semesters. It is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student experience and projected career goals.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 1

NRSG 893 DNP Project II (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 892. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part two of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over three semesters. It is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student experience and projected career goals.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 7.5
Seminar Hours: 1.5

NRSG 894 DNP Project III (3 crs)
Prerequisite: NRSG 893. Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
- Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.

Part three of the culminating experience for the DNP student designed as a specialized advanced nursing practice field project conducted over three semesters. It is designed as a clinical scholarship project allowing students to demonstrate expertise in practice and will be individualized based on student experience and projected career goals.

Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Grading Basis: S/U Only Grade Basis
Lab/Studio Hours: 7.5
Seminar Hours: 1.5
NRSG 895 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Study of problems or special areas in or related to Advanced Nursing Practice under faculty direction.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

NRSG 897 Independent Study (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Individual research of problems or special areas in or related to Advanced Nursing Practice under faculty direction.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

NRSG 898 Graduation Only (1 cr)
Prerequisite: Limited to graduate students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
• Students in the DNP program are assessed a special course fee for 800-level courses. For specific course fees, please refer to the course schedule.
Individual scholarly work to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.
Attributes: DNP Fee, Special Course Fee Required
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: S/U/PR Only Grade Basis
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 0