

Doctor of Nursing Practice

2 Graduate Program Change 2022-23

I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

Before starting this form, please review graduate curriculum website on policies and processes: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/curriculum>

Click "**validate and launch proposal**" **button below.** Once the pop-up window comes up and displays an error message, click on the "show me" button (on the pop-up). This will highlight in yellow the required fields of this form. Fill in **ONLY** the yellow (required) fields.

With all yellow fields completed, click on the "**validate and launch proposal**" **button** again to launch the proposal. The pop-up this time should not display an error, and will display instead a "**launch proposal**" **button.** Click on the "**launch proposal**" **button** to launch.

After launch, please fill in all remaining fields in the form to reflect your intended changes, including edits to the schema section of this form (further explained below).

Department (s) (if
Dual or
Interdisciplinary
please add all
departments):*

School of Nursing

Degree or Certificate
Name:*

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Degree Type:*

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Program Type:*

Doctoral

II. Program Changes

Proposed New CIP
Code (if applicable):

Are you changing
admission
requirements?*

Yes

No

Are you changing program learning objectives? Yes No *

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

Are you changing course requirements? Yes No *

Are you changing degree completion requirements? Yes No *

Are you changing the culminating experience? Yes (complete the culminating experience section below) No *

Other Changes (e.g. subplan titles,...): Yes No *

If not a Dual itself, is this program also available as part of a Dual-Degree offering? Yes No *

Summary of Changes

Provide a brief summary of proposed changes: The School of Nursing is adding a post-bachelor's DNP concentration in Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA).

Provide a rationale for each proposed change: In Nevada there is no major anesthesiology residency programs. There is one small hospital based program only. This lack of residency programs is creating delays in surgical care. The provider shortage in Nevada is 2.5 CRNAs/100,000 population. Nationally, the ratio is 13.1 CRNAs/100,000 population. Creating this track will allow the UNLV School of Nursing to provide programming to meet these needs both locally and nationally.

Office of Online Education

Programs that are 100% online must contact the Office of Online Education (<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/online-education>).

Email: elizabeth.barrie@unlv.edu

What is the current delivery/mode of instruction for this program? 100% face-to-face courses Hybrid (some online courses; some face-to-face courses) 100% online courses *

- Are you changing the delivery/mode of instruction? (select new mode):*
- 100% face-to-face courses
 - Hybrid (some online courses; some face-to-face courses)
 - 100% online courses (contact office of online education)
 - No Changes

Required Additional Documents:

Please attach required documents by navigating to the Proposal Toolbox and clicking  in the top right corner.

Information and forms available at the [Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs](#) website.

If changing to 100% online delivery, please attach the following:

Assessment Plan - A new assessment plan will be required when adding an exclusively online mode of delivery to a degree and it must be approved by the [Office of Academic Assessment](#), assessment@unlv.edu,

Dean's memo of support

Teach Out Plan (available at the [Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs](#) website).

- If 100% Online, attach the required documents and mark the checkboxes:
- Assessment Plan
 - Dean's memo of support
 - Teach Out Plan

Office of Educational Compliance

Programs that lead to professional licensure or certification must contact the Office of Educational Compliance (<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/ed-compliance>).

Email: leeann.fields@unlv.edu




- With this change, does this program lead to professional licensure or certification?*
- Yes (contact office of educational compliance)
 - No

SCHEMA SECTION

Do not make any changes to any information in this section until the proposal has been launched (see instructions above).

In this section, please use the instructions below to edit the information found in the current graduate catalog. Please note that the new graduate catalog will display the exact edits that you make in this section.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores by clicking on the core (grey bar) to expand it and simply adjust the text. For new cores, click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current [graduate catalog](#) as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculum Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

QUESTIONS? Please contact gradcurriculum@unlv.edu

Plan Description

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a terminal professional practice degree. The goal of the DNP program is to prepare nurses to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, administration, and clinical research. The DNP differs from the PhD in Nursing or Doctor of Nursing Science degrees, emphasizing advanced clinical practice, implementation of best practices, and evaluation of practice and care delivery models rather than individually initiated research. The DNP program prepares graduates for advanced clinical practice and leadership roles to serve the health care needs of the people of Nevada, the nation, and the professional community. DNP graduates are equipped to assume a wide range of leadership roles in both direct and indirect health care settings. DNP graduates may function as specialists in their advanced practice clinical roles or as healthcare executives, program and policy analysts.

