

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

## 2 Graduate Program Deactivate/Reactivate Request 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 red the required fields of this form. Fill in **ONLY** the red (required) fields.

With all red 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.**

Degree/ Certificate Name:\* Doctor of Nursing Practice

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

School of Nursing

Program Type:\*

Doctoral

Proposal to deactivate or reactivate program or subplans?\*

Deactivate  Reactivate

Acknowledgement on Reactivation:\*

I understand that if I deactivate I must plan the reactivation prior to the publication of the catalog in which I wish the program to be active again. e.g. If I plan to reactivate for 2022, I must have my reactivation fully approved during the 2021 AY.

Acknowledgement of permanent subplan deactivation needs:\*

I hereby confirm that I am also submitting a program change proposal form, at the same time as this form, with all details of program changes, if intending to permanently deactivate a subplan.

I am not eliminating a subplan

**Program Deactivate  
or Reactivate  
Effective Date:\***

Fall 2022

**Explanation/rationale  
for this proposal:\***

In 2021, a hold was placed on the BSN to DNP track of the DNP program to allow faculty to evaluate issues that may have been related to retention of students in this track; ongoing evaluation of the track is in progress with the faculty. Since that time UNLV School of Nursing's Faculty have voted to approve a new program (CRNA sub-plan for the Doctor of Nursing Practice [DNP] degree) which allows/requires some students to apply for admission one year after completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing; therefore the BSN to DNP hold needs to be rescinded and the program track reactivated as soon as possible to allow all visitors to the UNLV website to be aware of this new program and its options for enrollment.

The faculty approval date for the CRNA sub-plan for the DNP was 1-18-2022 and the vote was recorded as: Approve = 26; Disapprove = 3, Abstentions = 3

**If reactivating a  
program, have there  
been any changes  
since the deactivation  
of this program?**

Yes  No

If changes are needed, the following steps will need to be completed prior to opening admissions to the reactivated program:

Submit a program change form (changes must be fully approved by the Graduate Programs Committee prior to implementation).

If a program name will be changed, this requires Board of Regents Approval prior to opening admissions.

**Acknowledge the  
above statement:**  I acknowledge the above statement

## II. Program Information

A program may be deactivated for less than five years with the appropriate approvals.

**A deactivated program will be considered formally eliminated after five years if not reactivated.**

See the [Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Programs](#) website for more information.

**Are you deactivating  
/ reactivating the  
ENTIRE PROGRAM  
(including subplans),  
or subplans only?\***  ENTIRE PROGRAM  Subplans only

**Please describe subplans being deactivated / reactivated:**

Reactivating: BSN to DNP ( FNP, Nurse Executive, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)

**Are students currently enrolled in the program?\***

Yes  No

**If yes, describe how will they be supported through program completion?**

NA - Not deactivating

**If prospective students have already submitted applications to this program how do you propose handling them?**

NA - Not deactivating

Note: The Graduate College will be unable to refund application fees.

### **Required Additional Documents**

Please attach required documents by navigating to the “attach a file” icon at the right of this form.

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

Program Deactivation Request Coversheet.

NSHE Program Deactivation form.



Teach Out Plan - if deactivation.


**All required forms are attached (check boxes):**

- Program Deactivation Request Coversheet
- NSHE Program Deactivation form
- Teach Out Plan - if deactivation

## READY TO SUBMIT?

After completing this form, please follow these steps:

1. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. This will display a new decision/approval field on the top right.
2. 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.
3. 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 on each step, if necessary.
4. You can check the status of the proposal by clicking on the workflow status icon  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](mailto: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](mailto: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 approve/reject by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. 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.

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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](mailto: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 approve/reject by clicking the decisions icon  located to the right of the form. 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.

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**Date faculty voted on proposal:**

**Result of vote:**

**Manner of vote:**

#### V. Graduate College Use Only

Note: This section is for graduate college use only.

**Implementation Comments:**

**Description / implementation field (do not edit)**

## 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.**

**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 an 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]).**

**Students must hold a master's degree in nursing (MSN or MN) from an accredited program. 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.).**

**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.).

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, and Nurse Executive subplan:**

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

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 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, with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.

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

### 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.

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.

A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a grade less than "B" is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than "B" in two courses they are ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

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:  
<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/facstaff/status.html>.

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, with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.

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

<b>NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 715 Business Management for Nurse Practitioners</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 719R Health &amp; Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 740R FNP Adult and Women's Health</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NURS 750R FNP Children and OB</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NURS 760R FNP Geriatric and Chronic Illness</b>	<b>(6-8)</b>
<b>NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication &amp; Negotiation for the Nurse Leader</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 768 DNP Forum &amp; Role Transformation</b>	<b>2</b>

### **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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<b>[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.</b>	

### **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.

A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a grade less than "B" is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than "B" in two courses he/she is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

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.

The Advisor 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 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 full graduate faculty status at UNLV, which can be checked at: <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/facstaff/status.html>.

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.

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 3 Requirements: Post-Master's Nurse Executive

Total Credits Required: 32

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## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 23

Complete 23 credits by completing each of the following courses, with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.

<b>NURS 718 Organizational Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 726 Healthcare Issues And The Law</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NURS 735 Healthcare Outcomes Management</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 737 Leadership in Organizations and Systems</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 738 Financial Theory and Budget Management in the Healthcare Setting</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication &amp; Negotiation for the Nurse Leader</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 768 DNP Forum &amp; Role Transformation</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>[After] Cognate Elective (Focus depends on master's degree coursework)</b>	

## **DNP Project – Credits: 9**

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

**NURS 788 DNP Project**

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## **Degree Requirements**

Complete 32 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.

A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a grade less than "B" is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than "B" in two courses they are ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

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



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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.

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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 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, with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.

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

### Cognate (Elective) Courses – Credits: 9 (*Inactive-Hidden*)

XXXX - Elective, Open focus

XXXX - Elective, Open focus

XXXX - Elective, Leadership focus

## **DNP Project – Credits: 9**

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

**NURS 788 DNP Project**

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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.

A student may register for a course only two times. A student who has registered for the same course twice and has withdrawn or received a grade less than "B" is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

If a student fails two courses or has withdrawn from two courses or received a grade less than "B" in two courses he/she is ineligible for readmission unless approved by the Graduate College.

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.

The Advisor 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 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.

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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: 68

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## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 59

Complete 59 credits by completing each of the following courses, with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.

<b>NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 715 Business Management for Nurse Practitioners</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 719R Health &amp; Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 765 DNP Residency</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication &amp; Negotiation for the Nurse Leader</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 768 DNP Forum &amp; Role Transformation</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 794 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NURS 799 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner III</b>	<b>6</b>

### 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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## **Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## **Plan Graduation Requirements**

Submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their 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, UNLV will refund the applicable application fee in accordance with its procedures. 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.



## Comments for Doctor of Nursing Practice

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