Advanced Nursing Practice (Women's Health Nurse Practitioner), DNP

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Women's Health Nurse Practitioner)
The DNP degree with specialty as a women's health nurse practitioner prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered primary care for women from adolescence through older adulthood.

Courses focus on the assessment, diagnosis and evidence-based management of common and complex gynecologic, sexual, reproductive, menopause-transition and post-menopause healthcare; uncomplicated and high-risk antepartum and postpartum care, as well as sexual and reproductive health care for men. Courses emphasize research and theories to provide the context essential to advanced nursing practice focusing on health promotion, risk assessment and disease prevention for women across the lifespan, taking into account factors that influence health care and health outcomes.

This program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, provides a foundation for this specialty through graduate courses in application of theory to advance practice.

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 then two or three times per semester.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors. Every attempt is made to arrange these in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determines the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student is required to complete their clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member since May 5, 2015, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards; program exceptions are noted on the ASU Authorizations website (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/). A program exception means that the listed programs are not available to students located within the state.
The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Since certification and licensure requirements vary by profession and from state-to-state, students should review professional licensure information (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/licensure/) to determine the requirements of individual state licenses or national certifications.

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 Outcomes Management (3)
- DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)

**Concentration (34 credit hours)**
- DNP 613 Women's Health Promotion I (3)
- DNP 614 Women's Health Practicum I (3)
- DNP 615 Management of Common Problems in Women's Health (3)
- DNP 616 Advanced Women's Health Practicum II (5)
- DNP 617 Management of Complex and Chronic Disease in Women (3)
- DNP 618 Advanced Women's Health Practicum III (5)
- DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

**Other Requirement (20 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 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)
Electives and Research (6 credit hours)

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

Additional Curriculum Information
Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students completing a nurse practitioner doctoral program. This program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

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.

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.

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.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the women's health DNP program have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients across the lifespan in a wide variety of settings. Their broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enables them to effectively participate and lead within clinical, community and academic arenas.

Career examples:

- business owner
- community advocate
- nurse practitioner
- professor

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