DNP Program Learning Outcomes:

The goal of the DNP degree is to prepare nurses to assume leadership roles in clinical practice and health care leadership and analysis. At the conclusion of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Nursing DNP program, graduates will:

Provide advanced nursing care to improve patient and population health care outcomes in various direct and indirect settings.

Take leadership roles in the analysis, delivery and management of nursing care and health care systems.

Provide evidence-based practice through the application of analytical methods, information systems technology, and clinical research.

Collaborate with interprofessional teams to meet the healthcare needs of culturally and ethnically diverse individuals and populations.

Act as change agent, leader, and advocate in the design, implementation, and evaluation of health care policy as it affects populations and the nursing profession.

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For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements.

Bachelor degrees must also be regionally accredited or approved equivalent.

A one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required as a seat holding fee. This deposit will be credited towards tuition costs once admissions acceptance has been completed. This applies to any and all applicants to the DNP program regardless of subplan.

Post-Master's subplans:

Advanced Practice subplan:

Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited nursing program (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education [CCNE], Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing [ACEN], National League for Nursing [NLN] Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation [CNEA]) or approved equivalent.

Students must hold a master's degree in nursing (MSN or MN) from a regionally accredited program (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education [CCNE], Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing [ACEN], National League for Nursing [NLN] Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation [CNEA]) or approved equivalent. Exceptions to a master's degree in nursing will be made on a case-by-case basis and only for those students who hold a baccalaureate degree nursing with a master's degree in another health-related field (e.g., MPH, MHA, etc.) from a regionally accredited program or approved equivalent.

Coursework from non-nursing master's degree must have significant content from nursing or a nursing focus. At a minimum, graduate-level coursework must demonstrate a substantial study of nursing theory, research, and health policy.

Generally, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 = A scale) earned in a nursing or health-related master's program of study is required. Students who graduated from accredited competency-based schools are advised to contact the Program Director for additional information. Have completed graduate-level course work with a grade of B or better in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, advanced physical assessment, nursing theory, research, and healthcare policy.

Hold an unrestricted and unencumbered license as a registered nurse and as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) commensurate with state licensure.

Hold national certification in an advanced practice role from a nationally recognized certification/credentialing organization.

Interviews may be required.

Nurse Executive subplan:

Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited nursing program (CCNE, ACEN, NLN CNEA).

Hold a master's degree in nursing (MSN or MN) from an accredited program. Exceptions to this will be made on a case-by-case basis and only for those students who hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing with a master's degree in another health-related field (i.e. MBA, MHA, MPH, etc.) from a regionally accredited program or approved equivalent.

Coursework from non-nursing majors must have significant content from nursing or a nursing focus. At a minimum, graduate-level coursework must demonstrate a substantial study of nursing theory, research, and healthcare policy. Students who have not completed a graduate level course in healthcare policy must complete NURS 719R within the first year of study in the DNP program.

Generally, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 = A scale) earned in a nursing or health-related master's program of study is required. Students who graduated from accredited competency-based schools are advised to contact the Program Director for additional information.

Hold an unrestricted and unencumbered license as a registered nurse.

Provide documentation for one of the following:

National certification as a Nurse Executive through either the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), or as a Certified Nurse Manager and Leader through AONE.

Students with any other advanced practice national certification are advised to contact the Program Director for information or minimum of 500 hours of academically supervised clinical practicum in master's degree program on leadership or management.

Interviews may be required.

BSN to DNP subplans:

Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Executive, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists subplan:

Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally and nationally accredited

nursing program (CCNE, ACEN, or NLN CNEA) or approved equivalent.

