

NURSE PRACTITIONER DNP WITH M.S. IN NURSING: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program with Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.) conferred along the way is a full-time doctoral program for registered nurses (RN) with a baccalaureate degree in nursing who desire to become nurse practitioners. Consistent with the mission statements of the Department of Nursing, the Henrietta Schmoll School of Health, and the Graduate College at St. Catherine University, the Nurse Practitioner DNP Program educates nurse practitioners to lead and influence health care as doctoral-prepared experts in advanced nursing practice.

The Nurse Practitioner DNP Program begins with an emphasis on nurse practitioner practice. Students will complete their clinical experiences and earn an M.S. which allows them to sit for the national certification examination in their selected specialty area. Students will continue course work grounded in a commitment to critical inquiry, innovation, ethical leadership, social justice, and a holistic view of the person and designed to prepare scholar practitioners who lead and influence, advocate for justice, honor diverse and global perspectives, and demonstrate expertise in their area of study.

Why the DNP?

The M.S. Nurse Practitioner program at St. Catherine University is over 25 years old and was the first NP program in Minnesota. Our graduates have a long and successful history of providing excellent primary care to pediatric and adult-gerontology populations, especially the most vulnerable populations in Minnesota and throughout the country. Dynamic changes in the role of the nurse practitioner and the need for nurses to earn higher degrees support the need to transform the M.S. Nurse Practitioner program to a DNP program. Conferring the M.S. halfway through the program allows the student to sit for the national certification examination and begin to practice as a certified nurse practitioner while completing the remainder of the program.

Years to Complete the Program

Students are expected to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program with Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.) within seven years of initial enrollment.

Code	Title	Credits
HLTH 6010	Principles of Epidemiology and Biostatistics I	3
INDI 8515	Outcome Evaluation	1
NURS 6012	Basic Graduate Nursing Informatics ¹	2
NURS 6070	Evidence-Based Practice for Nurse Practitioners	3
NURS 6135	Health Promotion in Primary Care: Adult-Gerontology	3
NURS 6140	Advanced Health Assessment across the Lifespan	2
NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6223	Advanced Pharmacology across the Lifespan	3

NURS 6270	Procedures and Diagnostics in Primary Care	1
NURS 6321	Preparation for Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practice: Adults and Older Adults	1
NURS 6420	Primary Care I: Common and Acute Conditions in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS 6425	Primary Care Clinical I: Common, Acute Conditions in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS 7420	Primary Care II: Chronic Health Challenges in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS 7425	Primary Care Clinical II: Chronic Health Challenges in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS 7820	Primary Care III: Chronic and Complex Health Challenges in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS XXXX	Primary Care Clinical III: Chronic and Complex Conditions in Adults and Older Adults	3
NURS 7463	Quality and Safety Outcomes in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8500	Underpinnings of the Discipline of Nursing	4
NURS XXXX	Transition to Advanced Practice	1
NURS 8520	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	4
NURS 8525	Advanced Informatics	2
NURS XXXX	Doctoral Clinical Practicum I	3
NURS XXXX	Doctoral Clinical Practicum II	3
NURS 8535	Leadership in Organizations and Systems: Implications for Practice	3
NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 8540	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	4
NURS 8600	DNP Project	4
Total Credits		74

¹ NURS 6012 is a prerequisite course taken only by students with no prior course work in nursing informatics.