DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE, D.N.P.

Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P.

Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

The Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration for post-baccalaureate students is designed to be completed in 8 semesters beginning in the Fall semester and ending in the Spring semester of the third year. The concentration requires a minimum of 73 credits and 1,020 advanced practice practicum hours.

Nurse Anesthesia Concentration

The Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) concentration for post-baccalaureate students is designed to be completed in 9 semesters beginning in the Fall semester and ending in the Summer semester of the third year. The concentration requires a minimum of 107 credits and 3,060 advanced practice clinical hours.

All degree requirements must be met within seven academic years of initial enrollment. In addition to courses required for the degree program, students may enroll in independent study courses to enhance their program of study. No foreign language is required.

Post-Master’s D.N.P.

The Post-Master’s D.N.P. program is available to nurses who have a master’s degree in Nursing with the specialty of Nursing Leadership/Administration, Clinical Nurse Leader, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist, or Nursing Informatics. Nurses who have a master’s degree in Nursing with the specialty of Nursing Education who have completed the UNC Greensboro School of Nursing 15-credit Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nursing with the Nursing Administration specialty are also eligible to apply.

The Post-Master’s D.N.P. program is designed to be completed in 5 semesters beginning in the Fall semester and ending in the Spring semester of the second year. The Post-Master’s D.N.P. requires a minimum of 30 credits and 1,000 D.N.P. hours (clinical hours obtained in the master’s program are included in the 1,000 hour total). In addition, all Post-Master’s D.N.P. students must complete 300 hours of D.N.P. project and D.N.P. essentials work.

All degree requirements must be met within seven academic years of initial enrollment. In addition to courses required for the degree program, students may enroll in independent study courses to enhance their program of study. No foreign language is required.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (https://grs.unCG.edu/prospective/guide/).

Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P. applicants must meet the following Application and Admission Requirements:

- A minimum of one year full-time critical care clinical nursing experience for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration.
- An inferential statistics course, a chemistry course, and health assessment course at the undergraduate level are required prerequisite courses.
- A minimum of a 3.2 GPA is required from the undergraduate nursing program.
- A resume.
- A personal statement of 400 words or less that discusses the applicant’s nursing background and future goals.
- Three professional nursing references (mix of educational and professional sources).
- An interview is required for applicants.
- Nonresidential international students are required to participate in a telephone interview.

Post-Master’s D.N.P. applicants must meet the following Application and Admission Requirements:

- Current unrestricted licensure as a registered nurse in one of the 50 states or validated credentials by CGFNS for international students seeking to study in the U.S. Residents of North Carolina must hold unrestricted North Carolina licensure as a registered nurse.
- International students who complete their entire course of study outside the U.S. must be approved to practice as a Registered Nurse or the equivalent title in their home country.
- Master’s degree in Nursing with the specialty of Nursing Leadership/Administration, Clinical Nurse Leader, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist, Nursing Informatics from a program accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency. International students who complete their entire course of study outside the U.S. must hold a Master’s Degree in Nursing from an approved University in their home country. Additionally, they must have clinical experience in an advanced nursing role in their home country.
- All APRNs must hold national certification appropriate to their specialty. If national nursing specialty certification is not available in the home country, this certification is not required to apply for the DNP.
- Applicants with a master’s degree in Nursing with a focus in Nursing Education from a program accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency are eligible for admission after successful completion of the UNC Greensboro School of Nursing 15-credit Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nursing with the Nursing Leadership and Management specialty.
- An undergraduate statistics course is a required prerequisite course for the Post-Master’s D.N.P.
- A minimum of a 3.2 GPA is required from the master’s nursing program.
- A resume.
- A personal statement of 400 words or less that discusses the applicant’s nursing background and future goals.
- Three professional nursing references (mix of educational and professional sources).
- An interview may be required.
- Nonresidential international students are required to participate in a telephone interview.
# Degree Program Requirements

**Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P. Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration**

Required: 73 credit hours

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**Capstone Sequence (6 credits)**

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Total Credit Hours: 73

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## Required Withdrawal

A student will be withdrawn from the program if the student:

- Fails to register for two consecutive semesters in the nursing curriculum.
- Has earned a grade of U or F- in more than one AGNP DNP specialty course.
- Has earned a grade below a B- any AGNP DNP specialty course.
- Has earned a grade of U, F, or WF in any core course.
- Has a GPA that indicates the inability to meet the 3.0 required for graduation.
- Demonstrates unsafe practice as defined in the School of Nursing Unsafe Practice Policy.
- Does not complete requirements for the degree within the 7-year time limit.

The Associate Dean for Academic Programs reviews the credentials of each applicant in collaboration with faculty from each specialty area. Exceptions to the requirements can be made on the recommendation of the faculty. The Associate Dean for Academic Programs forwards the admission recommendation to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education who makes the final decision.

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**Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesia Concentration**

Required: 107 credit hours

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* Does not complete requirements for the degree within the 7-year time limit.
Respiratory Pathophysiology for Nurse Anesthesia

Pharmacology of Nurse Anesthesia III

Pathophysiology of Abdominal Systems for Nurse Anesthesia

Pharmacology of Nurse Anesthesia IV

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia I

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia I

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia II

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia II

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia III

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia III

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia IV

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia IV

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia V

Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia V

Integrated Clinical Concepts

Biostatistics and Epidemiology Principles for Advanced Practice Nursing

Effective Leadership for Practice

Nurse Anesthesia Research Seminar

Research and Evidence Based Practice

Informatics in Healthcare

Biostatistics and Epidemiology Principles for Advanced Practice Nursing

Effective Leadership for Practice

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice and Advanced Nursing

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care; and Information System

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Organizational and Systems Leadership, Information System

30 credit hours

Required Withdrawal

Withdrawal from the program will be recommended to the Graduate School if the student:

• Fails to register for two consecutive semesters in the nursing curriculum.
• Has earned a B- or below in more than 6 credits of course work.
• Has earned a B- or below in any Nurse Anesthesia specialty course.
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Post-Master’s D.N.P. Concentration

Required: 30 credit hours

Required Courses (24 credits)

Research and Evidence Based Practice

Informatics in Healthcare

Biostatistics and Epidemiology Principles for Advanced Practice Nursing

Effective Leadership for Practice

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice and Advanced Nursing

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care; and Information System

Analysis and Application of DNP Essentials: Organizational and Systems Leadership, Information System

Select 3 credits of electives

Capstone Experience (6 credits)

Applied Evidence-Based Practice & Translational Methods Project I

Applied Evidence-Based Practice & Translational Methods Project II

Applied Evidence-Based Practice & Translational Methods Project III

Applied Evidence-Based Practice & Translational Methods Project IV

Applied Evidence-Based Practice & Translational Methods Project V

Total Credit Hours

107

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Required Withdrawal

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• Has earned a B- or below in more than 6 credits of course work.
• Has earned a B- or below in any Nurse Anesthesia specialty course.
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