

Plans of Study Prior to Fall 2022

3-Year Plan of Study

3-Year students must take the core courses in the order listed in the chart below.

- NDNP 810, 811, 812, 813, and the elective may be taken as listed below or in a different sequence as agreed upon by the advisor and the student.
- After NDNP 810 is completed, NDNP 811, NDNP 812 and NDNP 813 must be taken consecutively, and successfully completed.
- Each course will be offered just once per year. If a student is unsuccessful in any one of the project courses, the student will need to repeat the sequence of courses starting with NDNP 810 or enroll in NDNP 816 (DNP Project Advisement) each semester until he/she is able to join the next offering of the course in which the student was not successful.
- DNP Project advisement, NDNP 816, does not count toward elective credits.

Doctor of Nursing Practice: Post-Master's 3-Year Plan of Study

Semester and Course Number/Title	Credit/Clinical Hours
Fall Year 1	
NRSG 790: Methods for Research and Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
NRSG 795: Biostatistics for Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
NDNP 804: Theory for Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
NRSG 785: Professional Writing	1 Credit
Total:	10 Credits
Spring Year 1	
NDNP 807: Information Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care	2 Credits
NDNP 808: Information Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care Practicum	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NURS 834: Translating Evidence to Practice	3 Credits
NDNP 890: Practicum	2 Credits (90 Hours)
NDNP 810: DNP Project Identification	1 Credit

Total:	9 Credits
Summer Year 1	
NDNP 890: Additional Practicum as Needed to Meet 1,000-hour Requirement	Variable Credit
NDNP 811: DNP Project Development	1 Credit
Fall Year 2	
NDNP 812: DNP Project Implementation	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NDNP 814: Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems	3 Credits
NDNP 817: Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems Clinical Practicum	2 Credits (90 Hours)
NDNP 890: Practicum	1 Credit (45 Hours)
Total:	7 Credits
Spring Year 2	
NDNP 813: DNP Project Evaluation/Dissemination	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NURS 810: Evidence-based Health Policy	3 Credits
NDNP 890: Practicum	3 Credits (135 Hours)
ELECTIVE	3 Credits
Total:	10 Credits
Summer Year 2	
NDNP 890: Additional Practicum as Needed to Meet 1,000-hour Requirement	Variable Credit
TOTAL 37 CREDITS (26 Didactic/11 Clinical Credits [495 practicum hours])	

4-Year Plan of Study

4-Year students must take the core courses in the order listed in the chart below.

- NDNP 811, 812, 813, and the elective may be taken as listed below or in a different sequence as agreed upon by the advisor and the student.
- After NDNP 811 is completed, NDNP 812 and NDNP 813 must be taken consecutively, and successfully completed in the following semesters, or NDNP 816 DNP Project Advisement must be taken every semester until successfully completed.
- DNP Project advisement does not count toward elective credits.

Doctor of Nursing Practice: Post-Master's 4-Year Plan of Study

Semester and Course Number/Title	Credit/Clinical Hours
Fall Year 1	
NRS 790: Methods for Research and Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
NRS 795: Biostatistics for Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
NRS 785 Professional Writing	1 Credits
Total:	7 Credits
Spring Year 1	
NDNP 807: Information Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care	2 Credits
NDNP 808: Information Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care Practicum	1 Credit (45 Hours)
Total:	3 Credits
Summer Year 1	
NURS 810: Evidence-based Health Policy	3 Credits
NDNP 890: Practicum	2 credits (90 hours)
Total:	5 Credit
Fall Year 2	

NDNP 804: Theory for Evidence-based Practice	3 Credits
ELECTIVE	3 Credits
Total:	6 Credits
Spring Year 2	
NDNP 810: DNP Project Identification	1 Credit
NURS 834: Translating Evidence to Practice	3 Credits
Total:	4 Credits
Summer Year 2	
NDNP 811: DNP Project Development	1 Credit
NDNP 814: Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems	3 Credits
NDNP 817: Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems Clinical Practicum	2 Credits (90 Hours)
Total:	6 Credits
Fall Year 3	
NDNP 812: DNP Project Implementation	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NDNP 890: Practicum	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NDNP 890: Additional Practicum as Needed to Meet 1,000-hour Requirement	Variable Credit
Total:	2+ Credits
Spring Year 3	
NDNP 813: DNP Project Evaluation/Dissemination	1 Credit (45 Hours)
NDNP 890: Practicum	3 Credits (135 Hours)
NDNP 890: Additional Practicum as Needed to Meet 1,000-hour Requirement	Variable Credit
Total:	4+ Credits

TOTAL 37 CREDITS (26 Didactic/11 Clinical Credits [495 practicum hours])

Practicum Hours

Practicum hours ensure that students can put theory into practice. The hours are described in the [AACN Essentials for Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice \(2006\)](#), and refer to 1,000 post-baccalaureate hours that must be completed in practice environments.

- Students are required to provide official verification of hours completed in their master's/post-master's in nursing program and must complete any remaining hours to meet 1,000 hours.
- A total of 495 hours are built into the DNP plan of study, with an additional five hours allotted for DNP Project proposal presentation and dissemination.
- Two hundred fifty practicum hours will be granted to nurses who hold a national certification in advanced nursing practice that requires a graduate degree. The applicant must provide evidence/documentation of the national certification.
- Regardless of the number of master's/post-master's hours completed, at least 500 hours must be completed at the doctoral level to demonstrate doctoral competency.

Practicum hours are acquired through a core course within the plan of study and/or through the practicum course, NDNP 890.

- The hours in NDNP 890 must be approved and academically supervised by the DNP Practicum course faculty and advisor.
- Students are required to document the hours.
- Elective courses that have associated practicum hours may be taken to satisfy some of the practicum requirement, with permission from the director of the program.

Please refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for additional practicum information. Some students will need to complete more credits (over and beyond the 37 credits) to meet the practicum hours required by AACN.