

# EVERY NURSE A LEADER

university of south carolina

## Doctor of Nursing Practice – Baccalaureate Entry

### Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is an advanced practice doctoral degree. The program objectives are to provide students with the skills to manage health care of individuals and/or communities in complex health care systems, conduct research utilization studies to innovate practice, influence health care policy at the local, state, and national level, and assume leadership roles in health care. All courses are available online; however, students will be required to come to Columbia for clinical check-off with faculty.

### Admission Requirements

Regulations governing admission to graduate study in nursing include those established by both the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Specific requirements for admission are:

1. A Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. General GRE verbal and quantitative scores.
3. Registered nurse licensure in South Carolina or eligibility for South Carolina Licensure.
4. Transcripts of all previous college studies.
5. Completed application to The Graduate School with the College of Nursing supplement.
6. Written references from three doctorally prepared nurses.
7. Admission interview.
8. Evidence of writing competence (Personal Statement)

### Application Process

Applications are to be completed and submitted online to the Graduate School at [www.gradschool.sc.edu](http://www.gradschool.sc.edu). Completed applications may be submitted throughout the year (deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>). Curriculum is designed as fall start only. Students will be notified of admission status by June 15.

### Degree Requirements

1. Graduate residency of at least 18 graduate credit hours for three consecutive semesters.
2. Completion of an approved program of study.
3. Completion of a research utilization project.
4. One Thousand (1000) clinical hours.
5. At the time of graduation, the student's cumulative grade point average must be at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Additionally, the student's average on all grades recorded on the Program of Study must be 3.00 and the student's GPA for courses numbered 700 or above, recorded on the Program of Study, must be at least 3.00.
6. Program must be completed in 8 years

For complete information see the Graduate Bulletin at <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu>



**Students must choose an Advance Practice Emphasis Area from the following: Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-Family OR Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

**Sample of full-time curriculum for Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-Family NP (part-time also available)**

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Credits</i>
NURS 700	Theoretical & Conceptual Foundation for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
BIOS 700	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Management in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 708	Conceptual Basis for Family & Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 737	Seminar on Advanced Practice Roles	1
EPID 700	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
<i>Summer</i>		
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 706	Primary Care Nursing of Children	3
NURS 720	Public Health Residency	3
NURS 790	Research Method for Nursing	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 705	Acute Problems of Adults and Women's Health in Primary Care	3
NURS 722	Chronic Health Problems in Primary Care	3
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 734	Conceptual Basis of Health Systems	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 898	Research Internship	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 779	Health Politics	3
NURS 819	Evidence & Nursing Practice	3
NURS 840A	Independent Study in Nursing Science (Advanced Clinical Course)	3
<i>Summer</i>		
HGEN 700	Medical Genetics for Health Professionals	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	2
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 793	Advanced Practice Practicum	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 820	Nursing Leadership Residency	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM = 75 Hours</b>		

**Sample of full-time curriculum for Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (part-time also available)**

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Credits</i>
NURS 700	Theoretical & Conceptual Foundation for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
BIOS 700	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Management in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 737	Seminar on Advanced Practice Roles	1
<i>Summer</i>		
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 786	Management of Acute Adult Health Problems I	5
NURS 790	Research Method for Nursing	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 787	Management of Acute Adult Health Problems II	5
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 734	Conceptual Basis of Health Systems	3
NURS 805	Advanced Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 898	Research Internship	3
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 779	Health Politics	3
NURS 819	Evidence & Nursing Practice	3
NURS 840A	Independent Study in Nursing Science (Advanced Clinical Course)	3
<i>Summer</i>		
HGEN 700	Medical Genetics for Health Professionals	3
NURS 808	Advanced Nursing in Population Health	2
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<i>Fall</i>		
NURS 781	Applied Technology in Health Care	3
NURS 793	Advanced Practice Practicum	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<i>Spring</i>		
NURS 820	Nursing Leadership Residency	3
NURS 821	Research Utilization Preparation	1
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM = 67 Hours</b>		

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