

# HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP, D.N.P.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the College of Saint Scholastica prepares future nursing leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead health care change and advance population health at the highest levels of nursing practice. The Department of Nursing offers two DNP degree options: Baccalaureate to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSDNP) and a Post-Graduate DNP.

The BS to DNP program educates professional nurses for advanced roles in healthcare leadership including an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) concentration: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Doctoral-level courses are integrated throughout the advanced practice nursing curriculum and prepare the future DNP to expand their knowledge and practice options. The BS to DNP is completed in 3-4 years and offered in a hybrid format. DNP core courses are completed online asynchronously with some synchronous virtual sessions. The APRN course work includes theory that is completed online with some synchronous virtual sessions and lab that is on campus for skills training and simulation. On campus days are 1-3 days per semester per practicum course. Students participate in clinical rotations with a preceptor in a community setting with oversight of CSS faculty.

## Contact Information

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## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice and/or post-graduate APRN certificate, the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the arts, sciences, and humanities in promoting at least one of the four spheres of care: wellness, chronic disease management, regenerative/restorative, or palliative.
2. Evaluate values and behaviors consistent with professional nursing standards and the Benedictine values.
3. Appraise the use of information and technology to promote health and safety within dynamic health care systems.
4. Develop evidence-based interventions that promote the health and well-being of nurses, individuals, or communities.
5. Generate collaborative partnerships to address social determinants of health and advocate for health equity.
6. Evaluate resources needed to design safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.

## Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Healthcare Leadership, D.N.P.

### Program Requirements

**Major Credits: 31**

### Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>DNP Core Courses</b>		
Core courses in the Healthcare Leadership BS-DNP program are combined with one of three concentrations selected by the student.		
HIF 6010	Foundations Health Informatics	3
NSG 8110	Introduction to the DNP	3
NSG 8201	Clinical Project I	3
NSG 8206	Clinical Project II	3
NSG 8207	Clinical Project III	3
NSG 8213	Evidence Based Practice & Health Outcomes	3
NSG 8323	Quality Improvement	3
NSG 8620	Health Policy, Ethics & Law	3
NSG 8660	Leadership in Health Care: Organizational Innovations	3
NSG 8673	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
NSG 8674	Biostatistics for the DNP	1
Select one concentration from the following:		
	Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	
	Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)	
	Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>

### Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences. The BS to DNP degree option includes DNP core course work the first two years of the program with AGACNP clinical coursework occurring the third and fourth years of the program. The post-graduate APRN certificate option can be completed in three consecutive semesters.

**Credits: 78**

**Clinical Hours: 1020**

**DNP Hours: 500**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>DNP Core Courses</b>		<b>31</b>
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8661	Health Care Management I: Adult	3
NSG 8663	Advanced Practicum I	4
NSG 8668	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8706	Introduction to Acute Care Practice, Therapeutics and Diagnostics	2
NSG 8710	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management I	2
NSG 8712	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management II	3
NSG 8714	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management III	3

NSG 8715	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum I	4
NSG 8717	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum II	5
NSG 8719	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum III	5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>78</b>

## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration

The Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences. The BS to DNP degree option includes DNP core course work the first two years of the program with FNP clinical coursework occurring the third and fourth years of the program.

**Credits: 78**

**Clinical Hours: 1020**

**DNP Hours: 500**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>DNP Core Courses</b>		<b>31</b>
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8220	Health Care Management IV: Women's Reproductive Health	2
NSG 8661	Health Care Management I: Adult	3
NSG 8663	Advanced Practicum I	4
NSG 8664	Health Care Management II: Peds and Adolescents	3
NSG 8665	Advanced Practicum II	3
NSG 8666	Health Care Management III: Older Adult/Chronic	2
NSG 8667	Advanced Practicum III	4
NSG 8668	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2
NSG 8669	Advanced Practicum IV: Rural/Emergent Practicum	3
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8679	PMH for Primary Care	3
NSG 8777	Topics (Advanced Practicum V)	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>78</b>

## Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Concentration

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration includes theory online, on campus lab days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences.

**Credits: 75**

**Clinical Hours: 960**

**DNP Hours: 500**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>DNP Core Courses</b>		<b>31</b>
Students must complete the DNP Core courses and the following:		
NSG 8120	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2

NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8520	Assessment and Management of Psychiatric Disorders in Adults	3
NSG 8521	Psychiatric Practicum I: Adults	4
NSG 8550	Assessment and Management of Psychiatric Disorders in Children/Adolescents/Families	3
NSG 8551	Psychiatric Practicum II: Child/Adolescent/Families	4
NSG 8595	Psychiatric Practicum III: Practice Transition	5
NSG 8662	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	6
NSG 8668	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8678	Psychopharmacology	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>75</b>

## Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, graduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**