

Official Program Outline



HERZING
— UNIVERSITY —

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is an online doctoral completion program for advanced practice nurses and nurses in advanced roles who have earned a master's degree in nursing. The DNP program prepares, supports, and empowers students for 21st century practice focused on interdisciplinary knowledge, leadership, innovation, along with the tools needed to positively impact nursing, healthcare systems, and population health change. Each course begins and ends with leadership development. Using the principals of improvement science, students appraise and translate theory and evidence into a culminating project in their own practice.

DNP PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency-based judgement and holistic caring concordant with an advanced nursing practice specialty or role in diverse populations.
2. Generate, synthesize, translate, apply, and disseminate scientific evidence for advanced nursing practice.
3. Apply ethical principles to shape the future of healthcare delivery with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion; systems-based practice; team-based care collaboration, informatics and technology; and career-long learning.
4. Demonstrate a professional identity which includes accountability, perspective, collaborative disposition, and comportment, that reflects nursing's characteristics and values.
5. Implement an advanced nursing practice specialty or role in selected practice settings.

DNP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

DNP programs require a minimum of 1,000 hours of practice post-baccalaureate as part of a supervised academic program. Of this required 1,000 hours, a minimum of 300 hours must be completed at Herzing University as a part of the DNP Practice Project. Students who have completed post-baccalaureate hours in prior graduate nursing programs are required to submit verification of those hours during their first semester in the DNP program.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 32.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 700	Knowledge for Nursing Practice	None	3.00
NU 710	Improvement Science	NU 760	3.00
NU 711	Collaborative Practice	NU 700	3.00
NU 725	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice	None	3.00
NU 726	Professionalism and Leadership for Advanced Practice	NU 700, NU 760	3.00
NU 730	Systems-Based Practice	None	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 760	Scholarship for Nursing Practice	None	3.00
NU 780	Population Health	None	3.00

REQUIRED PROJECT RESIDENCY CORE COURSES

All courses, 8.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 801	Project Development and Management	NU 700 / NU 710, NU 760	2.00
NU 820	Project Residency I	NU 801	2.00
NU 830	Project Residency II	NU 801 / NU 820	2.00
NU 840	Project Residency III	NU 801 / NU 820, NU 830	2.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
Course Number	Lecture Hours	Clinical/Project* Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NU 700	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 710	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 711	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 725	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 726	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 730	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 760	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 780	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 801	0.00	90.00*	90.00	2.00
NU 820	0.00	90.00*	90.00	2.00
NU 830	0.00	90.00*	90.00	2.00
NU 840	0.00	90.00*	90.00	2.00
Totals	360.00	360.00	720.00	32.00