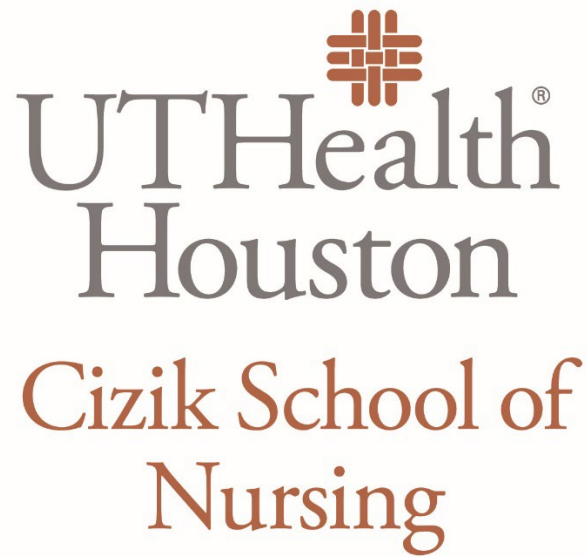




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About Us

Established in 1972, Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston is ranked in the top five percent of nursing schools in the country. Our campus is located in the Texas Medical Center, and Cizik School of Nursing (CSON) students enjoy the resources of a distinguished health science center combined with the expertise of the world's largest medical center. The School offers a broad range of coursework resulting in both undergraduate and graduate degrees, and provides a wide variety of settings in which students and faculty can study, conduct research, and participate in clinical practice. Cizik School of Nursing is one of seven academic units of UTHealth Houston. The other units, in chronological order of establishment, are: School of Dentistry (1905), MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (1963), UTHealth Houston School of Public Health (1967), McGovern Medical School at

UTHealth Houston (1970), UTHealth Houston School of Biomedical Informatics (2000), UTHealth Houston School of Behavioral Health Sciences (2022). The CSON offers an undergraduate program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a graduate program leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Message from the Dean

I am honored to serve as the dean of Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston, which is one of the highest-ranked nursing programs in the State of Texas and the Nation. Our graduates at the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels are in high demand, and our more than 13,000 alumni are contributing to the global community in leadership, research, clinical, and entrepreneurial positions.

Our home is a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility for teaching, research, and student services, located in the heart of Houston's world-famous Texas Medical Center. The eight-story, \$57-million nursing building, encompassing 195,000 sq. ft., is certified with the coveted **Leed®** Gold rating for its sustainability and environmentally friendly design. Recognized as one of the top green buildings in the U.S., Cizik School of Nursing has received 11 prestigious local, state, and national architectural design awards since opening in 2004.

To ensure financial assistance to our students, this year we have been the fortunate recipients of \$17 million in financial aid and scholarships. We also are the grateful beneficiaries of financial support from the PARTNERS organization, which now holds a scholarship endowment of over \$3-million and has awarded 118 full tuition and 229 total nursing scholarships. We all are committed to "pass it on," so that future generations of nurses can be educated in the world's largest healthcare center, by our world-class faculty.

BSN nurses are in high demand. Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and a variety of other clinical facilities prefer nurses with bachelor's degrees, especially those who have completed internships/residencies after graduation. Advancing a nursing career increasingly requires additional education at the master's and doctoral levels. The majority of our graduates go on to graduate school.

Our graduates are educated in a diverse interdisciplinary environment, where we emphasize the role of nurses in the interprofessional healthcare team, from RNs to nurse practitioners to Doctors of Nursing Practice. Nurse scientists, graduates, and faculty in collaboration with other disciplines are contributors to ground breaking scientific discovery in health disparities, population health, symptom management, and preventive care.

Our pacesetter legacy in academic programs, practice, and research has carried us far along this successful path. The Cizik School of Nursing graduate of the future must meet the challenges of practicing in a healthcare model that is undergoing constant change as we improve health for all. But one thing is certain: Cizik School of Nursing will be working to achieve a common vision – delivering innovative solutions that will create the best hope for a healthier, equitable future. We are leaders educating leaders in nursing.

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Mission and Vision Statement

Our Mission:

Improve the health and well-being of our diverse community by preparing tomorrow's leaders to drive innovation and excellence in nursing education, practice, and scientific discovery.

Our Vision:

To lead the advancement of health and high-quality health care for all.

Our Values:

- Integrity
- Innovation
- Inclusivity
- Collaboration
- Respect
- Excellence

Accreditation

University Accreditation

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (<https://www.sacscoc.org>).

Cizik School of Nursing Accreditation

The BSN, MSN, DNP, and Post-Graduate APRN Completion programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through December 31, 2031. CCNE is located at 655 K Street NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20001 Phone: (202) 887-6791. For more information, visit the CCNE website (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/>).

The baccalaureate program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (<https://www.bon.texas.gov/>).

The Nurse Anesthesia program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (<https://www.coacna.org/>).

For the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program accreditation information, please see the program overview (p. 29).

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The full Cizik School of Nursing faculty directory can be found here
(<https://nursing.uth.edu/directory/>).

ROTC Cross-Enrollment Program

Army ROTC is an elective curriculum a student takes along with their college classes. ROTC prepares a student with the tools, training, and experience that will help the student succeed in any competitive environment. A student can join ROTC anytime through the University of Houston in their Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior year by signing up for military science classes in the University of Houston's course catalog. Further program and enrollment information can be found here (<https://www.uh.edu/class/military-science/website-folder/requirements/>).

Statutory Authority

General statutory authority for establishment and operation of the ROTC program, including the scholarship program, is contained in Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 103 (Sec. 2102-2111). Specific rules and procedures are found in U.S. Army Regulation 145-1.

Course Credit

ROTC classes may be taken for elective credit toward any degree plan at the University of Houston. Freshman and sophomore level classes are open to all students, regardless of age or physical condition. No military obligation is incurred as a result of enrollment in these courses. Junior and senior level courses are more restrictive and do require a military obligation. ROTC scholarship students also incur a military obligation.

Four-Year Program

The four-year program is divided into two courses: the basic course, which is normally attended by students during their freshman and sophomore years, and the advanced course attended during the junior and senior years. Advanced course students also attend a six-week advanced training camp at Fort Lewis, Washington between their junior and senior years.

Basic Course

The basic course consists of four semesters of military science, which includes MSCI 1210, 1220, 2210, and 2220. These freshman and sophomore level classes are open to all students without military obligation.

Advanced Course

Students entering the advanced course must enter into a contract to pursue and accept a commission in the active Army, Army Reserve, or National Guard. To be considered for contracting into the advanced course, the student must be a full-time student in a course of instruction that leads to a degree in a recognized academic field; have a minimum of two years of academic work remaining in a curriculum leading to a baccalaureate or advanced degree; be under age 30 when commissioned; and pass a physical examination.

Two-Year Program

The two-year program is designed for students who did not take the basic course but are otherwise eligible to enroll in the advanced course. This program allows students completing their sophomore year to attend a four-week internship during June and July at Fort Knox, Kentucky in lieu of taking the first two years of ROTC. There is no military obligation for attending Basic Camp. The Army provides transportation, room, and board. Students are paid approximately \$900 for the four-week period.

Laboratory Requirements

A military science laboratory is required for students enrolling in MSCI 1210, 1220, 2210, 2220, 3310, 3320, 4310, or 4320. This laboratory provides opportunities for marksmanship training, rappelling, drill and ceremonies, communications training, and other activities.

Veterans

Veterans who have served on active duty or in the Army Reserve/National Guard are also eligible for the ROTC program. Although veterans are not required to take the basic course, they are encouraged to do so. All

students, including veterans, must have a minimum of 54 credit hours prior to enrolling in the advanced course.

National Guard and Army Reserve Members

Students enrolled in ROTC may also be a member of the Army Reserve or National Guard. Through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), those students enrolled in the advanced course will be assigned in a leadership position as a cadet and receive pay and entitlements from the Guard or Reserve at the pay grade of Sergeant (E-5).

Scholarships

The United States Army offers on a competitive nationwide basis various four-, three-, and two- year scholarships. The scholarships will cover up to \$20,000 of tuition. Recipients will also receive benefits for educational fees (to include lab fees), a book allowance of \$450 per semester, and a subsistence allowance of \$300-\$500 per month. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be under age 27 on the anticipated graduation date. Applications are available from the military science department. Veteran applicants can extend the age limit up to a maximum of 3 years, based on prior active duty service.

Other Financial Aid

All students enrolled in the advanced course will receive a subsistence allowance of \$300-\$500 per month. For more information contact the Military Science Department. GI Bill® recipients still retain benefits. GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website (<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).

Tuition

Members of the Army or the National Guard, Texas State Guard, or other reserve forces may be exempted from the nonresident tuition fee and other fees and charges.

Special Training

Basic and advanced course students may volunteer for and attend the U.S. Army Airborne and air assault courses during June, July and August. Cadet Troop Leadership training positions are also available to advanced course cadets during the summer months.

Miscellaneous

Military textbooks and uniforms are furnished to all cadets. The Corps of Cadets sponsors an annual military ball in addition to other social events throughout the school year. The Department of Military Science sponsors extracurricular activities such as the University of Houston Color Guard and the Ranger Challenge Team.

Minor in Military Science

To qualify for a minor in military science, students must complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of course work, of which 12 must be advanced. Nine semester hours must be completed in residence, of which six must be advanced. Students must also attend advanced camp. Students must attain a 2.00 grade point average or higher in Military Science courses attempted at the University. Students may receive credit for 1000 and 2000-level courses based on prior military training,

completion, of ROTC Basic Camp, completion of JROTC training, or completion of one year at a service academy.

First Year

MSCI 1125:1126: Physical Readiness Training Cr. 1. (0-3)

Open to all students. Utilizes Army fitness techniques; develops strength, flexibility and endurance; develops self-confidence through leadership training and physical activities.