Generally, a minimum grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 = A scale) earned in a baccalaureate nursing degree is required. Students who graduated from accredited competency-based schools are advised to contact the Program Director for additional information.

Hold an unrestricted and unencumbered license as a registered nurse.

Have practiced as a baccalaureate prepared registered nurse for a minimum of one calendar year (2000 hours) prior to beginning coursework in the BSN to DNP program.

Interviews may be required.

Other Admission Information:

Three letters of professional recommendation from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's motivation, academic capability, advanced practice and/or leadership potential, and personal goals for study in a DNP program.

Letter of interest and Self-Presentation:

Professional goal statement (500 word maximum) describing career objectives and areas of interest in advanced practice or leadership roles. Include reasons for pursuing a doctor of nursing practice degree, specific interest in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas program, and past experiences and achievements in nursing practice, leadership, and scholarship.

Current resume or curriculum vita (CV).

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below.

Subplan 1: Post-Master's Advanced Practice

Subplan 2: BSN - DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (ON HOLD)

Subplan 3: Post-Master's Nurse Executive

Subplan 4: BSN - DNP Nurse Executive (ON HOLD)

Subplan 5: BSN to DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (ON HOLD)

Subplan 6: BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)

Subplan 1 Requirements: Post-Master's Advanced Practice

Total Credits Required: 31

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Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 22

Complete 22 credits by completing each of the following courses.

NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3
NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement	3
NURS 715 Business Management for Nurse Practitioners	2
NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2

DNP Project – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of NURS 788 by completing 1-3 credits per term, over the course of the program.

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Degree Requirements

Complete 31 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00

Complete 6 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.7) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Continuously register for at least one to three (1-3) credits each semester while working on a DNP Project.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned a faculty mentor (also referred to as advisor/committee Chair). The faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), along with the student, will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the first semester of enrollment. The degree program plan requires the approvals of the student, faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), Program Director, appropriate academic dean, and the Graduate Dean.

The faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair) monitors the student's progress through the program of study. In addition, the Program Director will monitor the student's progress, including adherence to all established policies of the Graduate College. At any given time, the student can request a change of faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair). However, it is the student's responsibility to secure approval of an individual faculty member who agrees to serve as their faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair) before changing the original advisor, subject to Graduate College approval. Also, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that their chosen faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair) has current full graduate faculty status at UNLV, which can be checked at:

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Students will be assigned their faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair) for their DNP Project committee prior to the first semester. The student, along with the faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), will identify and select the second and third members to their DNP project committee.

The student will be required to file the Committee Appointment Form through the Grad Rebel Gateway when this is completed, for administrative approval. More specific information about the DNP Project will be discussed in the courses it is embedded in the program.

In consultation with their faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), a student will organize an advisory committee of at least two departmental members. In addition, a third member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

A leave of absence may be requested by students. The DNP Project is a culmination

project based on guidelines from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) DNP Essentials. This is a project completed over at least three semesters in the program.

Students in the DNP program are required to abide by the policies for UNLV School of Nursing. Students in the DNP program are also required to abide by the policies of the UNLV Graduate College.

Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Subplan 2 Requirements: BSN to DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (ON HOLD)

Total Credits Required: 68

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Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 59

Complete 59 credits by completing each of the following courses.

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Svstems and Performance	3

Improvement	
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 715 Business Management for Nurse Practitioners	2
NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3
NURS 740R FNP Adult and Women's Health	6
NURS 750R FNP Children and OB	6
NURS 760R FNP Geriatric and Chronic Illness	(6-8)
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2

DNP Project – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of NURS 788 by completing 3 credits per term, over the course of 3 terms.

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[After] Students who wish to step out of the DNP program and receive a master's degree will be required to complete NURS 761, Clinical Synthesis, and some courses identified above as required.	

