

DOCTORAL-LEVEL NURSING (DN)

DN703: Scientific Foundations for Practice Doctorate

In this course, you will be introduced to advanced levels of systems thinking with a focus on identifying initiatives to improve patient, population, and health system outcomes based on levels of evidence available. You will appraise new practice approaches based on theories from nursing and other disciplines. During this course, you will analyze a gap in practice or clinical inquiry that can be developed as a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) scholarly project. This course requires 50 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project. Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

DN713: Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Population Health

This course focuses on comprehending, synthesizing, and applying emerging scientific knowledge specific to clinical prevention and population health. You will synthesize trends among epidemiologic, biostatistical, and environmental data to derive solutions to tenacious or new health care problems based on existing health data sets and the scientific literature. Social determinants of health in the processes of conducting risk assessment, intervention development and implementation, health care delivery planning, and evaluation will be considered. Models of clinical prevention and population health care delivery will be evaluated.

Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None | Corequisite: MN501 or DN703

DN723: DNP Project - Analytic Methods and Project Proposal

You will analyze methods and tools for critical appraisal and application of empirical, reflective, and practice-based information to improve the quality of care and outcomes for specific populations. You will analyze and appraise an identified issue within the population, such as outcomes of practice, practice patterns, policies, or organizational systems of care. The application of evidence-based practice is emphasized for designing and implementing an intervention to influence an identified issue. Methods for evaluating outcomes of the proposed intervention will be explored. You will develop and defend the proposal for your DNP project in this course. This course requires 120 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project. Documentation and confirmation of required practice hours are required for successful completion of this course.

Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: DN713

DN733: Ethics, Policy, and Advocacy for Population Health

This course will prepare you to design and implement culturally proficient health care policies with special consideration of issues of social justice and equity. Legal and ethical challenges encountered in practice leadership, decision making, and the implementation of systems and organizational change processes and policies will be explored. Ethics, health care policy, and advocacy will be emphasized.

Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: MN501 or DN703

DN743: Clinical Decision Making for Practice Doctorate

In this course, you will analyze current and emerging aggregate-level clinical prevention and population health issues. You will demonstrate and apply experiential, contextual, and evidence-based best practices, cost/benefits, and systematic plans for quality improvement benchmarks with the end goal of designing aggregate-level clinical prevention and population health interventions. This course requires 65 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project.

Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: None

DN753: Transforming the Health Care Organization

This course provides you with evidence-based organizational and leadership knowledge and skills necessary to appraise practice leadership theories, organizational systems, and financial outcomes. The influence of economics, health policy, stakeholders, information technology, and interprofessional collaboration upon health care organizational operations will be explored. As a nurse leader, you will apply a quality improvement focus at the regional, national, and global levels. This course requires 65 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project.

Quarter Credit Hours: 5 | Prerequisite: DN723

DN803: Data-Driven Decision Making

In this course, you will appraise systematic experiential, contextual, and best evidence-based practice, and the use of information technology and data in a scholarly DNP project. In-depth work with experts from nursing and other disciplines will be incorporated to offer opportunities for meaningful student engagement and networking in the health care environment. You will acquire the skills and knowledge essential to process and manage information systems/technology resources in a variety of health care settings. Through assignments and discussions, you will retrieve and critically analyze digital data essential to health care quality improvement. Informatics tools for data extraction, organization, and interpretation will be compared. This course requires 100 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project. Documentation and confirmation of required clinical hours is required for successful completion of this course.

Quarter Credit Hours: 6 | Prerequisite: DN713

DN813: DNP Project Implementation and Evaluation

The DNP project provides you with the opportunity for in-depth analysis, synthesis, and application of a chosen topic that contributes to an area of scholarship in advanced nursing practice. In this course, you will implement the DNP project in the practice setting with oversight provided by the DNP consultant and practice facilitator. This course requires 150 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project. Documentation and confirmation of required practice hours is required for successful completion of this course.

Quarter Credit Hours: 6 | Prerequisite: DN753 and DN803

DN820A: DNP Extension Course

This course may be taken for the specific purpose of project completion.

Quarter Credit Hours: 0 | Prerequisite: None

DN823: DNP Project Dissemination

The DNP project provides you with the opportunity for in-depth analysis, synthesis, and application of a chosen topic that contributes to an area of scholarship in advanced nursing practice. In this course, you will disseminate the outcomes of the DNP project in a written paper suitable for publication and a formal presentation. This course requires 90 supervised practice hours, which may be applied to the doctoral project.

Quarter Credit Hours: 6 | Prerequisite: DN813

DN891: Independent Directed Study I

This course will allow you to continue the DNP practice learning experience approved by the University. This course provides for 120 supervised practice hours. This course may be taken for the specific purpose of completing the 1,000 required hours for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Quarter Credit Hours: 3 | Prerequisite: Approval of Department Chair

DN892: Independent Directed Study II

This course will allow you to continue the DNP practice learning experience approved by the University. This course provides for 120 supervised practice hours. This course may be taken for the specific purpose of completing the 1,000 required hours for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Quarter Credit Hours: 3 | Prerequisite: Approval of Department Chair

DN893: Independent Directed Study III

This course will allow you to continue the DNP practice learning experience approved by the University. This course provides for 120 supervised practice hours. This course may be taken for the specific purpose of completing the 1,000 required hours for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Quarter Credit Hours: 3 | Prerequisite: Approval of Department Chair