MSCI 1131: Advance Physical Fitness Course

Prerequisite: Must be ROTC cadet, physically demanding, develops skills through team competition, and land navigation, assembly/ disassembly of weapon, tactics, and assembly of one-man rope bridge. Students are also required to attend fitness training five times a week. Participants compete for Ranger Challenge slots. Selected cadets compete against other teams at the annual Ranger Challenge competition.

MSCI 1210 Introduction to ROTC

Learn fundamental concepts of leadership in both classroom and outdoor laboratory environments. Increase self-confidence through team study and activities in basic drill, physical fitness, rappelling, first aid, and basic marksmanship. Develop communication skills to improve individual performance and group interaction. Attend a one-hour classroom session and a required lab. No military commitment is required for attending this course.

MSCI 1220: Introduction to Leadership

Learn and apply principles of effective leadership. Reinforce self-confidence through participation in physically and mentally challenging training with upper division ROTC students. Develop communication skills to improve individual performance and group interaction. Relate ethical values to the effectiveness of a leader. Includes training on survival skills and self-defense, and a one-hour class-room session and a required lab. No military commitment is required for attending this course.

Second Year

2210:2220: Military Leadership Development Cr. 2. (2-2)

Characteristics of leadership, problem analysis, decision making, oral presentations, first aid, small unit tactics, land navigation, basic radio communication, marksmanship, fitness training, and rappelling. Fitness training required two times per week in addition to class and lab. No military commitment is required for attending this course.

2810: Basic Camp (formerly 2410) Cr. 8.

Student will not receive credit for both basic course work and basic camp. Prerequisite: Approval of the department chair. No military obligation is associated with this course. This course is a six-week off-campus field training practicum to introduce students to the Army and leadership.

Third Year

3198:3298:3398: Special Problems Cr. 1-3 per semester

Prerequisite: junior standing and consent of department chair.

3310:3320: Advanced Military Science Cr. 3. (3-2)

Prerequisite: MSCI 2220 or consent of the chair. The students are given the concepts of leadership; preparing combat orders; military instruction principles; small unit tactics; tactical communications; and fitness training. Class is designed to prepare students for advanced camp. Fitness training required three times per week in addition to class and lab.

3491: Summer Field Training Cr. 4.

Prerequisite: MSCI 3320 or consent of the chair. This course provides off-campus field training practicum stressing application of leadership management with emphasis on tactical and special military skills.

Provides experience by placing students in demanding and stressful leadership situations.

Fourth Year

4310:4320: Advanced Military Science Cr. 3. (3-2).

Prerequisite: MSCI 3320 or consent of the chair. Students are given the concepts of leadership and command; military law; administration/staff operations and procedures; dynamics of the military team; training management; ethics and professionalism. Fitness training required three times per week in addition to class and lab.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are subject to change and become effective on the date enacted. The Texas Legislature does not set the specific amount for any particular student fee. Student fees are authorized by state statute; the specific fee amounts and the determination to increase fees are made by the university administration and The University of Texas System Board of Regents.

Undergraduate, Graduate and BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program

For a current list of resident and non-resident tuition and fees for all Cizik School of Nursing academic programs, refer to the Bursar's Office website (<https://www.uth.edu/bursars/student-resources/tuition-fees/cizik-school-of-nursing/>).

Required Fees

Certain required fees should be anticipated at the Cizik School of Nursing. All fees are subject to change. Required fees include fees assessed by the university (charged to students at all UTHealth Houston schools) and fees that are school specific (charged to students by program and/or course-lab fees). All UTHealth Houston required fees can be found on the Bursar's Office website under Required Fees (<https://www.uth.edu/bursars/student-resources/tuition-fees/required-fees-all-schools/>).

Nursing program-specific required fees and course and lab fees are listed here (<https://www.uth.edu/bursars/student-resources/tuition-fees/cizik-school-of-nursing/>).

Academic Regalia: The charge for the regalia (cap and gown) is approximately \$44 for undergraduate students to purchase, \$82 for master's students to purchase, and \$85 for doctoral students to rent.

Graduation Fee: A graduation fee of \$150 is payable at registration for the student's final semester. This fee covers expenses associated with graduation but does not cover rental of the cap and gown. This fee is charged whether or not the student attends graduation.

Liability Insurance: All nursing students will be required to pay liability insurance fee regardless of other coverage the student may have. Upon registration, nurse practitioner (undergraduate and graduate program) students will be assessed \$32/Fall, \$32/Spring, and \$21/Summer, and all other students will be assessed \$14.50 per year (\$5.25/Fall, \$5.25/Spring and \$4.00/Summer) for liability insurance. Nurse anesthesia students will be directed in the purchase of anesthesia-specific liability insurance by the nurse anesthesia program prior to the clinical phase of the program. Graduate students who are members of the US Armed Forces on active military duty have professional liability coverage through their branch of service and will not be assessed this fee. Students who

enroll mid-year will be charged a prorated amount. Liability insurance fees are nonrefundable and are subject to change without notice.

Other Expenses: Cost of books per semester is approximately \$950. This amount varies per program. A Cizik School of Nursing student is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university- affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer. Undergraduate students will also need to purchase uniforms, lab coats, shoes, name pins, and identification insignia.

Student Services Fee (assessed to all students at UTHealth Houston)

The Student Services Fee is assessed to all students enrolled at UTHealth Houston on a semester credit hour basis by semester. The fee offsets student service components at UTHealth Houston that include the Recreation Center, Student Health, Shuttle, and Student Governance. The breakdown of this fee can be found on the Bursar's website here (<https://www.uth.edu/bursars/student-resources/tuition-fees/student-service-fees/>).

Cost of Living Expenses

For information on Cost of Attendance (<https://www.uth.edu/sfs/cost-of-attendance.htm>) (COA) and other financial information please refer to the UTHealth Houston Student Financial Services (<https://www.uth.edu/sfs/>) website. The COA is an estimated cost of a student's educational and living expenses for the period of enrollment. It includes tuition, fees, books/supplies, room and board, and other expenses

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Academic Standards, Policies, and Procedures

General Information

Academic and Student Affairs

It is the responsibility of the Dean of the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston, or the designated representative, to administer all rules governing academic and student affairs. The Dean, in consultation with school faculty, may dismiss a student pursuant to university and

school policy; the Dean may decline readmission to any student, subject to applicable law.

Academic Common Market

The Cizik School of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Degree Program has been approved through the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) for the Academic Common Market (ACM). The ACM is an interstate agreement among southern states for sharing uncommon academic programs. ACM exists only for students enrolling in a program that is not available in their own state. Applicant/students can see if a program is eligible in another state on the SREB website. Participating states arrange for their residents who qualify for admission to enroll in specific programs in other states on an in-state tuition basis. The ACM is available only to states that are members of the Southern Regional Educational Board. Non-Texas residents who are accepted to the MSN Program and who are eligible to be considered for in-state tuition through the ACM must contact the Office of the Registrar to receive information on the procedure for applying through the ACM for in-state tuition.

Classification of Students (Full-time and Part-time)

A full-time undergraduate student is one who is enrolled for at least twelve semester hours during the Fall and Spring semesters. A full-time graduate student is one who is enrolled for at least nine semester hours during the Fall and Spring semesters. For summer session, a full-time undergraduate student is one who is enrolled for at least nine semester credit hours for the whole summer session. For summer session, a full-time graduate student is one who is enrolled in at least six hours for the whole summer session. A part-time student is one who is enrolled for fewer hours than the stated requirement for full-time status.

Grading System

The grading system in the Cizik School of Nursing is based on a letter grade system. In computing grade point average per hour, the following scores are used: A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points; D = 1 point; and WF/F = 0 points. The mechanisms for determining grades and course requirements are described in each course syllabus.

Undergraduate Grade Grading Scale

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 75 – 79 = C
- 69 – 74 = D
- 0 - 68 = F

Graduate (MSN, MSN Completion, DNP, PhD) Grading Scale

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- 59 - Below = F

A few courses are designated as “Pass” or “Fail”. P (Pass) is not computed as part of the GPA. Fail counts as an “F”

Refer to program policies (U3670 [BSN], G5670 [MSN], D8105 [BSN-DNP], D8040 [DNP], and D7610 [PhD]) for details and/or see Policy section of catalog.

The Semester Hour

In accordance with UTHHealth Houston HOOP Policy 136, Semester Credit Hour Determination, found online at <https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448120>:

- **BSN Students** – One (1) semester hour of credit is given for three (3) clock hours per week of clinical/laboratory experience, one (1) clock hour per week of lecture, or two (2) clock hours per week of seminar experience per 15-week semester.
- **MSN Students** - One (1) semester hour of credit is given for four (4) clock hours per week of clinical experience, one (1) clock hour per week of lecture, or two (2) clock hours per week of seminar per 15-week semester.
- **DNP (including Post-Graduate Completion) Students** - One (1) semester hour of credit is given for four (4) clock hours per week of clinical experience, one (1) clock hour per week of lecture, or two (2) clock hours per week of seminar per 15-week semester.
- **PhD Students** - One (1) semester hour of credit is given for four (4) clock hours per week of clinical experience, one (1) clock hour per week of lecture, or two (2) clock hours per week of seminar per 15-week semester.

Dean's List Honors

Undergraduate students earning Dean's List Honors are recognized as having achieved a level of academic excellence by earning a minimum term grade point average of 3.5 while enrolled in more than four hours during that term.

Deferred Admission

Deferment is not available for any Cizik of School Nursing programs. If a student wants to defer admission, that student will need to reapply for a future term.

Grades

Grade reports are available to students at the end of each semester through myUTH (<https://uthidp.uth.edu/nidp/saml2/sso/?id=Campus-Affiliate-LOA2-DUO&sid=2&option=credential&sid=2>).

Academic Probation

- For Undergraduate students, if at the end of any semester a student's cumulative credit hour grade point average for courses taken in the Cizik School of Nursing falls below 2.0, or there is a grade below “C” on the record for that semester, the student will be placed on academic probation. Students shall be notified that they are on academic probation.
- For Graduate students, if at the end of any term, a student's cumulative grade point average for the hours taken in the Cizik School of Nursing falls below 3.0 and/or there is a grade below “B” on the record for that term, she/ he will be notified and placed on academic probation.

