Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Adv Nursing Practice (Women's Health Nurse Practitioner)

DNP graduates are prepared to practice at the most advanced level of nursing.

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. Courses focus on theories, principles and clinical skills in the care of women and their families including critical thinking, diagnosis, problem-solving and nursing management of women throughout the maternity cycle and with common gynecological problems. Client education, communication and collaboration are emphasized.

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 and administrators. Every attempt will be 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, and sites are available for these experiences.

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**

**Contact Information**

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