**Nursing**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Priority Admission Application Deadlines:**

**Fall:** February 15

**Spring:** October 15

International applicant deadlines:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

**Minimum Total Hours:** 30 hours post masters

75 hours post-bacc

**Level:** Doctoral

**CIP Code:** 51. 3818

**Dept Code:** NUR

**Major/College Codes:** NRS NR

**Approved:** 2006

**Concentrations**

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nursing (NAG)

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nursing (NPG)

Family Health Nursing (NFH)

Pediatric Health Nursing (NPH)

**Concurrent Concentrations**

Occupational Health/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NOC)

Oncology/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NOA)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Nursing

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu/)

**MAJOR INFORMATION**

The Nursing major prepares graduates for advanced independent clinical practice. Nursing practice, as defined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN [2004]), refers to any nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes for individuals or populations. Objectives for the major are based upon recommendations for essential curriculum elements as identified by the AACN and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF).

**D.N.P. Major Goals:**

Prepare graduates:

• for practice at the most advanced level in a focused area of nursing practice

• to use information systems and technology to optimize the delivery of health care

• to apply knowledge of the cultural and socioeconomic dimensions of health to prevent disease and promote health for individuals, families, and populations

• to lead sustainable organizational and health system level changes to improve health care delivery and health outcomes

• to direct and develop new and innovative strategies to address current and evolving practice issues in an increasingly complex health care environment

• to critically appraise, synthesize, apply, and translate the knowledge created by researchers and theoretical scholars to improve health care quality and safety

• to use practice information systems and databases to support and inform decision making, improvement efforts, and the evaluation of health outcomes for individuals, families and populations

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

**D.N.P. - All applicants must have the following:**

1. Submission of the following documents:
   1. Three letters of recommendation, indicating potential for graduate study, from persons who can attest to the applicant’s academic ability, clinical competence, and commitment. (Optimally, these letters will be from a nursing faculty or clinical supervisor.)
   2. Personal statement of goals
   3. Current resume or curriculum vitae
   4. Sealed official transcripts from *all institutions of higher education* attended
2. A personal interview with a designated faculty member may also be required.
3. The equivalent bachelors and/or graduate degrees in nursing from a foreign institution.
4. Current unencumbered license as a registered nurse and/or advanced practice nurse in the United States upon matriculation. Current license as a registered nurse and/or advanced practice nurse in the state of Florida before the first clinical course
5. Applicants to the Nursing Major are required to complete both a NursingCAS application and a USF Graduate Studies Application.

**B.S. (in Nursing) – D.N.P.**

1. A bachelor’s degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN and regionally accredited institution and satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

“B” average or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student work for a degree, or:

“B” average or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division undergraduate student working for a baccalaureate degree.

1. Completion of a 3 credit hour or equivalent length undergraduate level statistics course with a grade of B or better.

**M.S. (in Nursing) – D.N.P.**

1. A Master’s degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN and regionally accredited institution.
2. Minimum 3.00 GPA at the graduate level
3. Licensure as an Advanced Practice Nurse
4. National certification in area of advanced practice

\*It is recommended, but not required, to submit competitive GRE scores.

**CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

**Minimum Hours 30 credit hours post masters**

**75 credit hours post-bacc**

The post-masters major of 30 hours minimum can be completed in one year by full-time students and two to three years for part-time students. The post-baccaluareate major of 75 hours minimum can be completed in three to four years by full-time students and five or more years for part-time students.

**(MS-DNP)**

**Knowledge Building Core** **(Required all DNP Students)) 30 Minimum Credit Hours**

NGR 6673 Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing 3

NGR 7767 Practice Management, Quality Improvement, & Patient Safety 3

NGR 7848 Fundamentals of Statistics for Clinicians 3

NGR 7874 Informatics and Patient Care Technology 3

NGR 7766 Health System Leadership and Interprofessional Practice 3

NGR 7892 Health Care Policy & Clinical Prevention for Imprv Pop Health 3

NGR 7974 Doctor of Nursing Practice Project 4

NGR 7945 Doctor of Nursing Practice Practicum 8\*

*\*DNP students must have a minimum of 1,000 post-baccalaureate supervised clinical hours at the time of graduation. The practicum and project are done over a minimum of two semesters.*

Additional coursework will be determined through individual student evaluation.