Removal from Academic probation

- Undergraduate students who are on academic probation will be removed from such probation at the conclusion of the term in which they have achieved an overall 2.0 grade point average, with no grade below a “C” for that term.
- Graduate students who are on academic probation will be removed from such probation at the conclusion of the term when they have achieved an overall 3.0 grade point average, with no grade below a “B” for that term.

Attendance at another institution while on Academic Probation

Students who leave the Cizik School of Nursing while on probation and are readmitted to the Cizik School of Nursing will be readmitted to the school on academic probation, even if they have attended another institution between leaving and reentering the Cizik School of Nursing.

Grade Grievance Procedure (School Policy #S1660 (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s1660.pdf?v=3307290>))

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades or evaluations, it is the obligation of the student to first make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the faculty member with whom the grievance originated. Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. The faculty member's judgment is final unless compelling evidence suggests discrimination, differential treatment, or error. Students wishing to submit a grievance must follow the procedure outlined in School Policy #S1660.

If the evidence warrants appeal, the student must submit a request in writing within five (5) business days of the first day of the following term, with supporting evidence to the appropriate Department Chairperson. The Chairperson, upon receipt of the request, will review the case and submit a written recommendation to the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. If the conflict is with the Department Chairperson, the grievance will be submitted to the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.

The Vice Dean for Academic Affairs will review the Department Chairperson's recommendation and may request a meeting with the student. After meeting with the student, the Vice Dean will review all the information and send the student a written notification of determination.

Should the student request further appeal, the student must inform the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs in writing within five business days that they wish to appeal. The Vice Dean for Academic Affairs will submit a written request to the Dean. The determination of the Dean is final, and there is no further appeal. Any grade grievance must be resolved no later than the succeeding term.

Academic Dismissal and Appeal

Students must meet the respective grading policy for the program in which they are enrolled all of which can be found under Program Policies (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>) on our website.

- Undergraduate program grading policy (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/bsnpolicies/u3670.pdf?v=3293124>)
- Masters program grading policy G5670 (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/msnpolicies/g5670.pdf?v=32924533>)
- PhD program grading policy D7610 (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>)
- DNP program grading policy D804 (Post Masters and BSN-DNP-NP) (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/dnppolicies/d8040.pdf?v=32924533>)
- D8105 (BSN-DNP-Nurse Anesthesia) policy (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/napolicies/d8105.pdf?v=32924533>)

Extramural Research Funding Policy

All students are charged with knowledge of and compliance with UTHHealth Houston Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOOP) Policy 168, Conduct of Research (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=dd4f2609-f36b-41b0-923e-8cbff479fa1f>). All proposals for extramural funding related to school work must be submitted by the Center for Nursing Research (CNR) through UTHHealth's Sponsored Projects Administration. Awards are made to UTHHealth Houston. The CNR staff will advise students on institutional policies regarding indirect cost recovery and review of research. Generally, a minimum of one month is needed to process applications for extramural funding.

Calendars

The academic calendar for each term is located on the UTHHealth Houston Office of Registrar's webpage (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/student-affairs/current-semester-calendar/>). It includes the dates of the terms, add/drop deadlines, tuition payment deadlines, holidays, and other important deadlines.

Additional calendars are located on the "Current Student" section of the Cizik School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/>).

Computer Requirement and Recommendations

Students are required to have a personal laptop that meets the computer requirements posted on the Cizik School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/new/computer-requirements/>), to access educational materials, UTHHealth Houston approved educational applications, reference material, for any off-campus proctored exams and for communication with faculty, staff, and other students. It's strongly recommended students use Windows laptops. Tablets, Chromebooks and Apple computers are not supported and may not be compatible with software, systems, or resources utilized at the school or UTHHealth Houston. Use of Mac operating system laptops is also discouraged. Laptops must be equipped with a web camera, microphone and speakers. Students need to have headphones compatible with their system. Cizik School of Nursing recommends that students purchase a laptop based upon the specifications noted above. Students might be required to purchase a privacy screen for their laptop.

Criminal Background Checks

PreCheck (<http://www.precheck.com/>)

SurScan (<http://www.surscan.com>)

Security screening, including criminal background, is a requirement for enrollment at the Cizik School of Nursing. Students will be screened following admission and prior to enrollment. A "HOLD" will be placed on a student's enrollment until clearance documentation is received. Accepted applicants who do not consent to a criminal background check will be removed from the accepted student list. Cizik School of Nursing will designate the company(ies) approved to do the required screening. Screening results from any company other than the company(ies) designated will not be accepted.

Background checks should be valid for the duration of the student's enrollment in the program if the student has not had a break in enrollment. A break in enrollment is defined as not being enrolled. A student who has had a break in enrollment for more than one semester will be required to submit another background check.

Enrolled students are required to disclose to the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs any arrest(s) for and/or any criminal charges of any misdemeanor or felony offenses, and/or any misdemeanor or felony convictions and/or deferrals of adjudication (other than minor Class C traffic violations)

within 5 days of occurrence. Nondisclosure or falsification of this required information may be grounds for dismissal from the Cizik School of Nursing.

Significant Findings in Criminal Background Checks

Applicants accepted for admissions who appear to have significant findings in their background check will have their case referred for review. In such circumstances, applicants shall be informed that the vendor was not involved in any decision adverse to the student, will be informed how to contact the vendor, and shall have the opportunity to challenge the accuracy or completeness of the report with the vendor in accordance with HOOP Policy 160, Criminal Background Checks (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448168>).

Applicants accepted for admission who have significant findings on their background checks will be referred to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) in order to obtain a declaratory order. The admitted student may be allowed to enroll when official documentation is received from the BON confirming eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN or for continuing licensure. Enrollment could be deferred for up to one year while the matter is resolved.

If the BON denies eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN or for continuing licensure, the accepted student will be removed from the accepted student list. A new application for admission will be considered if the BON ruling is reversed in the future.

See Cizik School of Nursing Policy S1270, Criminal Background Checks for Students (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s1270.pdf?v=28122516>).

Drug Screen

PreCheck (<http://www.precheck.com/>)

SurScan (<http://www.surscan.com>)

Security screening, including drug screens, is a requirement for enrollment at the Cizik School of Nursing. Students will be screened following admission and prior to enrollment. A "HOLD" will be placed on a student's enrollment until clearance documentation is received. Accepted applicants who do not consent to a drug screening will be removed from the accepted student list. Cizik School of Nursing will designate the company(ies) approved to do the required screening. Screening results from any company other than the company(ies) designated will not be accepted.

Drug screens should be valid for the duration of the student's enrollment in the program if the student has not had a break in enrollment. A break in enrollment is defined as not being enrolled. A student who has had a break in enrollment for more than one semester will be required to submit another drug screen.

Significant Findings in Drug Screening

Applicants accepted for admissions who appear to have positive findings on their drug screenings will not be allowed to enroll.

If a currently enrolled student has a positive drug screen, they will not be allowed to participate in the clinical component of the course at the assigned clinical agency or any other clinical agency. The student will be required to withdraw from all courses (didactic and clinical) and an enrollment hold will be placed on the student's record. Please refer to School policy S1270 for further information.

The student will be required to complete, at the students' expense, chemical dependency evaluation and treatment. Subsequent enrollment

in the Cizik School of Nursing is contingent on a review of the student's proof of treatment for chemical dependency.

See Cizik School of Nursing Policy S1270, Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening for Students (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s1270.pdf?v=33074230>).

Degree Plans

The student is responsible for knowing degree requirements and enrolling in courses that fit into their degree program. Students are also held responsible for knowing the Cizik School of Nursing's regulations in regard to the standard of work required for continuance in the program. It is the student's responsibility to complete the necessary paperwork (if requesting petition for equivalency credit) and to plan ahead for certain courses, as some courses are offered only once a year.

Degree Plans-Graduate and Doctorate Programs

The student and the advisor will complete a degree plan to specify which courses are to be taken to complete the degree requirements. Both student and advisor will sign the completed plan, which will then be filed in the CSON Student Affairs Office. The student is expected to follow the degree plan. Any changes must be approved by the faculty advisor. It is the student's responsibility to submit any revision to the degree plan to the CSON Student Affairs Office after approval of the advisor.

Essential Skills for Nurses

Nurses must be able to demonstrate cognitive skills in critical thinking and logical/analytical thinking. Nurses must also have psychomotor skills, including fine motor dexterity, physical strength, coordination, and proper body mechanics. Observational skills are also required, such as the ability to hear within the normal decibel range, the ability to read English in regular to extra-fine print, and the ability to palpate/auscultate. Students must be able to demonstrate these skills, with or without reasonable accommodation. See HOOP 101, Disability Accommodation (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448050>).

Eligibility to Sit for RN Licensure Exam

Students admitted to the undergraduate programs must meet requirements for licensure to be eligible to take the licensing examination after graduation. The Texas Board of Nursing determines eligibility for licensure.

Applicants and nursing students may voluntarily seek a declaratory order from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding matters affecting an individual's eligibility for licensure:

- criminal convictions history;
- being placed on probation or community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty;
- being sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion;
- pleading guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory, or country;
- having unresolved arrests, whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations);
- having deferred adjudications or other "pretrial diversion" with or without a finding of guilt;
- DUIs (Driving Under the Influence), DWIs (Driving While Intoxicated), and PIs (Public Intoxication);

- mental illness; and/or
- chemical dependency.

Students are required to confirm their eligibility for licensure before enrolling in the School's programs. Students admitted to the undergraduate program must meet legal requirements for licensure to be eligible to take the licensing examination after graduation. Information regarding the declaratory order process may be found at the Texas Board of Nursing website (<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/>). Applicants and nursing students may voluntarily seek a declaratory order from the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) in regard to criminal convictions, mental illness, and/or chemical dependency in order to determine eligibility for licensure. Obtaining a declaratory order or other disclosure to the Board of Nursing does not relieve an applicant or student from his/her obligation to disclose the matters listed above to the School.

