

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

## 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. View [Subplan Plan Disclaimers](#). **For (implementation note: add link)For** more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning **outcomes o utcomes** please visit the [De-gree Degree](#) Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlinesApplications 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 **an 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 **an a regionally** accredited program **(Commission (C ommission on Collegiate Nursing Education [CCNE],-Accreditatio-n 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 **ca-se-by-case 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~~ **additional** information. Have completed graduate-level course work with a grade of B or ~~better~~ **better** in advanced ~~pathophysiology~~ **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~~ **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~~ **Coursework** from ~~non-nursing~~ **non-nursing** majors must have significant content from nursing or a nursing focus. At a minimum, graduate-level ~~coursework~~ **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~~ **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~~ **with** any other advanced ~~practice~~ **practice** national certification are advised to contact the Program Director for ~~information~~ **information** or minimum of 500 hours of academically supervised ~~clinical~~ **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~~ **and** Nurse Executive, ~~and~~ **and** ~~Registered~~ **Registered Nurse Anesthetists** subplan: Hold a ~~baccalaureate~~ **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~~ **letters** of ~~professional recommendation~~ **professional recommendation** from individuals who can ~~evaluate~~ **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~~ **describing** career objectives and areas of ~~interest~~ **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) HOLD) Subplan 6: Requirements: BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)**

## Subplan 1 Requirements: Post-Master's Advanced Practice

Total Credits Required: 31 View ~~Subplan Plan~~ Disclaimer. **(implementation note: add link)**

### 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.~~

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
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
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. 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 ~~stu-~~ **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) ~~b-efore~~ **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~~ **https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status 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 le~~ **ast 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~~ **guidelin es** 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: 68View ~~Subplan Plan~~ Disclaimer. **(implementation note: add link)**

## 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. Example of text box not showing text**

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
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
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 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
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)

### 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. ~~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 they are 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~~ **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~~ **at** UNLV, which can be checked at:

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

## Graduation Requirements

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## Subplan 3 Requirements: Post-Master's Nurse Executive

Total Credits Required: 32View ~~Subplan Disclaimers~~ **Plan Disclaimer. (implementation note: add link)**

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 23

Complete ~~23~~ **20** credits ~~by completing each~~ of the following courses, ~~with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R, and an additional 3 credits of an advisor-approved elective course.~~

<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
NURS 718 Organizational Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NURS 726 Healthcare Issues And The Law	2
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
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
[After] Cognate Elective (Focus depends on master's degree coursework)	

### 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

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**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** <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status> **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 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 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 4 Requirements: BSN to DNP Nurse Executive (ON HOLD)

Total Credits Required: 60View **Subplan Plan** Disclaimer. **(implementation note: add link)**

## 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 708 Analysis and Economics of Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3
NURS 712 Strategies for Management of Healthcare Systems and Performance Improvement	3
NURS 716 Population Health: Analysis and Evaluation	3
NURS 719R Health & Public Policy for Advanced Practice of Nursing	3
<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
NURS 706 Nursing Theory and Research	3
NURS 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 718 Organizational Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NURS 726 Healthcare Issues And The Law	2
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 736 Innovations in Communication: Scholarly Writing	1
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 772 The Nurse as Leader	3

## Cognate (Elective) Courses – Credits: 9

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.

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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 they are 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~~ **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~~ **status** at UNLV, which can be checked at <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/facstaff/status.html>. **Students:** <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 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~~ **the ir** 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 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~~ **semesters** ~~spring~~ **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~~ **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~~~~View~~ ~~63~~~~View~~ ~~Subplan~~ **65**~~View~~ **Plan** Disclaimer. **(implementation note: add link)**

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: ~~59~~ ~~54~~ **56**

Complete ~~59~~ ~~54~~ **56** credits by completing each of the following courses, ~~with a total of 4 credits of NURS 729R.~~

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
<b>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</b>	<b>4</b>
<del>NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems</del>	<del>3</del>
NURS 767 Collaboration, Communication & Negotiation for the Nurse Leader	2
NURS 768 DNP Forum & Role Transformation	2
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 711 Informatics and Quality Improvement	3
NURS 714 Family Theory and Health Promotion	2
NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II	3
<del>NURS 765 DNP Residency</del>	<del>4</del>
<b>NURS 796 Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan</b>	<b>3</b>

NURS 794 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I	6
<b>NURS 796 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II</b>	<b>8</b>
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 ~~68-63~~ **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. ~~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 they are 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~~ **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~~ **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:

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

<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~~ ~~semest~~ ~~er~~ **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.

## **New Core Subplan ~~5~~ **6** Requirements: BSN to DNP Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists ~~(CRNA)~~**

Total Credits Required: ~~98-95-102-93-94-94~~ **View 95** **View Plan Disclaimer.** (implementation note: add link)

## **New Core Course Requirements**

### **New Core Courses-Credits: ~~22-18-14~~ **15****

Complete ~~22-18-14~~ **15** credits by completing the following courses.