Degree Requirements

Complete 68 credits with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.7) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned an advisor. The advisor (and later the Advisory Committee including the chair of the Advisory committee if in place) will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the second semester of enrollment. The degree program requires the approvals of the student, advisor, Program Director, appropriate

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Students will select a chair for their DNP Project committee in the first semester and be required to file the Committee Appointment Form with the Program Director when this is completed. More specific information about the DNP Project will be discussed in the courses it is embedded in the program.

In consultation with their advisor, a student will organize an advisory committee of at least two departmental members. In addition, a third member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

Continuously register for three (3) credits each semester while working on a DNP Project.

Once admitted to the DNP program, students will need to continue to take a minimum of 3 credits per semester for both fall and spring semesters to maintain their place in the program until graduation. A leave of absence may be requested by students.

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Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Subplan 3 Requirements: Post-Master's Nurse Executive

Total Credits Required: 32

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Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 23

Complete 20 credits of the following courses, and an additional 3 credits of an advisor-approved elective course.

NURS 718 Organizational Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NURS 726 Healthcare Issues And The Law	2
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
NURS 735 Healthcare Outcomes Management	2
NURS 737 Leadership in Organizations and Systems	2
NURS 738 Financial Theory and Budget Management in the Healthcare Setting	3
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2

DNP Project – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of NURS 788 by completing 1-3 credits per term, over the course of the program.

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Degree Requirements

Complete 32 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00

Complete 62 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.7) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Continuously register for at least one to three (1-3) credits each semester while working on a DNP Project.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned a faculty mentor (also referred to as advisor/committee Chair). The faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), along with the student, will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the first semester of enrollment. The degree program plan requires the approvals of the student, faculty mentor (advisor/committee Chair), Program Director, appropriate academic dean, and the Graduate Dean.

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Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Subplan 4 Requirements: BSN to DNP Nurse Executive (ON HOLD)

Total Credits Required: 60

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Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 51

Complete 51 credits by completing each of the following courses.

NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement	3
NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation	3
NURS 718 Organizational Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3

NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 726 Healthcare Issues And The Law	2
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
NURS 735 Healthcare Outcomes Management	2
NURS 736 Innovations in Communication: Scholarly Writing	1
NURS 737 Leadership in Organizations and Systems	2
NURS 738 Financial Theory and Budget Management in the Healthcare Setting	3
NURS 754 NE Practicum I: Organizations as Complex Systems	3
NURS 756 NE Practicum II: Organizational Transformation	3
NURS 757 NE Practicum III: Executive Leadership	3
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
NURS 772 The Nurse as Leader	3

DNP Project – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of NURS 788 by completing 3 credits per term, over the course of 3 terms.

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Degree Requirements

Complete 60 credits with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.7) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned an advisor. The advisor (and later the Advisory Committee including the chair of the Advisory committee, if in place) will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the second semester of enrollment. The degree program requires the approvals of the student, advisor, Program Director, appropriate academic dean and the Graduate Dean

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Continuously register for three credits each semester while working on a DNP Project.

Once admitted, students will need to continue to take a minimum of 3 credits per semester for both fall and spring semesters to maintain their place in the program until graduation. A leave of absence may be requested by students.

The DNP Project is a culmination project based on guidelines from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) DNP essentials. This is a project completed over at least 3 semesters in the program.

Students in the DNP program are required to abide by the policies for UNLV School of Nursing and are also required to abide by the policies of the UNLV Graduate College.

Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Subplan 5 Requirements: BSN to DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (ON HOLD)

Total Credits Required: 65

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Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 56

Complete 56 credits by completing each of the following courses.

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement	3
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 715 Business Management for Nurse Practitioners	2
NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
NURS 794 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I	6
NURS 796 Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 799 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner III	6

DNP Project – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of NURS 788 by completing 3 credits per term, over the course of 3 terms. Students who wish to step out of the DNP program and receive a master's degree will be required to complete NURS 761. Clinical Synthesis and some courses identified above as required will not be completed.

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Degree Requirements

Complete 65 credits with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.7) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned an advisor. The advisor (and later the Advisory Committee including the chair of the Advisory committee if in place) will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the second semester of enrollment. The degree program requires the approvals of the student, advisor, and the DNP Coordinator, the appropriate academic dean, and the Graduate Dean.