Foreign Transcripts

Applicants who have completed part or all of their education at schools outside the United States must submit their official transcripts for a course-by-course descriptive evaluation through the Educational Credential Evaluators, (ECE) (<https://www.ece.org/>), P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203 (414) 289-3400. ECE is an agency which specializes in the evaluation of foreign education credentials. The use of this professional service assures consistency and accuracy of the evaluation of educational credentials. An original copy of the evaluation must be sent directly from ECE to the UTHealth Houston Office of Registrar prior to applying.

Graduation

Official commencement ceremonies are held each year in May. Graduates are not eligible to participate in commencement prior to completion of their respective program requirements. Further information on graduation and commencement can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/student-affairs/graduation/>).

Certification Requirements

Each student must provide the CSON Student Affairs Office with evidence of current Class "C" CPR course completion consistent with the requirements of the American Heart Association.

Inactive Status (Undergraduate)

Any student requesting inactive status must complete an "Inactive Form," (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/student-affairs/docs/inactive-form.pdf>) which may be found online as noted in URL above and in the CSON Student Affairs Office. The student must secure clearance from the various offices noted on that form and must return the form to the CSON Student Affairs Office. A student remaining out of the program for more than one semester must notify the CSON Student Affairs and UTHealth Houston Registrar offices in writing when she/he wishes their enrollment reactivated. A student on inactive status for two or more semesters will be considered for readmission on a case-by-case basis.

Inactive Status (Graduate Programs)

A student in good standing who desires to take one semester off may do so without penalty. A student remaining out of the program for more than one semester must notify the CSON Student Affairs Office and Registrar's Office in writing when they wish for their file to be reactivated, and the student will be considered for readmission on an individual basis. Any student withdrawing or requesting inactive status must complete an Inactive Form, which may be found in the Student Affairs Office. This constitutes official inactivation.

Adding, Dropping and Withdrawing from Courses

Students may add, drop, and withdraw from courses with the approval of the instructor and advisor and within certain guidelines and deadlines. A student may be allowed to withdraw from the same course only twice. The policies regarding adding, dropping, and withdrawing from courses may be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s1030.pdf?v=33074230>).

Students should consult the Cizik School of Nursing website regarding deadline dates for adding, dropping, and withdrawing from courses. Any student withdrawing from one or more courses after the add/drop period should complete this process using the Course Withdrawal System (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/student-affairs/coursewithdrawal-system/>).

On the recommendation of the instructor and Department Chair and the approval of the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, a student may be required to withdraw from a course at any time because of neglect or for lack of preparation. Under such circumstances, the symbol "WF" will be recorded.

Needlestick and/or Body Fluid/Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure

UTHealth Houston Student Health and Counseling Services operates a Needlestick Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to expedite treatment in case of needlestick or body fluid exposure. The procedure is the same regardless of the hospital or clinic at which a student is working. Students are provided a "Needlestick" sticker on the back of the student identification badge. Further information can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s2142.pdf>).

If students sustain a needlestick or have an accidental exposure to bloodborne pathogens: **Call (713) 500-OUCH 24 hours a day.**

Students should NOT go to the nearest emergency room. The student should contact the needlestick hotline at the telephone number above to receive specific instructions and information.

Most calls will be answered within 5-10 minutes. The student will be asked to give a detailed description of the incident. Lab baselines will be checked, as well as the labs on the source patient. Students will be counseled on their overall risk, and if treatment is necessary. Students will be given follow-up labs at defined intervals over the next 6 months to a year.

The costs associated with the Needlestick Hotline (laboratory work and medications) are covered by the UTHealth Student Health Services. However, if the student chooses not to follow the Needlestick Hotline procedure and see his or her own physician (private or through an emergency department, for example), the student will be personally responsible for all costs, and these will not be reimbursed by UTHealth Houston Student Health and Counseling Services, Cizik School of Nursing or UTHealth Houston.

Petitions for Equivalency Credit

Students requesting to transfer a course from another university must complete a "Petition for Equivalency Credit" (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/student-affairs/docs/petition-equiv.pdf>) form, attach the syllabus for the transfer course, and submit the request to the CSON Student Affairs Office. Also, the student must have an official transcript on file showing the course with a satisfactory grade (B or above for graduate students and C or above for undergraduates). Courses cannot

be transferred if older than seven years (PhD), five years (MSN or DNP) or three years (BSN). Undergraduate courses must be at least a junior or senior level course to be considered for equivalency.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using another person's work or ideas without giving credit. Plagiarism is dishonest because it misrepresents the work of another as your own. This includes both copying the work verbatim or re-phrasing the ideas of another without properly acknowledging the source. When preparing work for course requirements, such as papers, care plans, take home examinations, etc., students should take care to differentiate between their ideas and language and information derived from other sources. Sources include, but are not limited to, published and unpublished materials, the Internet, and information and opinions gained directly from other people, including faculty or other students. Whenever ideas or facts are obtained from a student's reading and research, the sources must be properly cited according to standards set by Cizik School of Nursing and contained in the current edition of Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Plagiarism is considered a violation of academic integrity and professional honesty. Students who are found to have plagiarized shall be subject to disciplinary action. Penalties may include, but are not limited to failure on the assignment, failure in the course, suspension from the program, or dismissal from the School. Collaboration in the completion of written assignments is prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the instructor in the written course syllabus. Students must acknowledge any collaboration and its extent in all submitted course work.

TurnItIn is a software tool offered on Canvas. It can be used to check the originality of a written assignment against a database of journal articles, other copyrighted text, and papers submitted by other students worldwide. TurnItIn is one tool among many that can be used to help students learn about proper attribution of written work; however, students have the final responsibility for work that is submitted.

Policies

UTHealth Houston Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOOP)

Students are responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all applicable University policies as set forth in the UTHealth Houston Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOOP) (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/>). The University policy on student conduct and discipline is contained in HOOP Policy 186, Student Conduct and Discipline (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448220>). A reference copy of this HOOP Policy is available in the CSON Office of Student Affairs.

For information regarding student academic and conduct issues, contact: Dr. Elda Ramirez, Assistant Dean, Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Community Engagement

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Cizik School of Nursing School and Program Policies

School Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all students, regardless of the program in which they are enrolled.

Program Policies

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all undergraduate students.
- Master of Science in Nursing Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all students enrolled in the MSN program.
- PhD Program Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all students enrolled in the PhD program.
- DNP Program Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all students enrolled in the DNP program, post-Graduate programs, and non-degree seeking students.
- BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program Policies can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>). These policies are applicable to all students enrolled in the BSN-DNP program.

Professionalism

Throughout program and related activities, students are responsible for knowledge of and compliance with standards of professional behavior. Failure to maintain professional behavior standards may be grounds for academic action, including lowering of a course grade (including a failing grade), regardless of a student's performance with regards to other course academic standards, probation, or dismissal from the Cizik School of Nursing.

Scholarships

Cizik School of Nursing Scholarship Committee encourages all new students to complete a scholarship application form. Scholarship information can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/financial/scholarships/>).

Student Accountability

Students are held accountable for knowledge of degree requirements and enrolling for courses that fit into their degree program. Students are also held responsible for knowledge of the Cizik School of Nursing's regulations in regard to the standard of work required for continuance in the undergraduate and graduate programs. It is the responsibility of the student to read, keep abreast and adhere to the most current University and Cizik School of Nursing policies. For in-depth details of UTHealth Houston policies and governance, see the UTHealth Houston HOOP (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/>). See the academic affairs website for more information here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/>).

Student Conduct and Discipline

Students are specifically charged with responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with regulations concerning student conduct and discipline as set forth in the HOOP Policy, 186 Student Conduct and Discipline (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448220>).

Reasonable Accommodation

Individuals seeking reasonable accommodations related to disability, pregnancy and parenting, or religion must initiate the accommodation process by contacting their school's designated Section 504 Coordinator (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/section-504-coordinators.htm>) and completing a request form found on the University Relations & Equal

Opportunity (UREO) webpage (<https://www.uth.edu/hr/service-areas/university-relations-equal-opportunity/>).

Accommodations are not retroactive, and require advance notice to implement. To allow adequate time to evaluate the request, engage in the interactive process, and make arrangements for any accommodation to be provided, requestors are strongly urged to contact UREO as soon as possible.

For more information, visit HOOP Policy 101, Disability and Pregnancy Accommodations (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448050>), HOOP Policy 232, Pregnant and Parenting Students (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=32d838cb-8f11-40f7-b8e5-f42719d41202>), and HOOP Policy 112, Religious Accommodations (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448072>).

Texas Success Initiative - TSI (Formerly TASP)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI), formerly TASP, is a state-mandated program that is designed to improve student success and outcomes in college. Any student seeking to enroll in an UTHHealth Houston undergraduate program must provide proof of successful completion of the Texas Success Initiative prior to being enrolled. Further information on specific testing requirements, testing exemptions, and college readiness can be found here (<https://ugs.utexas.edu/tsi/>).

Time Limits to Complete Your Program of Study

- Requirements for a single undergraduate degree must be completed within three years.
- Requirements for a single post-graduate completion certificate must be completed within three years.
- Requirements for a single MSN degree must be completed within five years.
- Requirements for a single PHD degree must be completed within ten years.
- Requirements for a single DNP degree must be completed within five years.
- Requirements for a single BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia degree must be completed within five years.

An extension may be granted if a written petition submitted by the student to the appropriate Council is approved.

Transfer of Credit from another School of Nursing

Individuals who transfer into the School's BSN program from another nursing school must have completed the 60 hours of required prerequisite courses and meet the criteria for admission. Syllabi from all prior nursing courses must be submitted in order for those courses to be considered for transfer credit. All nursing courses to be transferred must be junior or senior level undergraduate courses.

Applicants who have completed the prescribed Field of Study in Nursing (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2016) will be considered for admission to the RN-BSN program. Applicants not in good academic or financial standing and therefore not entitled to continue at another institution will not be admitted as transfers to the Cizik School of Nursing.

