DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

The doctor of nursing practice (DNP) in family nurse practitioner option prepares graduates to function as doctorally prepared nurses at the highest level of clinical practice, to translate knowledge into practice, to apply policy, as well as design, implement and evaluate innovations to improve health care systems and patient centered outcomes.

This option prepares registered nurses for leadership in primary care settings for treating families and individuals of all ages. This option offers didactic and clinical experiences that prepare you to deliver high-quality, patient-centered primary care.

We recommend that you have some clinical experience before starting this program option, but it is not required. Due to the rigorous nature of this program option and the clinical hours required, we strongly recommend that you not work full-time while pursuing this degree.

Visit the GW Nursing website (https://nursing.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadline:	Fall - Priority: December 1
Recommendation Requirements	Two letters of recommendation
Prior academic records:	Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
Statement of Purpose:	A personal statement describing your career goals relative to the doctoral study. You should include a general idea for your DNP project. Your vision for your post-DNP contributions to advance the nursing profession through scholarship and evidence-based practice must be emphasized in the statement Also, briefly describe your professional nursing practice and indicate any current or previous leadership roles. The applicants with a clear idea of a potential DNP project and the ability of the project to enhance/improve/ contribute to nursing practice will be given preference for admission.
Prerequisites:	None
Additional Requirements	Minimum of Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a preferred minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
	Active and unencumbered RN license from a U.S. state or territory
	Current resume

International Requirements:	The minimum required score for the TOEFL is:
	- Internet-based test: 100 or higher
	- Paper test: 600 or higher
	The minimum required score for the IELTS is:
	- An overall band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T
Ashburn, VA 20147

Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)
https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid (https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 72 credits in required courses. In addition, students are expected to complete a minimum of 1000 practice hours with an approved preceptor. Practice hours consist of a minimum of 500 direct clinical hours and 500 indirect DNP practice hours.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 6208	Biostatistics for Health Care Research	
NURS 6220	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	
NURS 6222	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	
NURS 6230	Family Nurse Practitioner I: Lifespan Primary Care/Diagnosis/Management	
NURS 6231	Family Nurse Practitioner II: Lifespan Primary Care/Diagnosis/Management	
NURS 6232	Family Nurse Practitioner III: Professional Issues/Diagnosis/Management	
NURS 6233	Genetics for Healthcare Providers	
NURS 6234	Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing	
NURS 8400	Epidemiology and Population Health	
NURS 8401	Organizational Concepts in Nursing	
NURS 8402	Knowledge Management in Nursing	
NURS 8403	Translating Research into Practice	
NURS 8405	Healthcare Quality Improvement	

NURS 8417	Health Policy and Analysis
NURS 8418	Healthcare Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement
NURS 8419	Analytical Methods and Appraisal for Evidence-Based Practice
NURS 8489	DNP Project Scholarly Inquiry
NURS 8490	DNP Project Planning
NURS 8491	DNP Project Implementation
NURS 8492	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination