Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice

The DNP program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for master's degree-prepared advanced practice nurses seeking a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Courses are designed for clinical experts and are innovative, interesting and organized to provide students with expert colleagues and mentors across the U.S. who can challenge them to take their practice to a new level.

Graduates of this program are able to facilitate the application and integration of research into clinical practice using innovative approaches to improve health care outcomes of populations and individuals across multiple settings.

This program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and two to three times per semester.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 707)

**Required Core (21 credit hours)**
- DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
- DNP 605 Advanced Health Assessment Across Lifespan (3)
- DNP 608 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics Across Lifespan (3)
- DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)
- DNP 704 Principles of Evidence-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)
DNP 705 Health Care Outcome Management (3)
DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)

**Electives and Research (28 credit hours)**

**Other Requirement (32 credit hours)**
DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
DNP 709 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
DNP 707 Disseminating Evidence to Advance Best Practice in Health Care and Health Policy (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Applicants to the post-master's program should identify a relevant clinical issue related to advanced practice nursing that they would like to pursue during their doctoral program. Students complete 540 hours of clinical practice residency and the program courses. Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project is required. Each project is developed individually with each student. Each student has a primary mentor working with them on the project. Clinical practice residency hours are used to complete the project in a practice setting; work settings may be included, but specific objectives are developed individually with each student and may be different from the student's job. Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas, and sites are available for these experiences.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this program and up to 10 credit hours of clinical coursework from their Master of Science degree for a total of 40 credit hours.

Other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit if the student is in an approved concurrent program.

**Admission Requirements**
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

Applicants must be certified as an advanced practice nurse. A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with program faculty is required.

One year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population is preferred.

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

An admission examination is not required.

Applicants will be reviewed on a space-available basis after the priority deadline. Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

Application Deadlines