Transient Students

The transient student category is designated for students enrolled in good academic standing at another nursing program who wish to enroll in selected courses at the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHHealth Houston.

Permission must be obtained from the Baccalaureate Council. Transient student status may be obtained by providing a completed application, written consent of the Dean at the parent institution, and written consent of the instructor of the course at the Cizik School of Nursing.

Admissions

Admission Criteria

In order to more clearly reflect UTHHealth Houston Cizik School of Nursing's educational environment, the School's admission policy makes explicit the multiplicity of factors taken into consideration in the admissions process. These admission factors are not assigned a specific weight or point value. Cizik School of Nursing considers the totality of each application and gives consideration to several factors.

Deferred Admission

Deferment is not available for any Cizik School of Nursing programs. If a student wants to defer admission, that student will need to reapply for a future term.

Admissions Criteria Undergraduate (Essential Skills)

1. Intellectual capacity, based on consideration of undergraduate prerequisite GPA and the prerequisite science GPA; academic awards and honors, scholarly accomplishments; degree of difficulty of undergraduate academic program; pre- professional evaluations (THEA); previous college courses and/or degree(s); personal interview or request to complete a questionnaire; and any other relevant data submitted;
2. Interpersonal and communication skills, based on evidence of being well-written and well- spoken, exemplified by written essay, the application, and the personal interview or questionnaire; and any other relevant consideration that the student or his or her pre-professional advisors may present;
3. Breadth and depth of pre-nursing educational experiences, based on consideration of factors in the record reflecting a combination of a strong scientific background and also an ability to understand the complex non-scientific problems facing healthcare workers and patients, e.g., ethical, cultural, or socioeconomic problems; consideration of community or charitable service, e.g., volunteering to help the less fortunate; extracurricular activities and organizations; leadership positions; employment history; recognition for humanitarian service; and awareness and direct knowledge of cultural elements as they may impact on healthcare;
4. Potential for service to Texas, with consideration given to Texas residency; applicant's goals for the future; multilingual proficiency; culture/socio-economic status, potential for future provision of health services to underserved areas or needed specialties; and linguistic skills appropriate to the Health Professions Shortage Area the applicant wishes to serve;
5. Motivation, with consideration given to success in overcoming adverse economic or educational conditions; employment history occurring simultaneously with undergraduate academic preparation; participation in activities requiring time management skills; constantly improving undergraduate record; veteran status, and experience in health-related activities;
6. Integrity, with consideration given to any academic integrity violation; conduct or disciplinary problems in college;

7. Technical standards, related to observation, communication, timeliness in performance of psychomotor skills, intellectual and cognitive abilities, behavioral and social attributes; and
8. Ethical standards, related to personal demeanor and behavior.

I. Policy and General Statement

A. Applicants are considered for admission into the upper-division nursing (BSN) program according to specified criteria.

1. Completion of all prerequisite courses (sixty semester hours)
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses.
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for prerequisite science courses.
4. A grade of "C" or better in each prerequisite taken at accredited higher education institutions,
5. Completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Exam (TOEFL), if applicable.
 - A minimum score of 550 on the paper exam, OR
 - A minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, OR
 - A minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam

6. A standardized entrance test is required for admission consideration (for Pacesetter BSN only).

B. RN to BSN Admission

1. Provisional admission
 - a. May be granted to RN-BSN applicants who have not completed all the requirements for full admission.
 - b. Each student will be reviewed on an individual basis.
 - c. Provisional admission may be granted at the discretion of the Baccalaureate Council only for RN-BSN applicants who have a deficiency of one (1) or two (2) prerequisite courses, excluding:
 - 1) Chemistry
 - 2) Anatomy and physiology
 - 3) Microbiology
 - 4) Statistics

d. All other courses MUST be completed prior to admission.

e. In order to be removed from provisional status:

- 1) The student must complete all outstanding prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" by the end of the second term.
- 2) Students who fail to complete AND submit the evidence of completion of all requirements for full or provisional admission during the specified time-period are not allowed to continue in the program.

2. Prerequisites

- a. Students must complete at least 40 prerequisite hours, including 8 hours from the science prerequisites (Human Anatomy and

Physiology, Microbiology and Chemistry), to be considered for admission.

C. RN to BSN Full Admission

1. An associate degree in nursing or diploma in nursing from an accredited nursing program.
2. Active, unencumbered Texas RN license or ability to secure a license in the first semester of enrollment.

D. RN to BSN Early Decision

- a. Students currently enrolled in an accredited associate degree in nursing program may apply as an early decision candidate
- b. Eligibility criteria:

- 1). The student has completed at least one (1) semester in an accredited ADN program and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 2). The student has not yet earned the forty (40) prerequisite hours required to apply and/or
- 3). If the term for which admission is sought is not available.

D. Non-Degree Admission

1. The non-degree category is for students who wish to take courses without seeking a degree.
2. Permission must be obtained for enrollment in Undergraduate Courses from the Baccalaureate Council.
3. The student may apply for admission at any point during enrollment but must complete the admission process and meet all criteria.
4. After full admission, the student may petition the Baccalaureate Council for a maximum of nine (9) semesters hours of coursework with a grade of "C" or better to count toward their degree program.

E. Transient Students

1. The transient student category is designated for students who are enrolled and in good academic standing in another nursing program and who wish to enroll in selected courses at Cizik School of Nursing.
2. Permission must be obtained from the Baccalaureate Council for enrollment as a transient student.
3. Transient student status may be obtained by providing:
 - a. Written consent from the Dean at the parent institution.
 - b. Written consent from the instructor of the course at the Cizik School of Nursing.
 - c. Prerequisite equivalent: Lower division course equivalency credit may be granted at the discretion of the Baccalaureate Council.
 - d. Any applicant who has attended another nursing program and is NOT in good standing and/or is NOT eligible to continue/return to that program will NOT be eligible for admission into the Cizik School of Nursing.

II. Definitions

A. Full admission: a student who has met all the requirements for admission as a full time student to Baccalaureate Program

B. Conditional admission: students who are accepted into the Baccalaureate Program, who have met the conditions of admission, but have not completed the requirements at the time of acceptance such as:

1. Coursework in progress or pending at the time of acceptance.
2. Criminal background check

C. Provisional admission: A student who has not completed all the requirements for full admission to the RN-BSN Program

D. Non-degree admission: A student who wishes to be admitted without seeking a degree.

E. Transient students: Students who are enrolled and in good academic standing in another nursing program and who wish to enroll in selected courses at Cizik School of Nursing.

F. Parent Institution: The institution (not UTHealth Houston CSON) where the student is currently enrolled.

III. Procedure

A. The student, regardless of type of admission sought, will complete the application online.

B. The student will agree to complete a Criminal Background Check.

C. If approval is required, the student will apply to the Baccalaureate Council.

Admission – BSN Program

Applicants should submit the following materials to the UTHealth Houston Office of the Registrar:

1. [Students submit online applications for admission through \(Nursing CAS \(https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/\)\). A non-refundable application service fee will be charged at the time of submission.](https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/)
2. Evidence of a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better in the required 60 hours of nursing prerequisites, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better in the required science prerequisites.
3. One official transcript of all course work from every college or university previously attended directly to the Registrar's Office. Electronic submission is preferred. If previous college coursework from a country other than the USA is submitted, the coursework must be evaluated by a credentialing service before submission (see "Foreign Transcript" below). This information will be used to determine what courses can be counted to satisfy the prerequisites. An official copy of the credentialing service evaluation must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.
4. Evidence of completion of at least 48 hours of the required 60 hours of prerequisite work by the program application deadline. Sixteen of those 48 hours must be from the science prerequisites (Human Anatomy and Physiology (I and II), Microbiology, and Chemistry). If admitted into the program, an applicant must complete all 60 hours of prerequisites by the start of the program (except for provisional acceptance into the RN-BSN program, see below).
5. Evidence of completion of the HESI A2 Entrance Exam or Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Registration can be accessed by contacting Elsevier. HESI or TEAS scores resulting from more than two attempts will not be accepted. Registration instructions can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/bsn/pacesetter/hesi/>). The HESI or TEAS scores cannot be older than two years. (The HESI A2 Entrance Exam or TEAS are not required for the RN-BSN program).
6. An active Texas RN License or the ability to secure a Texas RN license in the first semester of enrollment and Associate degree from an accredited nursing program are required. (RN-BSN applicants only)

Additional Requirements for Admission into all BSN Programs

Admission and enrollment are expressly contingent upon successful completion of outstanding prerequisites (if any), immunization screening, immigration status clearance, and Health Care Provider Basic Life Support CPR certification. Conditional admission may be granted to RN-BSN applicants who have no more than two (2) outstanding prerequisite courses, which excludes science courses. All science courses (chemistry; anatomy and physiology I and II; microbiology, and statistics) must be completed prior to admission.

All students must successfully clear the mandatory drug and criminal background screenings prior to enrollment. All applicants should review the appropriate UTHealth Houston policies in advance, see HOOP 160 Criminal Background Checks (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448168>).

Full Admission

This category applies to applicants who meet all admission requirements:

1. Completion of all prerequisite courses (60 semester hours or 90-quarter hours with a minimum grade of "C" in each course);
2. A minimum prerequisite grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale;
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in prerequisite science courses and
4. Completion of the HESI A2 Exam or TEAS Exam (not required for RN-BSN Applicants).

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission may be granted to RN-BSN applicants who have not completed all the requirements for full admission. Each student is reviewed on an individual basis. Provisional admission may be granted at the discretion of the Baccalaureate Council only for RN-BSN applicants who have a deficiency of one to two prerequisite courses – excluding chemistry, anatomy and physiology I-II, microbiology and statistics.

The student must complete all outstanding prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" by the end of the first semester and provide proof of RN licensure. Students who fail to complete and submit evidence of completion of all requirements for full or conditional admission during the specified time period will not be allowed to continue in the program until the student submits evidence of completion. The RN-BSN student would be placed on inactive status until terms are satisfied. The student would be required to petition the Council for reinstatement.