The Advisor monitors the student's progress through the program of study. In addition, the DNP Coordinator will monitor the student's progress, including adherence to all established policies of the Graduate College. At any given time, the student can request a change of advisor or chair of Advisory Committee. However, it is the student's responsibility to secure approval of an individual faculty member who agrees to serve as their advisor before changing the original advisor, subject to Graduate College approval. Also, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that their chosen advisor or chair has current graduate faculty status at UNLV, which can be checked at: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status>

Students will select a chair for their DNP Project committee in the first semester and be required to file the Committee Appointment Form with the DNP coordinator when this is completed. More specific information about the DNP Project will be discussed in the courses it is embedded in the program.

In consultation with their advisor, a student will organize an advisory committee of at least two departmental members. In addition, a third member from outside the

department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

Continuously register for three (3) credits each semester while working on a DNP Project.

Once admitted to the DNP program, students will need to continue to take a minimum of 3 credits per semester for both fall and spring semesters to maintain their place in the program until graduation. A leave of absence may be requested by students.

The DNP Project is a culmination project based on guidelines from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) DNP Essentials. This is a project completed over three semesters in the program.

Students in the DNP program are required to abide by the policies for UNLV School of Nursing. Students in the DNP program are also required to abide by the policies of the UNLV Graduate College.

Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Subplan 6 Requirements: BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Total Credits Required: 95

[View Plan Disclaimer.](#) (implementation note: add link)

Course Requirements

Core Courses - Credits: 15

Complete 15 credits by completing the following courses.

[Before] NURS - 689 - Informatics and Technology for the CRNA	3
[Before] NURS - 691 - Epidemiology and Biostats for Population Health and Anesthesia	3
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	4
[After] NURS - 801 - Professional Aspects of CRNA Practice	3
[After] NURS - 802 - A Systems Approach to Quality and Safety	2

CRNA/DNP Science Core – Credits: 18

Complete 18 credits by completing the following courses.

NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I	3
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3
[After] NURS - 687 - Advanced Anatomy & Physiology for the CRNA	3
[After] NURS - 688 - Chemistry & Physics for CRNA	3
[After] NURS - 755 - Advanced Pharm for CNAs I	3

Clinical Core - Credits: 57

Complete 57 credits by completing the following courses.

NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN	2
[After] NURS - 804 - Introduction to Anesthesia	5
[After] NURS 805 – Basic Principles and Techniques of Anesthesia, 7 credits	7
[After] NURS 806 – Advanced Anesthesia I	8
[After] NURS 807 – Advanced Anesthesia II	8
[After] NURS 808 – Synthesis I	7
[After] NURS 809 – Synthesis II	9
[Before] NURS 810 – Comprehensive Anesthesia Review	11

DNP Project – Credits: 4

Students will take NURS 788 in three different semesters, and may take it a fourth time.

NURS 788 DNP Project	1-3
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DNP Project Dissemination - Credits: 1

NURS - 830 - Project Dissemination 1

Degree Requirements

Complete 94 credits with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00.

Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above each semester enrolled.

Receive a grade of "B" (3.00) or above in all required cognate and nursing courses. If less than a "B", for example a B- (2.70) is earned, the course must be repeated. The student must be in good standing to repeat a course and any required course may be repeated only one time.

Complete a minimum of six (6) credits in each calendar year.

Each student, upon admission, will be assigned an advisor. The advisor (and later the Advisory Committee including the chair of the Advisory committee if in place) will plan the student's entire degree program of study and submit it to the Graduate College by the end of the second semester of enrollment. The degree program requires the approvals of the student, advisor, and the DNP Coordinator, the appropriate academic dean, and the Graduate Dean.

