

Nursing Practice, Doctor, BSN to DNP

The UMSL College of Nursing is committed to admitting a diverse group of students who will become nurse leaders responsive to the specific needs of the communities and populations we serve. We value diversity, intellectual discourse and rigor, caring, professionalism, mutual respect and support, innovation, collaboration, and transparency. Applicants will be selected using inclusive and balanced admission criteria that measure their potential in nursing practice, education, research, and scholarship. We measure our success by graduates who become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities and in the profession of nursing.

Applicants to the DNP program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, a personal statement, an essay, work/volunteer experiences, professional activities, leadership roles, honors, award recognitions, etc.

Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri–St. Louis cannot admit students from all states for online programs. Please see the Center for Teaching and Learning for additional information: http://www.umsu.edu/services/ctl/onlinelearning/state_authorization.html

Admission Criteria

BSN to DNP

The post-baccalaureate entry point is designed for registered nurses who have completed a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree and desire to obtain a doctoral degree in nursing practice. The student will develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become clinical scholars, clinical experts, and transformational leaders who will function at the highest level of nursing practice.

General Admission Criteria:

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application
- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from a nationally accredited nursing program
- BSN 3.0 GPA (calculated on last 60 hours of BSN coursework)
- Current professional licensure
- Completion of an undergraduate general statistics course

Direct Admit BSN to DNP Option

Guaranteed Direct admission to the BSN to DNP program is selective and open to students who have earned a BSN from UMSL or completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.

Admission Criteria:

Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School application

- Completion of College of Nursing supplemental application
- BSN from UMSL **OR** completed the UMSL CON Externship in Nursing Summer Program and earned a BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program
- 3.75 GPA in last 60 hours of BSN coursework

Once admitted, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Spaces in the BSN to DNP program are limited and are first awarded to guaranteed applicants. Based on space availability, applications will be accepted until the class is full.

Degree Requirements

~~The DNP Curriculum focuses on three tiers:~~

~~1. Foundational Concepts~~

~~2. Clinical Expertise~~

~~3. Integration of Practice~~

Core Content for BSN to DNP program

~~Completion of the BSN to DNP program requires the completion of the following core content for all emphasis areas:~~

Completion of the BSN to DNP program has seven program emphasis areas: six Nurse Practitioner emphasis areas and a Leadership in Healthcare Systems emphasis area. All programs include coursework in Foundational Concepts, Clinical Expertise, and Integration of Practice.

Foundational Concepts

NURSE 6111	Healthcare Systems Concepts and	3
NURSE 6130	Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health	3
NURSE 6660	Introduction to Health Systems Management, and Policy for	3
NURSE 7211	Biostatistics I	3
NURSE 7209	Advanced Nursing Roles and the Role of the DNP	3
NURSE 7215	Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP	3

NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
NURSE 7230	Epidemiology	3
NURSE 7240	Health Informatics	3
NURSE 7251	Healthcare Economics	3
NURSE 7260	Program Evaluation and Quality Management in Healthcare	3
NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2
NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy	3
Nursing elective (choose one of the following):		3
NURSE 6321	Instructional Strategies in Nursing	
NURSE 6420	Healthcare Law and Regulation	
NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health	
NURSE 7200	State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice	
Total Hours		42 33

Clinical Expertise, Nurse Practitioner Emphasis Area

NURSE 6518	Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6520	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

NURSE 6524	Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 6530	Clinical Diagnostics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Diagnosis and Management Foundations		3
Choose appropriate course for specialty from the following:		
NURSE 6721	Foundations of Psychiatric Health	
NURSE 6722	Foundation of Adolescent and Geriatric Health	
NURSE 6723	Foundations of Pediatric Health	
NURSE 6724	Foundations of Women's Health	
Diagnosis and Management I		4
Choose appropriate course for specialty from the following:		
NURSE 6737	Psychiatric-Mental Health I: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6739	Adult-Geriatric Health I: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6743	Child Health I: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6746	Women's Health I: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	

Diagnosis and Management II		4
Choose appropriate course for specialty from the following:		
NURSE 6738	Psychiatric-Mental Health II: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6740	Adult-Geriatric Health II: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6744	Child Health II: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6747	Women's Health II: Diagnosis and Management in Advanced Practice	
NURSE 6749	Pediatric Health II:: Complex Acute Care	
Total Hours		23

Integration of Practice

NURSE 6954	Advanced Practice Nursing: Residency	2-4
or NURSE 6934	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency I	
NURSE 6955	Advanced Practice Nursing: Residency	2-4
or NURSE 6935	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency II	
NURSE 7954	Advanced Practice Nursing: Residency	2-4
or NURSE 7934	Leadership in Population Health and Healthcare Systems Residency III	

NURSE 7291	DNP Capstone I	2
NURSE 7292	DNP Capstone II	2
NURSE 7293	DNP Capstone III	2
Total Hours		14

¹ All students must complete a minimum of 8 hours of residency.

Prior to completion of the DNP program, students will complete a clinical scholarship project that satisfies the graduate school requirement.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The DNP Faculty wanted to strengthen the curriculum for the doctoral level courses in the curriculum and reduce redundancy of content. The proposed curriculum includes new courses and a merger of several courses. It was determined that a second Evidence-Based Practice course (NURSE 7215 Evidence-Based Practice for the DNP) was needed in the curriculum. The DNP Faculty felt that the course NURSE 7209 Role of the DNP content would be better suited when incorporated into other courses; NURSE 6424 Social Determinants of Health and NURSE 6660 Introduction to Health Systems Management and Policy for Underserved Populations were considered to have similar content for merger; and NURSE 7443 Healthcare Policy and NURSE 7251 Healthcare Economics content was amenable for a merger. DNP Faculty felt that an additional Diagnosis and Management course was needed (currently there are only two). Each population track would include a Foundations course in addition to the existing episodic, acute, and chronic care courses (the current Diagnosis & Management I and II courses). Providing a Foundations course enables population tracks to share needed content (e.g. FNP students would take Foundations of Pediatric Health Course along with the PNP-Acute Care and PNP-Primary Care students). This would also allow other population tracks to take another Foundations course as an elective. The DNP Faculty have considered and approved a recommendation to change the title of the program to "Leadership in Healthcare Systems". The purpose of the new program track is to provide succession planning and education for nurse administrators and nurse leaders. Two new courses are proposed in addition to an existing course which enhance compliance with standards required by the AONE and ANCC certifications for leadership. The current NURSE 6418 Organizational Behavior is proposed to have a human resources component added to it; new courses would include N6526 Healthcare Finance and N6527 Patient Safety, Performance Improvement, and Compliance to meet recommended standards.