Applicant Selection

The Baccalaureate Council makes the final selection. Applicants will be evaluated on overall academic performance, performance in prerequisites and sciences courses. Notifications are updated and available first within the MyUTH application portal and then followed by email and a mailed hard-copy letter. If the applicant does not enroll in that semester, they may request to be considered for a subsequent semester.

Deadlines for Application

To be considered for admission into the Undergraduate Program, completed applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by the dates listed below. If the applicant does not enroll in the semester for which they apply, the applicant must reapply for future consideration. Applications and/or fees are not transferable.

BSN Application Deadline and Anticipated Notification Dates

Term	Application Deadline ¹	Anticipated Notification Date
Summer	January 15	April 15
Fall	March 15	June 15
Spring	Sept 1	Nov 15

¹ For an application to be forwarded for faculty review and decision, all application materials must be received by the deadline date. The School is unable to process applications with missing or incomplete documents. Application and fees cannot be deferred.

Pacesetter Program Documentation Deadline: All courses must be completed before students may begin School of Nursing classes.

RN-BSN Program Documentation Deadline: All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the first semester and before students begin the second semester of Cizik School of Nursing classes.

Please send application material to:

Office of the Registrar

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

PO Box 20036

Houston, Texas 77225-0036

Student-Admissions@uth.tmc.edu

Pre-enrollment Requirements

If accepted, enrollment to the Cizik School of Nursing is contingent upon successful completion of outstanding prerequisites (if any), immunization screening, immigration status clearance, Health Care Basic Life Support CPR certification clearance of the mandatory drug screening test and mandatory criminal background check (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/schoolpolicies/s1270.pdf?v=32921628>). All applicants are encouraged to review the pre-enrollment policies in advance and review new student guide found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/students/new/>).

Admissions Criteria Graduate (Essential Skills)

1. Intellectual capacity, based on consideration of overall collegiate GPA; standardized test scores (GRE, TOEFL); academic awards and honors, scholarly accomplishments; degree of difficulty of undergraduate academic program; pre-professional evaluations (THEA); previous college courses and/or degree(s); personal interview or request to complete a questionnaire; and any other relevant data submitted;
2. Interpersonal and communication skills, based on evidence of being well-written and well-spoken, exemplified by standardized test scores in verbal abilities, and any other relevant consideration that the student may present;
3. Breadth and depth of nursing educational experiences, based on consideration of factors in the record reflecting a combination of a strong scientific background and also an ability to understand the complex non-scientific problems facing healthcare workers and patients, e.g., ethical, cultural, or socioeconomic problems; consideration of community or charitable service, e.g., volunteering to help the less fortunate; extracurricular activities and organizations; leadership positions; employment history; recognition for

humanitarian service; and awareness and direct knowledge of cultural elements as they may impact on healthcare;

4. Potential for service to Texas, with consideration given to Texas residency; applicant's goals for the future; multilingual proficiency; culture/socio-economic status, potential for future provision of health services to underserved areas or needed specialties; and linguistic skills appropriate to the Health Professions Shortage Area the applicant wishes to serve;
5. Motivation, with consideration given to success in overcoming adverse economic or educational conditions; employment history occurring simultaneously with undergraduate academic preparation; participation in activities requiring time management skills; constantly improving undergraduate record; veteran status, and experience in health-related activities;
6. Integrity, with consideration given to any academic integrity violation; conduct or disciplinary problems in college and/or the workplace.
7. Technical standards, related to observation, communication, timeliness in performance of psychomotor skills, intellectual and cognitive abilities, behavioral and social attributes; and
8. Ethical standards, related to personal demeanor and behavior.
9. At least one year of full-time employment as a RN in a care setting as specified by the specific track. [Apply to MSN & DNP only]

Admission – MSN Program and Post-Graduate Completion Program

The admission policy makes explicit the multiplicity of factors taken into consideration in a holistic admissions process. These admission factors are not assigned a specific weight or point value. Cizik School of Nursing considers the totality of each application and gives importance to the factors as listed in Admission Criteria Graduate section.

Transfer of Credit

A student may submit MSN course credits earned at other universities for application toward the MSN Degree. The following restrictions apply:

- The course must clearly relate to the student's approved program of study.
- Nine semester hours may be transferred from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System.
- An unlimited number of semester hours may be transferred from institutions within The University of Texas System, but the student must complete a minimum of 26 semester hours in residency at the CSON. Students may not transfer credit hours for clinical courses, preceptorship courses, or synthesis courses.
- Equivalency credit for a required course in the master's program must be approved by the faculty member. The course must have been taken within the five-year time limit to complete Master's Program degree requirements.
- The transcript must show a grade of "A", "B", or "P" in the course.
- The course may not be transferred if it was used to apply to another completed degree.
- All courses to be transferred must be at the graduate level.

Courses Taken in Other University of Texas System Institutions

All students who have been admitted to the MSN Program and who plan to take courses applicable to a nursing degree in a University of Texas component other than UTHealth Houston must obtain approval in advance from the advisor prior to taking such courses. A transcript must be sent to the UTHealth Houston Office of the Registrar immediately upon the completion of the course(s).

Interview

MSN and Post-Graduate applicants may be interviewed during the admission process. Applicants are evaluated on additional elements, which include public or community service, humanitarian service, extracurricular activities, communication skills, and experiences. In the categories of public or community service and humanitarian service, consideration is given to an interest in service to underserved areas and populations.

Full Admission

This category applies to students who have completed all of the requirements for admission. (see MSN Application procedure.)

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission may be granted after evaluation of the applicant's record. This category applies to a student who does not meet the full admission requirements. Successful completion of the first nine semester hours with a grade of "B" or better is required or the student must withdraw or be dismissed from the program. The student may appeal the dismissal through the Master's Council.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission may be granted if the applicant does not have an unencumbered, current Texas RN license or enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (Enlc) License without stipulations to practice as a registered nurse (RN).

If a student fails to submit evidence of an unencumbered, current Texas RN license during the first term of enrollment, the student may not enroll in a clinical course without the required current licensure.

MSN and Post-Graduate Completion Application Procedure

Applicants submit the following to the Office of the Registrar:

1. Students submit online applications for admission through (Nursing CAS (<https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/>)). A non-refundable application service fee will be charged at the time of submission.
2. One official copy of a transcript from each institution attended. If student has attended any UTHealth Houston school, an official transcript is not necessary. Electronic submission is preferred. Transcript(s) should show:
 - A Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from an accredited program.
 - Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of the BSN program.
 - A Master's degree in nursing from an accredited school if Post-Graduate applicant.
 - A completed basic statistics course with a grade of 'C' or higher.
3. Three satisfactory academic/professional references. (individual references should be provided with an applicant letter of reference form).
4. One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two years old. A minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.
5. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees/ courses from outside the US.
6. A professional curriculum vitae or resume.
7. Documentation on application of minimum work experience for chosen clinical track/concentration:

Clinical Track Years Experience as Registered Nurse (RN)

- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (NP): One year experience in ICU
- Family Nurse Practitioner (NP): One year clinical experience
- Psychiatric/Mental Health (NP): One year clinical experience in a psychiatric setting

Admissions Procedures

Once admitted and prior to enrollment, the student must submit:

1. Eligibility for or evidence of unencumbered, current Texas nursing licensure without stipulations or enhanced nurse licensure compact (ENLC) multistate licensure
2. Documentation of current BCLS; students in the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track must submit documentation of both BCLS and ACLS
3. Evidence of required immunizations
4. Completed criminal background check
5. Completed drug screen

International applicants and students should contact the UTHealth Houston Office of International Affairs for further information here (<https://www.uth.edu/international-affairs/>).

Applicant Selection

The Admissions Committee of the Graduate Council will make selections from the pool of the applicants. Evaluation of the total information available to the admissions committee results in a final decision for acceptance of the applicants into the program.

All applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they have been accepted into the program. Acceptance into the program is applicable only to the semester for which the applicant applied.

As soon as the entering student receives the registration materials in the mail, the student should make an appointment with the assigned advisor to develop a degree plan.

Deadlines for Application

To be considered for admission into the MSN program or Post-Graduate Completion program, completed applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by the dates shown in following table. If the applicant

does not enroll in that semester, the applicant must reapply for future consideration. Applications and/or fees are not transferable.

Program	Application Term	Application & Documentation Deadline
MSN Programs		
MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner and MSN in Leadership and Administration	Summer 2025	March 15
	Fall 2025	June 1
	Spring 2026	September 30
Post-Graduate Completion Programs (Non-Nurse Practitioner)		
Nursing Education	Fall 2025	June 1
Nursing Leadership & Administration	Spring 2026	September 30
Emergency/Trauma Concentration	Summer 2025	March 15

Admission – BSN-Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) Program

BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Application Procedure

Applicants should submit the following to the Office of the Registrar:

1. Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston uses UTHealth Houston's online application (https://apply.uth.tmc.edu/psp/applyuth/APPLYUTH/CS_20/h/?tab=UT_CS_NVT_APPLY_SIGNON).
2. Official scores for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within the last five (5) years. For the revised GRE, a minimum score of 151 Verbal; 144 Quantitative; with a minimum score on the written section of 3.5 is preferred.
3. One official copy of a transcript from each institution attended. If student has attended any UTHealth Houston school, an official transcript is not necessary. Electronic submission is preferred. Transcript(s) should show:
 - A Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from an accredited program.
 - Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - A completed basic statistics course.
 - A completed Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry course within the last 5 years with a grade of B or better
4. Three letters of reference attesting to the applicant's academic and clinical ability and potential for doctoral study.
5. One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two years old. A minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.
6. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees from outside the US.

7. Eligibility for or evidence of unencumbered, current Texas licensure without stipulations to practice as a Registered Nurse in Texas.
8. Documentation of BLS, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification. CCRN is highly encouraged.
9. A professional curriculum vitae or resume.
10. Documentation on application of minimum critical care nursing work experience. A minimum of one year of current, full-time, acute critical care nursing work effort prior to matriculation must be documented.