The BS-DNP option consists of BS-DNP core courses; the BS-DNP concentration courses; and the DNP Knowledge Building Core courses (minimum 75 credit hours)

**BS-DNP Core 27 credit hours minimum**

NGR 6002C Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan 4

NGR 6152 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology 4

NGR 6733 Org & Sys Leadership & Qual Impr for Adv Prac Nurs 3

NGR 6803 Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3

NGR 6064C Advanced Diagnostics & Procedures 3

NGR 6172 Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Nurse Practitioners 4

NGR 6638 Health Promotion, Clinical Prev, & Pop Health for Adv Nurs 3

NGR 6893 Systems & Populations in Healthcare 3

**Concentrations – 18 -30 credit hours minimum**

Required to choose one:

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care (NAG)

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NPG)

Concurrent Occupational Health/Adult-Gerontology (NOC)

Concurrent Oncology/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NOA)

Family Health (NFH)

Pediatric Health (NPH)

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care (NAG) - 21 credit hours**

NGR 6210C Clinical Management of the Acutely Ill Adult 7 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6211C Acute Care of Adults & Older Adults: Special Topics 7 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6232C Clinical Management of Acute & Critically Ill Ad & Older Ad 7 180 Clinical Hours

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NPG) – 18 credit hours**

NGR 6207C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6244C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults II 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6291C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults: Special Topics 6 180 Clinical Hours

**Concurrent Oncology/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NOA) – 24 credit hours**

NGR 6207C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6244C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults II 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6291C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults: Special Topics 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6220 Pathobiology of Neoplasia 3

NGR 6221 Oncology Nursing Concepts 3

**Concurrent Occupational Health/Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (NOC) – 29 credit hours minimum**

NGR 6207C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6244C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults II 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6291C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults: Special Topics 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6650 Occupational Health Nursing I 2

NGR 6651 Occupational Health Nursing II 2

PHC 6360 Safety Principles and Practices 2

PHC 6364 Industrial Hygiene Aspects of Plant Operations 2

OR

PHC 6945 Supervised Field Experience 1-2

PHC 6356 Industrial Hygiene 2

PHC 6351 Occupational Medicine for Health Professionals 3

PHC 6354 Safety and Health Administration 2

PHC 6977 Special Project: MPH 3

**Family Health (NFH) – 25 credit hours**

NGR 6207C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6244C Health Management of Adults and Older Adults II 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6301C Primary Care of Children and Adolescents I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6342 Primary Care of the Childbearing Family 1

NGR 6342L Primary Care of the Childbearing Family Practicum 1

NGR 6613C Health Management of Families: Special Topics 5

**Pediatric Health (NPH) – 18 credit hours**

NGR 6301C Primary Care of Children and Adolescents I 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6302C Primary Care of Children and Adolescents II 6 180 Clinical Hours

NGR 6339C Primary Care of Children and Adolescents: Special Topics 6 180 Clinical Hours

**Knowledge Building Core Courses (names) - 30 credit hours**

NGR 6673 Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing 3

NGR 7766 Health Systems Leadership and Interprofessional Practice 3

NGR 7767 Practice Management, Quality Improvement, and Patient Safety 3

NGR 7848 Fundamentals of Statistics for Clinicians 3

NGR 7874 Informatics and Patient Care Technology 3

NGR 7892 Health Care Policy & Clinical Prevention for Imprv Pop Health 3

NGR 7974 Doctor of Nursing Practice Project 4 (1-3)

NGR 7945 Doctor of Nursing Practice Practicum 8\* (1-7)

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**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>