

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE NURSE PRACTITIONER



GRADUATE STUDIES



Program Description

This program is designed for nurse practitioners desiring to move to specialized advanced nursing practice. Concentrations offered are Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). The program provides advanced knowledge and leadership skills to improve health care outcomes and provide expert evidence-based advanced practice nursing across diverse health settings. There are two pathways for admission, with entrance based on applicants' credentials.

BSN to DNP

This pathway is for those who hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited institution and a BSN program accredited by CCNE or ACEN. The curriculum requires 81 credit hours of coursework that include a minimum of 1,000 practice hours and a DNP project. It can be completed on either a full-time or part-time plan of study. Classes are offered in various formats, including in person, online, hybrid and clinical practice. Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/nursing/bsndnp.aspx>

MSN to DNP

This pathway is for those who hold a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with an advanced practice focus (clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife and nurse practitioner) from a program accredited by CCNE, ACEN or COA and from a regionally accredited institution. The program builds upon a candidate's specialty practice area by focusing on research in the practice setting, quality of care delivery, examination of health care outcomes, leadership in practice and fundamentals of nurse education. Students may transfer up to 9 credit hours of graduate level nursing coursework taken within the last five years upon determination of equivalency with required DNP program courses. Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/nursing/msndnp.aspx>

Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate Nursing degree (BSN) from a CCNE or ACEN nursing program & regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) official scores (not required with MSN)
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Supplemental School of Nursing application through NursingCAS
- Current Resume or CV
- Statement of professional goal (300-350 words)
- Evidence of current & unrestricted Florida RN license or eligibility for licensure
- Three references
 - One from supervisor
 - One from Academic faculty
 - One from registered nurse, APRN, or physician
- Interview (by invitation from program)
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

Application Deadlines

Fall – March 1

Prerequisite Courses

BSN to DNP

- Statistics
- Health Assessment

MSN to DNP (Graduate level courses)

- Pathophysiology
- Pharmacology
- Physical Assessment
- Research

Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
Tuition and Fees	\$6,720	\$23,412
Books and Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room and Board	\$9,672	\$9,672
Estimated Total Cost	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour. The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour. Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring). For more details, visit: fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies

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BSN to DNP Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 81 Credit Hours

Core Courses (81 credits)

NGR 6002 Advanced Health Assessment (3)
NGR 6002L Adv Health Assessment Practice (1)
NGR 6141 Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
NGR 6172 Pharmacotherapeutics (4)
NGR 6240 Primary Health Care I (4)
NGR 6240L Primary Health Care I - Pract (2)
NGR 6252 Primary Health Care IV (4)
NGR 6252L Primary Health Care IV Pract (4)
NGR 6305 Primary Health Care III (3)
NGR 6305L Primary Health Care III-Pract (2)
NGR 6638 Advanced Health Promotion (3)
NGR 6712 Foundations of Nursing Educ (3)
NGR 6741 Primary Health Care II (3)
NGR 6741L Primary Health Care II Pract (2)
NGR 6811 Advanced Nursing Research (3)
NGR 6872 Nursing Information Management (3)
NGR 7176 Adv Pharmacology & Genomics (3)
NGR 7768 Basis of Adv Practice Nursing (3)
NGR 7769 Advanced Practice Management (3)
NGR 7846 Biostatistics & Epidemiology (3)
NGR 7856 Evidence-Based Trans Research (3)
NGR 7895 Health Policy (3)
NGR 7899 Organization Syst & Leadship (3)
NGR 7974 DNP Project (5)*
NGR 7949L DNP Clinical Practice (7)*

*Credit hours are spread over varying semesters

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration Required Courses (13 credits)*

NGR 6305 Primary Health Care III (3)
NGR 6305L Primary Health Care III Practice (2)
NGR 6252 Primary Health Care IV (4)
NGR 6252L Primary Health Care IV Practice (4)

*For those seeking national certification as Family Nurse Practitioner

MSN to DNP Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 36 Credit Hours

Core Courses (36 credits)

NGR 6638 Advanced Health Promotion (3)
NGR 6712 Foundations of Nursing Educ. (3)
NGR 6872 Nursing Information Management (3)
NGR 7769 Advanced Practice Management (3)
NGR 7846 Biostatistics & Epidemiology (3)
NGR 7856 Evidenced-Based Trans Research (3)
NGR 7895 Health Policy (3)
NGR 7899 Organization Syst. & Leadership (3)
NGR 7949L DNP Clinical Practice (7)*
NGR 7974 DNP Project (5)*

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~Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog. <http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

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