

# NURSE PRACTITIONER DNP WITH MSN IN NURSING: PEDIATRICS

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program with Master of Science in Nursing 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 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 an emphasis on nurse practitioner practice. Students will complete their clinical experiences and earn an M.S.N. 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, 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.N. 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 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 supported the need to transform the M.S.N. Nurse Practitioner program into a DNP program.

## Years to Complete the Program

The DNP-NP program is a three-year program of study. Students are expected to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program with Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) within seven years of initial enrollment.

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 6125	Health Promotion in Primary Care: Pediatric	3
NURS 6140	Advanced Health Assessment across the Lifespan	2
NURS 6145	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners	1
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 6311	Preparation for Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practice: Pediatrics	1
NURS 6410	Primary Care I: Common and Acute Health Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 6415	Primary Care Clinical I: Common and Acute Conditions in Pediatrics	3

NURS 7410	Primary Care II: Immunologic and Infectious Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 7415	Primary Care Clinical II: Immunologic and Infectious Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 7810	Primary Care III: Chronic and Complex Conditions in Pediatrics and Their Families	3
NURS 7815	Primary Care Clinical III: Chronic and Complex Conditions in Pediatrics and Families	3
NURS 8110	Foundations of Nurse Practitioner Practice I	1
NURS 7080	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8120	Foundations of Nurse Practitioner Practice II	1
NURS 8500	Underpinnings of the Discipline of Nursing	4
NURS 8501	DNP Practicum	1
NURS 8502	DNP Practicum	1
NURS 8503	DNP Practicum	1
NURS 8511	DNP as Change Agent	2
NURS 8520	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	4
NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 8300	Advanced Outcomes Measurement and Evaluation	3
NURS 8150	Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
STAT 7000	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
NURS 7060	Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 8540	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	4
NURS 8600	DNP Project <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>73</b>

<sup>1</sup> May also be completed by taking NURS 8610 (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/search/?P=NURS%208610>) DNP Project: Part 1 and NURS 8620 (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/search/?P=NURS%208620>) DNP Project: Part 2 (2 cr each) or four 1-credit courses.

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<b>Summer Term</b>		
NURS 6140	Advanced Health Assessment across the Lifespan	2
NURS 6145	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology across the Lifespan	3
<b>Fall Term</b>		
NURS 6125	Health Promotion in Primary Care: Pediatric	3
NURS 6223	Advanced Pharmacology across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6410	Primary Care I: Common and Acute Health Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 8110	Foundations of Nurse Practitioner Practice I	1
<b>Spring Term</b>		
NURS 6270	Procedures and Diagnostics in Primary Care <sup>1</sup>	1

NURS 6311	Preparation for Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practice: Pediatrics <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 6415	Primary Care Clinical I: Common and Acute Conditions in Pediatrics	3
STAT 7000	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
NURS 7410	Primary Care II: Immunologic and Infectious Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 8120	Foundations of Nurse Practitioner Practice II	1
<b>Summer Term</b>		
NURS 7060	Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 7415	Primary Care Clinical II: Immunologic and Infectious Challenges in Pediatrics	3
NURS 7810	Primary Care III: Chronic and Complex Conditions in Pediatrics and Their Families	3
<b>Fall Term</b>		
NURS 7080	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7815	Primary Care Clinical III: Chronic and Complex Conditions in Pediatrics and Families	3
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NURS 8540	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	4
NURS 8600	DNP Project <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>73</b>

<sup>1</sup> Taken during J-Term<sup>2</sup> Students planning to complete this requirement in more than one term should contact the program director for registration advice