Applicant Selection

The BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program will make selections from the pool of the applicants. Evaluation of the total information available to the selection committee results in a final decision for acceptance of the applicants into the program.

All applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they have been accepted into the program. Acceptance into the program is applicable only to the year for which the applicant applied.

As soon as the entering student receives the registration materials in the mail, they should make an appointment with the nurse anesthesia program director to review his or her degree plan.

Deadline for Application

To be considered for admission into the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by July 1. If the applicant does not enroll in that semester, the applicant must reapply for future consideration. Applications and/or fees are not transferable. Completed applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by the dates shown below.

BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia (Admits Summer terms)

Summer Application Deadline: July 1

Admission – BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program

The admission policy makes explicit the multiplicity of factors taken into consideration in a holistic admissions process. These admission factors will not be assigned a specific weight or point value.

Interview

During the interview, BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia applicants are evaluated on the graduate admission criteria elements and additional elements, which include public or community service, humanitarian service, extracurricular activities, communication skills, and clinical experiences. In the categories of public or community service and humanitarian service, consideration is given to an interest in service to underserved areas and populations.

Full Admission

This category applies to students who have completed all the requirements for admission and have met all admission criteria.

Conditional Admission

The DNP Council may grant conditional admission after evaluation of the applicant's record. This category applies to a student who does not meet the full admission requirements. A 3.0 cumulative grade point average for the first nine semester hours is required or the student must withdraw or

be dismissed from the Program. The student may appeal the dismissal through the DNP Council.

Provisional Admission

This category applies to students who have not completed all the requirements for admission. These students are required to complete and submit evidence of completion of all requirements for full or conditional admission prior to matriculation in order to continue in the Program. If a student fails to complete and submit evidence of completion of all requirements for full or conditional admission prior to matriculation, the student will be dismissed.

Doctorate Program Criteria

Admission – BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Program

Admission – BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Program Application Deadline

To be considered for admission into the BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Program for fall, complete applications must be received in the Nursing CAS system by May 15th and for spring, complete applications must be received by September 15th. If the applicant does not enroll in that semester, the applicant must reapply for future consideration. Applications and/or fees are not transferable. Completed applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by the dates shown below.

BSN to DNP (Admits Fall and Spring terms)

- **Fall Application Deadline:** May 15
- **Spring Application Deadline:** September 15

Admission Requirements

The DNP Council of the Cizik School of Nursing establishes minimum admission requirements for the BSN-DNP program. Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis according to admissions criteria. Per the regulations defining the amount of allowable online course credits, Cizik School of Nursing is unable to sponsor DNP students requiring a F-1 Visa. Additionally, students admitted to the BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Program must reside in the state of Texas before the first day of class.

Application Selection

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Council (DNP Council) will make the selection of applicants who will be offered admission into the program. Evaluation of all available information is considered in the final decision for acceptance into the program. All applicants will be notified in writing regarding acceptance into the DNP program. Admission into the program is applicable only to the semester for which the applicant applied. If the student does not enroll in that semester, the student must reapply for future consideration.

Established criteria aid in evaluating each applicant to predict potential success at the graduate level. Categories of admission are determined by how an applicant meets criteria for: Full Admission.

Application Procedure

1. Students submit online applications for admission through (Nursing CAS (<https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/>)). A non-refundable application service fee will be charged at the time of submission.
2. Official transcript from each institution attended entered into the Nursing CAS system. If the student has attended UTHouston previously it is not necessary to request a transcript. Electronic

submission of transcripts is preferred. All transcripts must be printed within six months of receipt. Transcript(s) should show:

- A Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from an accredited program. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - A completed basic statistics course with a 2.0 or greater final grade.
3. Three (3) letters of reference attesting to the applicant's academic ability and potential for doctoral study. Include one reference from a professional colleague and one from a faculty member.
 4. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees/ courses from outside the US.
 5. One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old and a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.
 6. A professional curriculum vitae or resume. Submitted through Nursing CAS.
 7. Documentation (via resume or vitae) of minimum work as a registered nurse experience for chosen track:
 - Adult Gerontology/ Acute Care: One-year clinical experience in ICU
 - Family Nurse Practitioner: One-year clinical experience as a registered nurse
 - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: One year of clinical experience as a registered nurse in a setting caring for psychiatric patients.
 8. An active unrestricted registered nurse (RN) licensure to practice in Texas.
 - A 300-word typed statement of area of practice interest, career goals, and reason for desiring doctoral study.
 - Interview, if applicable.
 9. Students must reside and work (if applicable) in Texas.
 10. BLS Certification – Current BLS Certification

Admission Procedure

Once admitted and prior to enrollment, the student must submit:

1. Evidence of unencumbered, current Texas license or eNLC license without stipulations to practice as an RN or of application for Texas RN license.
2. Documentation of current BCLS.
3. Documentations of current ACLS for AGACNP students.
4. Evidence of required immunizations.
5. Completed criminal background check.
6. Complete drug screen.
7. Eligible international applicants and students should contact the Office of International Affairs (<https://www.uth.edu/international-affairs/>) for further information.

Admission – DNP Nurse Practitioner Program (post-Masters Entry)

Admission Requirements

Cizik School of Nursing considers the totality of each application and gives importance to the following requirements:

Per the regulations defining the amount of allowable online course credits, Cizik School of Nursing is unable to sponsor DNP students requiring a F-1 Visa. Additionally, students admitted to the Post-Master's DNP must personally reside in the state of Texas before the first day of class.

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from a nationally accredited program.
- Master's degree or post-master's earned from a nationally accredited program with a 3.0 GPA or above as an:
 - Advanced practice registered nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist), master's degree in nursing (MSN),
 - Nurse leader, nurse informaticist, or
 - Business administration (MBA), health care administration (MHA), public health (MPH) or (MN) in Nursing Education prepared registered nurse with leadership experience (nurse executive and nurse informatics option).
- Graduate level nursing or equivalent research course with a grade of B or higher.¹
- For advanced practice nurses:
 - Eligibility or approval to practice as an advanced practice nurse by the Texas Board of Nursing.
 - Proof of current certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization.
- Minimum of one (1) year work experience in the advanced practice role.
- For Advanced Practice Nurse Track:
 - A master's degree in nursing or post-master's certificate as an advanced practice nurse from a nationally accredited program with a GPA of 3.0 or above.
 - Proof of current certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization.
 - Eligibility or approval to practice as an advanced practice nurse by the Texas Board of Nursing.
 - Minimum of one (1) year work experience in the advanced practice role.
- For Nursing Executive Leadership Track:
 - Master's degree in nursing (MSN), business administration (MBA), health care administration (MHA), public health (MPH), MSN or MN in Nursing Education with nursing leadership experience, or master's degree in an equivalent nationally accredited healthcare leadership program with a GPA of 3.0 or above.
 - Minimum of one (1) year work experience in the nursing leadership practice role.
- For Nursing Informatics Track:
 - Master's degree in nursing (MSN), business administration (MBA), health care administration (MHA), public health (MPH), MSN or MN in Nursing Education with a systems/nursing informatics practice experience, or master's degree in an equivalent nationally accredited informatics program with a GPA of 3.0 or above.

¹ The course is not required to apply. If admitted without the prerequisite course, there will be an opportunity to enroll in the course at Cizik School of Nursing, or at another institution; however, the course must be successfully completed prior to the first day of class.

DNP Nurse Practitioner (post-Masters Entry) Application Process

Applicants should submit the following information through the Nursing CAS system.

- Students submit online applications for admission through (Nursing CAS (<https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/>)). A non-refundable application service fee will be charged at the time of submission.
- Official transcript from each post-secondary institution attended. Transcripts with print dates over six months will not be accepted as "official".
- One (1) academic/professional letters of reference. Applicants are strongly encouraged to select at least one doctorally prepared nurse who can attest to the applicant's academic ability and potential for doctoral study. The letter of reference should accompany the applicant letter of reference form.
- A 500-word statement describing practice interest, career goals, and reasons for desiring doctoral study submitted through the Nursing CAS system.
- A curriculum vitae or resume that documents practice experience, professional activities, and presentations/publications submitted through the Nursing CAS system.
- If your degree was earned outside the U.S., a course-by-course evaluation of international credentials is required by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).
- Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Cizik School of Nursing DNP faculty to assess whether the program interfaces with the applicant's educational needs and career goals.
- Application materials should be submitted through the Nursing CAS system.

Applicant Selection

The Graduate Council will make the selection of applicants who will be offered admission into the program. Evaluation of all available information is considered in the final decision for acceptance into the program. All applicants will be notified in writing regarding acceptance into the DNP program. Admission into the program is applicable only to the semester for which the applicant applied. If the student does not enroll in that semester, the applicant must reapply for future consideration.

Admission

The DNP Council may grant full admission to an applicant who meets all admission requirements.

Application Deadline

Students are admitted to the DNP NP program in the Fall and Spring semesters only. To be considered for admission to the DNP NP Program (post-Masters Entry) for Spring, completed applications must be received by September 15th. For Fall the deadline is May 15th. However, applications are accepted throughout the year for admission to the next entering class.