The Advisor monitors the student's progress through the program of study. In addition, the DNP Coordinator will monitor the student's progress, including adherence to all established policies of the Graduate College. At any given time, the student can request a change of advisor or chair of Advisory Committee. However, it is the student's responsibility to secure approval of an individual faculty member who agrees to serve as their advisor before changing the original advisor, subject to Graduate College approval. Also, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that their chosen advisor or chair has current graduate faculty status at UNLV, which can be checked at: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status>

Students will be assigned a Faculty Mentor as their Chair for their DNP Project committee in the first semester and be required to file the Committee Appointment Form with the DNP coordinator when this is completed. More specific information about the DNP Project will be discussed in the courses it is embedded in the program.

In consultation with their Mentor/Chair, a student will organize an advisory committee of a second member from the School of Nursing. In addition, a third member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

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Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

Plan Graduation Requirements

Submit all required forms to the Graduate College and apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing the degree requirements.

The student must submit and successfully defend their DNP Project by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

The student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their project to the Graduate College for format check. Once the project format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for project defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found [here](#).

Plan Disclaimers

Subplan 1: Post-Master's Advanced Practice subplan: This program does not result in licensure and certification.

Subplan 2: In Nevada, the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or

certification for the BSN to DNP Advanced Practice subplan (DNP) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) are an active Nevada RN License, National Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and graduation from a nationally accredited Nursing Program with a minimum of 500+ hours of direct patient care. The DNP subplan is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). UNLV School of Nursing has not made a determination with respect to the licensure requirements in any other state. As such, DNP Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioner may not be authorized in any other state in which the prospective or enrolled student resides. If you reside in a state other than Nevada where licensure requirements are still unclear, please contact GradNursingAdmissions@unlv.edu. License requirements for other states are being explored.

Subplan 3: Post-Master's Nurse Executive subplan: This program does not result in licensure and certification.

Subplan 4: BSN to DNP Nurse Executive subplan: This program does not result in licensure and certification.

Subplan 6: UNLV School of Nursing has not made a determination with respect to the licensure requirements in any other state. As such, the BSN-DNP-CRNA is not authorized in any other state in which the prospective or enrolled student resides. If you reside in a state other than Nevada where licensure requirements are still unclear, please contact GradNursingAdmissions@unlv.edu. License requirements for other states are being explored.

Advising and Culminating Experience

With these changes, will students in this program need a Grad Advisory Committee (GAC) formed? Yes No

If yes, please list the applicable subplans that will need a GAC: Only this new addition - BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA); the other tracks/concentrations already use GACs.

With these changes, will students be assigned a faculty advisory prior to GAC formation? Yes No

If yes, please list the applicable subplans that will need an advisor: Only this new addition - BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA); the other tracks/concentrations already use GACs.

Comments:

For Master's program only: With these changes, does this program require a prospectus form?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please list applicable subplans:

With these changes, will the culminating experience be a course?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide course prefix, number and name: NURS 800 Capstone Dissemination

With these changes, describe the culminating experience (requirements, if applicable-which subplans will need GACs, forms, etc.): DNP Project

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

Degrees Directory Program Entry: Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

Changes will be applicable to:

Current Students
 New Students
 Both Current and New Students

If applicable to current students, changes are:

Mandatory Optional


If mandatory:

If mandatory, I confirm that all students will be notified in writing of these changes as approved by the graduate college
 Not Mandatory

Effective Date:


READY TO SUBMIT?


After making all your intended changes, please follow these steps:

Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the decisions icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on the right side at the top. This will display a new decision/approval field on the top right.

Click on "approve", add an optional comment if necessary, and then click on the **"Make My Decision" button** at the bottom to move the proposal forward to the next step. You will see a notification indicating that the proposal has moved forward. You will not be able to edit after moving the proposal forward.

Please note that **it is your responsibility as the proposer** to see that the proposal is reviewed and receives all necessary approvals. Please be encouraged to reach out to reviewers if necessary.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking on the workflow status icon  in the Proposal Toolbox, to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

The workflow status icon  will also show you the current step of the proposal at any given time, and who are the reviewers at that step.


