

# DNP: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program is a full-time doctoral program for registered nurses with a baccalaureate degree in nursing who desire to become nurse practitioners. Consistent with the mission statements of the School of Nursing and the Graduate College at St. Catherine University, the DNP-NP Program educates nurse practitioners to lead and influence as doctoral-prepared experts in advanced nursing practice.

The DNP-NP Program begins with core graduate nursing courses and courses that lay the foundation for nurse practitioner clinical practice. Students will continue with track-specific course work, followed by clinical hours and their DNP project. Courses are grounded in a commitment to critical inquiry, innovation, ethical leadership, social justice, with a holistic view of the person, 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 Nurse Practitioner program at St. Catherine University was one of the first NP programs in Minnesota. Our graduates have a long and successful history of providing excellent patient care, especially for 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 supported the need to transform the M.S. Nurse Practitioner program into a DNP-NP program.

## Years to Complete the Program

This is a 3- or 4-year program of study to complete the DNP-NP program. Students are expected to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program within seven years of initial enrollment.

## Important Technical Standards

For successful admission and continuance in St. Catherine University's pre-licensure nursing programs, a specific set of essential cognitive, sensory, communication, psychomotor, and behavioral/ emotional/ spiritual health abilities are required to be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.

Read the full requirements (<https://stkate.box.com/s/rzo0wgyertulhjaumvqnk71rkqa3ynt/>)

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 7140	Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8150	Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
STAT 7000	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
IPE 7000	Evidence Based Practice: Interprofessional Perspectives and Competencies <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 7080	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8300	Advanced Outcomes Measurement and Evaluation	3
NURS 6223	Advanced Pharmacology across the Lifespan	3

NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6143	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6260	Clinical Reasoning, Diagnostics, and Procedures	3
NURS 6135	Health Promotion in Primary Care: Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 6420	Primary Care I: Common and Acute Conditions in Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 6445	Primary Care Clinical I: Common Acute Conditions in Adults and Older Adults	1
NURS 7420	Primary Care II: Chronic Health Challenges in Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 7425	Primary Care Clinical II: Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 7820	Primary Care III: Chronic and Complex Health Challenges in Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 7825	Primary Care Clinical III: Adult and Geriatric Populations	3
NURS 8125	Primary Care Clinical IV: Adults and Older Adults	2
NURS 8523	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	3
NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 8543	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	3
NURS 8515	DNP Integration I	2
NURS 8516	DNP Integration II	2
NURS 8517	DNP Integration III	2
NURS 8518	DNP Integration IV	2
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<sup>1</sup> May also be fulfilled by NURS 7060 Evidence Based Practice

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