<del>{After}</del> NURS - 689 - Informatics and Technology <del>{Before}</del> for the CRNA	<b>3</b>
<del>GRAD-XXX-XXX Placeholder Only</del>	<b>0</b>
<del>{After}</del> NURS-691-Epidemiology and Biostats for <del>{Before}</del> Population Health and Anesthesia	<b>3</b>
<del>{After}</del> NURS - 801 - Professional Aspects of CRNA Practice	<b>3</b>
<del>{After}</del> NURS - 802 - A Systems Approach to Quality and Safety	<b>2</b>
NURS 729R Translational Evidence for Healthcare Systems	<b>4</b>
<del>{After}</del> NURS - 803 - Healthcare Economics, Policy and Finance	<b>2</b>

### **New Core Required Courses CRNA/DNP Science Core - Credits: ~~94-91~~ **18****

Complete ~~94-18-94~~ **18** credits by completing the following courses.

<del>NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision-Making for the APRN</del>	<b>2</b>
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<b>NURS 703 Advanced Health Assessment</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 730 Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 704 Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS-688-Chemistry&amp; Physics for CRNA</b> <del>[After]</del>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS-687-Advanced A Anatomy&amp;P</b> <del>[After]</del> <b>Physiology for the CRNA</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 758 Analyzing, Evaluating&amp; Translating Evidence for CRNA Practice</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 759 Systems Leadership for the CRNA</b>	<b>2</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 755-755-Advanced Pharm for CNAs I</b> <del>[After]</del>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 762 Capstone Development</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 766 Capstone Implementation I</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 769 Capstone: Implementation II</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 800 Capstone: Dissemination</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 802 A Systems Approach to Quality and Safety</b>	<b>2</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 803 Healthcare Economics, Policy, and Finance</b>	<b>2</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 804 Introduction to Anesthesia</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 805 CRNA Practicum I</b>	<b>4</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 806 Basic Principles and Techniques of Anesthesia</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 807 CRNA Practicum II</b>	<b>5</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 808 Advanced Anesth II</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 809 CRNA Practicum III</b>	<b>5</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 810 Advanced Anesth II</b>	<b>3</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 811 CRNA Practicum IV</b>	<b>6</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 812 Synthesis</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 813 CRNA Practicum V</b>	<b>8</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 814 Synthesis II</b>	<b>1</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 815 CRNA Practicum VI</b>	<b>8</b>
<del>{Before}</del> <b>NURS 816 Comprehensive Anesthesia Review</b>	<b>3</b>

## **New Clinical Core-Credits: 55 57**

Complete 55 57 credits by completing the following courses.

<b>NURS 701 Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the APRN</b>	<b>2</b>
<del>[After]</del> <b>NURS - 804 - Introduction to Anesthesia</b>	<b>3 5</b>
<del>[After]</del> <b>NURS-805-CRNA Practicum I – Basic Principles and Techniques of Anesthesia, 7 credits</b>	<b>4 7</b>
<del>[After]</del> <b>NURS-806-Basic Principles and Techniques of – Advanced Anesthesia I</b>	<b>3 8</b>
<del>[After]</del> <b>NURS-807-CRNA Practicum – Advanced Anesthesia II</b>	<b>5 8</b>
<del>[After]</del> <b>NURS-808-Advanced Anesthesia – Synthesis I</b>	<b>3 7</b>

[After] <del>NURS-809-CRNA Practicum III</del> – Synthesis II	5 9
[Before] <del>NURS-810-Advanced</del> – Comprehensive Anesthesia <del>II</del> Review	3 11
[After] NURS - 811 - CRNA Practicum IV	6
[After] NURS - 812 - Synthesis	1

## New Core

### **New Core DNP Project Dissemination-Credits: 1**

NURS-830-Project Dissemination 1

### **New Core DNP Project – Credits: 4**

Students will take ~~each course listed below~~ NURS 788 in the following order: ~~NURS 762 Capstone Development, 1 credit~~ NURS 766 Capstone Implementation I, ~~1 credit~~ NURS 769 Capstone Implementation II, ~~1 credit~~ NURS 800 Capstone Dissemination, ~~1 credit~~ three different semesters, and may take it a fourth time.

NURS 788 DNP Project	1-3
<del>GRAD-XXX-XXX Placeholder Only</del>	<del>0</del>
[After] NURS 762 Capstone Development	1
[After] NURS 766 Capstone Implementation I	1
[After] NURS 769 Capstone Implementation II	1
[After] NURS 800 Capstone Dissemination, 1	1

### **New Core Degree Requirements**

Complete ~~98-95-93~~ 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- (2.7) 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. ~~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 they are 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 Advisory Advisory~~ 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~~ 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-s tatus~~ status at UNLV, which can be checked at: <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/facstaff/status.html>. Students <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status> Students will ~~select~~ be assigned a ~~chair~~ 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~~ the program. In consultation with their ~~advisor~~ Mentor/Chair, a student will organize an advisory committee of ~~at least two departmental members~~ 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. 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 to~~ to take a minimum of 3 credits per semester for ~~both both~~ 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~~ 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.

## ~~New Core~~ Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

### Plan Graduation Requirements

Submit all required forms to the Graduate College ~~as well as and~~ and apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing ~~their 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, ~~UNLV will refund the applicable application fee in accordance with its procedures~~ please contact [GradNursingAdmissions@unlv.edu](mailto: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](mailto:GradNursingAdmissions@unlv.edu). License requirements for other states are being explored.**