QUESTIONS? contact gradcurriculum@unlv.edu

III. Department Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the department committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify gradcurriculum@unlv.edu).

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information in the fields below, along with the approval. If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

If there were any modifications to the proposal, please enter them in the comments box below:

Comments:

Date faculty voted on proposal: 06/28/2021


Result of vote: 20 approved, 3 rejected, 4 abstained

Manner of vote: Online

IV. College Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Academic Associate Dean on behalf of the college/school committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify gradcurriculum@unlv.edu).

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information in the fields below, along with the approval. If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

Date faculty voted on proposal: 06/28/2021

Result of vote: 20 approved, 3 rejected, 4 abstained

Manner of vote: Online

V. Graduate College Use Only - Code Request Items

Note: This section is for graduate college use only.

Academic Organization:

Academic Program Code:

Academic Plan Code:

Plan Description (30 chars):

Transcript Description:

Subplan Code:

Subplan Description:

- Subplan Type:** Track
 Concentration
 Option/Dual
 Embedded/Track

Subplan on Transcript? YES NO

Effective Date and First Term Valid:

Length / Avg. Time to Degree:

CIP code and title:

Other Codes Needed:

Description / implementation field (do not edit) This program is accredited by: CCNE. More information can be found at: unlv.edu/provost/vpaa/accreditation

Comments for Doctor of Nursing Practice

Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:36 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/Dean.	
Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:36 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:36 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Department Chair.	
Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:34 am Reply
Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.	
Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:32 am Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Office of Educational Compliance Review (if licensure/certification).	
Curriculog	3/11/2022 9:32 am Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.	
Curriculog	1/27/2022 3:46 pm Reply
Angela Amar has approved this proposal on Originator.	
Graduate Curriculum	11/12/2021 9:38 am Reply
Moving back to originator for further edits	
Curriculog	11/12/2021 9:38 am Reply
Graduate Curriculum has rejected this proposal on Technical Review.	
Graduate Curriculum	11/12/2021 9:37 am Reply
Moving back to originator for further edits	
Curriculog	11/12/2021 9:37 am Reply

Graduate Curriculum has force rejected this proposal.

Graduate Curriculum

11/12/2021 9:37 am [Reply](#)

Moving back to originator for further edits

Curriculog

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Graduate Curriculum

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Curriculog

11/12/2021 9:37 am [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has force rejected this proposal.

Curriculog

10/18/2021 11:14 am [Reply](#)

Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.

Curriculog

9/21/2021 11:38 am [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Office of Educational Compliance Review (if licensure/certification).

Graduate Curriculum

9/21/2021 11:32 am [Reply](#)

Please note that the SoN is responsible for the management of the seat holding fee.

Curriculog

9/21/2021 11:31 am [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.

Curriculog

9/14/2021 5:11 pm [Reply](#)

Angela Amar has approved this proposal on Originator.

Graduate Curriculum

8/24/2021 1:54 pm [Reply](#)

- On admissions requirements, please review and confirm accreditation needs for previously completed degrees.
- On disclaimers, please substitute UNLV refund for a more specific instruction, or please add link to informational page in brackets and it can be linked during implementation.
- In the schema section, please review course credits to make sure that they match the total credits. If any course is taken twice that must be clear on the instructions of that course section.

For assistance please contact gradcurriculum@unlv.edu

Curriculog

8/24/2021 1:54 pm [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has rejected this proposal on Technical Review.

Curriculog

8/11/2021 2:49 pm [Reply](#)

Angela Amar has approved this proposal on Originator.

Curriculog

8/11/2021 10:41 am [Reply](#)

Angela Amar has launched this proposal.

Curriculog

8/11/2021 10:27 am [Reply](#)

Angela Amar imported from the map 2022-2023 - Working Graduate Catalog into the following proposal fields: I. General Information: Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments);, I. General Information: Degree or Certificate Name; , I. General Information: Degree Type; , I. General Information: Program Type; , II. Program Changes: Proposed Curriculum; , V. Graduate College Use Only - Code Request Items: Description / implementation field (do not edit).