



Post-Master's DNP Completion Required Graduate Courses

Course ID	Title	Credit Hours	Course Description	Rotation Cycle
FNP 8XXX	Advanced Theory and Roles for the DNP	3		Summer
FNP 8XXX	Research for the DNP	3		Fall
FNP 8331	Population Health and Emerging Diseases	3	Prerequisites: FNP 8325 and FNP 8328 Principles of epidemiology, population health and emerging diseases applied to the assessment and management of individuals, families, and groups/populations. Healthcare policy implications are examined.	Spring
FNP 8345	Health Care Informatics	3	Prerequisite: FNP-8341 This course introduces students to the methods and strategies necessary to incorporate existing research and information into an evidence informed practice. Using and mobilizing information and technology across healthcare organizations to ensure continuity of quality health care and improved outcomes is emphasized.	Spring
FNP 8348	Health Care Policy	3	Prerequisites: FNP-8242, FNP-8345, FNP-8447 (concurrently) The focus is on the use of political efficacy and competencies to improve health outcomes of populations and improve the quality of health care delivery systems. The interrelationships between policy, political trends, health care quality outcomes, access to care and cost containment will be examined.	Summer
FNP 8232	Practice Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	2	Prerequisites: All courses in Year 1 of prescribed curriculum Study of fiscal aspects of family nurse practitioner practice including coding for services rendered, cost of NP services vs. income generated, cost effectiveness of care, and ethical issues associated with these aspects of practice. Also, emphasized, will be the health care economy and how it differs from standard free market economic principles of supply and demand, including how to ethically provide care to the most vulnerable	Spring



			populations including chronically ill and uninsured or underinsured.	
FNP 8237	Practice Leadership for the Advanced Practice Nurse	2	Prerequisites: FNP 8630, FNP 8232 This course focuses on theory and practical application of leadership within a dynamic health care environment. Leadership theories pertinent to advanced practice nursing are explored and self-assessments are performed. Students will utilize principles of health care economics and practice management to plan fiscally sustainable practice and special projects in health care.	Summer
FNP 8242	Evidence-Informed Practice I	2	Prerequisites: FNP 8328, FNP 8341, FNP 8638 Exploration of issues related to evidence informed practice in select clinical settings under the direction of the faculty. Synthesize key research related to clinical topics as part of the systematic review of evidence needed for the scholarly project.	Spring
FNP 8246	Evidence-Informed Practice II	2	Prerequisites: FNP 8242 and FNP 8345. Integration of practice, theory and research evidence to expand clinical expertise in the management of clinical or system problems. Includes examination of care delivery structures and processes that contribute to specific clinical problems. Further refinement of the student's identified clinical problem and change.	Summer
FNP 8322	Introduction to the Art and Science of Nursing Coaching	3	Prerequisites: RN License, open to non-degree seeking students on space available basis. Development of professional nurse coaching competencies that facilitate a process of discovery, change, or development in individuals and groups to realize their full potential. Skills for authentic presence, deep listening, pattern recognition, motivational interviewing and appreciative inquiry are established. The nurse coaching process is emphasized. Following this course, students are eligible for board certification as a Nurse Coach. This course requires 90 hours of practicum in addition to didactic course expectations.	Spring



FNP 8340	Vulnerable Populations	3	Prerequisites: FNP 8634 and FNP 8331 Examines characteristics of vulnerable populations in U.S. for the purpose of working with these populations. Emphasis is on change to the healthcare system needed to meet the needs of vulnerable populations and encourage resilience in vulnerable patients and families.	Fall
FNP 8341	DNP Transition	3	Prerequisite: FNP 8634, may be taken concurrently with FNP 8638 The focus of this course is on the DNP-FNP as a leader of change for the improvement of outcomes in healthcare systems. Systems theory, complexity theory, quality and safety principles, and the vulnerability model will receive special emphasis. Students will develop the DNP project idea with a specific population that they investigated in the Research and Evidence Informed Practice course.	Fall
FNP 8360	DNP Project	3	Prerequisites: All prior courses in the FNP program: may be taken concurrently with FNP 8749. The DNP Project represents a synthesis of the student's course work and field experiences in the program. The focus of the DNP Project should be a clinical problem that seeks to improve patient outcomes with a specified population and exemplifies aspects of advances nursing leadership and interprofessional collaboration. This experience results in a scholarly written report which is subjected to peer and/or professional review and must be disseminated. This project must be approved by the advisory committee before any field work is undertaken. This course is repeatable until requirements are met.	Fall