Post-Masters Doctorate in Nursing Practice, D.N.P.

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Admission Requirements for All D.N.P. Students

A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee.

1. Registered Nurse with a Bachelor’s or Master’s in Nursing.

2. Masters in Nursing or Master’s in Science in a related field required from a nationally accredited program with a minimum of G.P.A. of 3.0.

3. Applicants should summarize clinical/practicum experiences post-Master’s in letter of intent. Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview prior to admission. Recommended Master’s minimum clinical/practicum of 300 hours.

4. Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of intended practice.

5. Letter of intent to include experience and statement of intended area of study for the DNP Project.

6. Current CV.

7. Transcripts from all post-secondary study.

8. Three letters of recommendation.

9. Verification of number of supervised clinical/experience hours from prior master’s program.

10. Completion of graduate level inferential statistics course within the prior five years is required prior to matriculation.

11. Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States.

12. An official report of scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language.

Retention Requirements for All General Declared Nursing Majors

Students who earn less than a B in a required nursing course will be placed on probationary status and must earn a minimum grade of B in all required nursing courses over the next 9 credits.

Handbook

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Course Requirements - Full-Time Students

First Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship | 3 | F |
| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement | 3 | F |
| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 3 | F |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | 1 | Sp |

Second Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II | 1 | F |
| NURS 720 | D.N.P. Project Planning Seminar | 1 | Sp |

Third Semester

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| NURS 730 | D.N.P. Proposal Development | 3 | Su |

Fourth Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support | 3 | F |
| NURS 709 | Population Health | 3 | F |
| NURS 740 | D.N.P. Project Implementation | 2 | F |

Fifth Semester

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| NURS 705 | Health Care Policy and Advocacy | 3 | F, |
| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 750 | D.N.P. Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 1 | Sp |

Subtotal: 36

Subtotal: 33

Course Requirements - Part-Time Students

First Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship | 3 | F |
| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement | 3 | F |

Second Semester

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| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | 1 | Sp |

Third Semester

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| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 3 | F |
| NURS 709 | Population Health | 3 | F |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II | 1 | F |

Fourth Semester

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| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 720 | D.N.P. Project Planning Seminar | 1 | Sp |

Fifth Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 730 | D.N.P. Proposal Development | 3 | Su |

Sixth Semester

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| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support | 3 | F |
| NURS 740 | D.N.P. Project Implementation | 2 | F |

Seventh Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NURS 750 | D.N.P. Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 1 | Sp |

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Admission Requirements for all Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P Students

A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee

A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program

Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States

Official transcripts of *all* undergraduate and graduate records

Completion of an undergraduate level statistics course (MATH 240 or its equivalent) with a minimum grade of C

A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate course work

A preferred undergraduate minimum GPA of 3.0 for science courses

An official report on scores of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MA)

An official report on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants for whom English is not their first language

A professional resume or curriculum vitae (CV)

Three professional references. One must be from a clinical supervisor.

A statement of intent which demonstrates the candidate’s leadership and practice experience, reasons for pursuing doctoral study, and the potential area of focus for the DNP Scholarly Project. The statement should be representative of the applicants writing ability. The statement should be 2-4 typed pages, double-spaced, and written in 12-point font.

Proof of residency is required for in-state tuition

An interview may be required.

**Additional Requirements for Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia**

1. Completion of two courses in chemistry (Chem 105, 106) with at least 8 credits total which have been completed within the last 10 years, and with a minimum grade of C
2. Completion of a 3-credit graduate level course in chemistry (CHEM 519 or equivalent) completed within the last 5 years, and with a minimum grade of B-
3. Current unrestricted licensure for practice in both the State of Rhode Island and the State of Massachusetts (due to clinical rotations in both states)
4. Current AHA BLS and ACLS certification
5. A minimum of one year of critical care experience. A complete definition of accepted critical care experience is found on the sjhsna website: [www.sjhsna.com](http://www.sjhsna.com)
6. Skills and abilities that applicants and students must demonstrate are also on the sjhsna website: [www.sjhsna.com](http://www.sjhsna.com)
7. An interview is required

Retention requirements for post-baccalaureate DNP students

All students are expected to maintain a cumulative average of B (3.00) or greater in their graduate program. Students who do not maintain a cumulative B (3.00) average will have their status reviewed by the DNP program director. Students who do not achieve a B or greater in *Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, or Advanced Pharmacology* must repeat the course and may not progress in clinical courses. Students who earn a grade of less than B- in the required science courses including Chem 519, BIO 535 and BIO 536 will be placed on probationary status. Students on probationary status must achieve a B or better in each required course over the next 9 credits. Two grades below B are sufficient cause for consideration of dismissal; the decision regarding students’ status will be made by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program director in consult with the Dean. Students may be required to repeat a course at the discretion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program Director.

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**Course Requirements – Full Time Students**

**Select from the options below**

1. **Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia**

**Full Time (3 years; 10 semesters)**

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| ***First Semester (Summer I)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 503 | Professional Role Development |  | 3 |
| NURS 524 | Healthcare Statistics |  | 3 |
| ***Second Semester (Summer II)*** | |  |  |
| NURS 501 | Advanced Nursing Research |  | 3 |
| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement |  | 3 |
| ***Third Semester (Fall)*** | |  |  |
| NURS 505 | Advanced Pharmacology |  | 3 |
| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics |  | 3 |
| NURS 535 | Advanced Physiology I |  | 4 |
| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship |  | 3 |
| ***Fourth Semester (Spring)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | | 3 |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | | 1 |
| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | | 3 |
| NURS 536 | Advanced Physiology II | | 4 |
| NURS 504 | Advanced Pathophysiology | | 3 |
| ***Fifth Semester (Summer -FULL)*** | | | |
| NURS 506 | Advanced Health Assessment  ***(Summer Session I only)*** |  | 3 |
| NURS 517 | Foundational Principles of Nurse Anesthesia |  | 3 |
| NURS 514 | Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia |  | 3 |
| ***Sixth Semester (Fall)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 709 | Population Health |  | 3 |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II |  | 1 |
| NURS 516 | Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I |  | 3 |
| NURS 570 | NA Clinical Practicum I |  | 2 |
| ***Seventh Semester (Spring)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 705 | Health Care Policy and Advocacy |  | 3 |
| NURS 616 | Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice II |  | 3 |
| NURS 630 | NA Clinical Practicum II |  | 2 |
| NURS 720 | DNP Project Planning Seminar |  | 1 |
| ***Eight Semester (Summer - FULL)*** | |  |  |
| NURS 626 | Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice III |  | 3 |
| NURS 640 | NA Clinical Practicum III |  | 3 |
| NURS 730 | DNP Proposal Development |  | 3 |
| ***Ninth Semester (Fall)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support |  | 3 |
| NURS 670 | NA Clinical Practicum IV |  | 3 |
| NURS 740 | DNP Project Implementation |  | 2 |
| ***Tenth Semester (Spring)*** |  |  |  |
| NURS 636 | Transition to Nurse Anesthesia Practice |  | 3 |
| NURS 691 | NA Clinical Practicum V |  | 3 |
| NURS 750 | DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination |  | 1 |
|  | ***Total Credit Hours*** |  | ***90*** |