Doctor of Nursing Practice DNP (Admits Fall and Spring terms)

Fall Application Deadline: May 15

Spring Application Deadline: September 15

Admission - PhD Degree Program

Application Process

Applicants must provide all of the following:

- Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston uses UTHealth Houston's online application (https://apply.uth.tmc.edu/psp/applyuth/APPLYUTH/CS_20/h/?tab=UT_CS_NVT_APPLY_SIGNON).
- Evidence of a bachelor's degree in nursing and/or a master's degree from an accredited nursing program. One official copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended is required. If the applicant attended any school within UTHealth Houston, it is not necessary to request a transcript. All transcripts must be printed within six months of receipt. Electronic submission is preferred.
- For those applying to the BSN to PhD program, applicants must have a baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from a CCNE-accredited program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- For those applying to the PhD program with a master's degree of applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- A master's degree, preferably in nursing, from a CCNE-accredited program for those applying to the PhD program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- All applicants must have an unencumbered registered nursing license to practice in Texas. Evidence of national certification in a nursing specialty is preferred, but not required for admission.
- If international applicant, an official copy of the TOEFL scores if required. A minimum score of 550 (on the paper exam), a minimum score of 213 (on the computer-based test) is accepted, or a minimum score of 86 (on the internet-based exam). Send score to the UTHealth Houston Registrar's Office. TOEFL scores can be no more than two years old.
- If applicant is an international student or attended school outside the United States, a course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).
- Eligibility for licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas (International students may petition for admission under related policy).
- Eligible international applicants and students should contact the Office of International Affairs (<https://www.uth.edu/international-affairs/>) for further information.
- One letter of reference from an individual with a doctoral degree who can address the applicant's ability to conduct independent research and potential for success in the PhD program. The person providing a letter of reference should complete the Doctorate reference letter form (https://apply.uth.tmc.edu/psp/applyuth/APPLYUTH/CS_20/h/?tab=UT_CS_NVT_APPLY_SIGNON), as well as provide a written statement describing how you are well-suited for a PhD program.
- A curriculum vitae and a portfolio that documents practice expertise, scholarly activities, and publications.
- A written statement of area of research interest, career goals and reasons for desiring doctoral study.
- An identified potential faculty match in your area of research interest.

The Interview

Qualified PhD applicants will be interviewed by faculty members to provide an opportunity to assess the compatibility of the program to an applicant's educational needs and career goals. The match of the applicant's interests and goals with faculty members' areas of research, scholarship, teaching, and practice expertise is assessed. Consideration will be given to applicants who reflect a commitment to clinical practice, teaching, and research, and interest in service to underserved areas and populations.

Applicant Selection

The PhD Council will make the selection of applicants. Evaluation of the total information available to the selection committee leads to the final decision for acceptance of the applicants into the program. All applicants will be notified in writing whether they have been accepted into the PhD Program.

Deadlines for Application

Acceptance into the program is applicable only to the semester for which the applicant applied. If the applicant does not enroll in that semester, the applicant must reapply for future consideration. Applications and/or fees are not transferable. Completed applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by the dates shown below.

Doctor of Philosophy PhD and (BSN-PhD Admits Fall term)

Fall Application Deadline:

Priority Deadline: December 1, 2025

Late Deadline: April 1, 2026

Admission

The PhD Council may grant full admission after evaluation of the applicant's record. This category applies to an applicant that meets all admission requirements.

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Degree Plans

The student is responsible for knowing degree requirements and enrolling in courses that fit into her/his degree program. Students are also held responsible for knowing the Cizik School of Nursing's regulations in regard to the standard of work required for continuance in the program. It is the student's responsibility to complete the necessary paperwork (if requesting petition for equivalency credit) and to plan ahead for certain courses, as some courses are offered only once a year.

Degree Plans-Graduate and Doctorate Programs

The student and the advisor will complete a degree plan to specify which courses are to be taken to complete the degree requirements. Both student and advisor will sign the completed plan, which will then be filed in the CSON Student Affairs Office. The student is expected to follow the degree plan. Any changes must be approved by the faculty advisor. It is the student's responsibility to submit any revision to the degree plan to the CSON Student Affairs Office after approval of the advisor.

Pre-Nursing Pathway

Pre-Nursing at a Glance

Beginning in the Fall 2025 semester, Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston will offer up to 27 semester credit hours (SCH) of nursing science prerequisites for students seeking a BSN. Students who earn a grade of "B" or better in each required science course in the Pre-Nursing pathway will be eligible to apply for direct admission to the accelerated Pacesetter BSN program (<https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/bsn/pacesetter/>) without taking nursing school entrance exams.*

- The admit terms are only in the Fall semesters.
- The average completion is two semesters.
- Credit requirements consist of 24 or 27 SCH (with 3 SCH elective).
- Education mode will be on campus with some online and hybrid courses.

- Enrollment level is full-time only.
- Estimated tuition is among the lowest in Texas.

Prerequisites for Pre-Nursing

As a leading health science center, UTHealth Houston offers curriculum focused on preparing the next generation of health professionals. Students admitted to our undergraduate programs must complete several freshman- and sophomore-level courses at other institutions before admission to UTHealth Houston.

Prior to admission to the pre-nursing pathway at Cizik School of Nursing, students must complete at least 24-30 SCH of general education courses at another institution, including 13 SCH in these specific subjects:

- English (6 SCH)
- General Chemistry with labs (4 SCH)
- Introduction to Psychology (3 SCH)

A grade of "B" or better in the courses listed are required for admission to the pre-nursing pathway, as well as a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses, and a grade of "C" or better in each prerequisite taken at accredited higher education institutions. Applicants must be TSI (Texas Success Initiative) complete.

To plan which additional courses to take before applying to the Pre-Nursing pathway, please review the 60 SCH of prerequisites that are required for admission to the Pacesetter BSN program. (<https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/bsn/pacesetter/prerequisites/>)

**Students who complete Cizik School of Nursing's Pre-nursing curriculum with a GPA lower than 3.0 are not eligible for direct admission. They may apply through the regular admissions process to the Pacesetter BSN program. Admission requirements are here.*

Why choose Cizik School of Nursing?

Graduates of our BSN program are highly valued by employers. Our first-time pass rates on the NCLEX licensure exam for registered nurses consistently exceed the state and national averages, and the job placement rate for our 2023 graduates was 96%. Cizik School of Nursing is also among the most affordable (<https://nursing.uth.edu/financial/>) nursing schools in the state.

Completing your pre-nursing science courses at Cizik School of Nursing can help you gain a strong science foundation and direct acceptance to our rigorous, fast-paced accelerated Pacesetter BSN program (<https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/bsn/pacesetter/>).

Admissions Criteria

I. Policy and General Statement

A. Applicants are considered for admission into the pre-nursing program according to specified criteria.

1. Completion of at least 24 semester credit hours (SCH) of the required 60 SCH to include 13 SCH from the English (6 SCH), General Chemistry with labs (4 SCH), and Introduction to Psychology (3 SCH) at the time of application.
2. A grade of "B" or better in English, General Chemistry with labs, and Introduction to Psychology.
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses.

4. A grade of "C" or better in each prerequisite taken at accredited higher education institutions.

B. Pre-Nursing Courses:

Semester 1

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I - 4 credit hours
- Introduction to Statistics - 3 credit hours
- Human Growth and Development across the Lifespan - 3 credit hours
- Communication in Health Care Settings (Elective) - 3 credit hours

Semester 2

- Human Anatomy & Physiology II - 4 credit hours
- Introduction to Nutrition - 3 credit hours
- Ethics - 3 credit hours
- Microbiology for Science Majors - 4 credit hours

Total: 24 or 27 (with elective) credit hours

C. Admission to Pacesetter BSN Program:

1. Upon completion of the above pre-nursing courses with a B or better in each course (GPA 3.0 or higher) and completion of all 60 credit hours of prerequisites within two years, the student is eligible for direct admission to the first semester of the BSN program (J1).
2. Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 on pre-nursing courses taken at Cizik School of Nursing are not eligible for direct admission and must meet BSN admission criteria to apply for the Pacesetter BSN program under the regular admission process.

II. PROCEDURE

1. The student, regardless of type of admission sought, will complete the application online.
2. The student will agree to complete a Criminal Background Check.
3. If approval is required, the student will apply to the Baccalaureate Council.

Course Descriptions

BIOL 1322W Introduction to Nutrition (3 Credits)

This course is an introduction to nutrition that focuses on the basic scientific principles of nutrition for the optimal well being of the person. The course will include properties of nutrients and their digestion, absorption, and metabolism. Emphasis is placed on nutrition that will promote and maintain health across the continuum from illness to wellness throughout daily life and across the lifespan.

BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (4 Credits)

Anatomy and Physiology I is the first of a two-course sequence that examines the terminology along with the structure and function of the human body. It covers a range of topics, including cells, tissues, organs, and systems. The course also includes a laboratory component where the knowledge from the classroom is reinforced through computer simulations and critical thinking exercises.

BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (4 Credits)

A continuation of BIOL 2401. Emphasis will be given to the study of the anatomical and physiological interrelationships of the circulatory,

lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, and urinary systems. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of principles of anatomy and physiology and their interrelationships. The course also includes a laboratory component where the knowledge from the classroom is reinforced through computer simulations and critical thinking exercises. Designed primarily for students entering health careers. **PRE-REQUISITE 2401**

BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors (4 Credits)

A study of the morphology, biochemistry, physiology, genetic and taxonomy of microorganisms with an emphasis on bacteria. The biological principles and relationships of microorganisms to man in agriculture, sanitation, industry, medicine, and the environment will also be emphasized. Laboratory exercises will include aseptic techniques, microscopy, culture techniques, and determination of bacterial morphology, staining, and biochemical differentiation.

COMM 1307W Communication in Health Care Setting (3 Credits)

This elective course introduces pre-nursing students to essential communication skills in the healthcare setting. Emphasis is placed on building rapport, active listening, and effective interaction with patients, families, and interdisciplinary team members.

NURS 3560 Ethics: Historical Lessons (3 Credits)

This course will explore ethics through the perspective of historical case studies. Examples include the response of communities and governments to infectious diseases, research without consent of subjects, as well as the central role played by physicians and nurses in planning and implementing genocide in the name of eugenics and racial hygiene during the Holocaust and other genocides. The course will focus on exploring the lessons we can learn from history as we confront the challenges of problems in today's society and in the future.

PSYC 2314W Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to the principles of human development from prenatal stages through late adulthood. Students will explore major developmental theories and perspectives and their applications to patient care, equipping them to recognize and address the needs of patients at various life stages. The course also examines how cultural, historical, and socioeconomic factors influence health outcomes, preparing students to deliver culturally competent and empathetic care. Through the critical evaluation of research in developmental psychology, students will develop the skills to apply evidence-based knowledge to enhance patient care and promote health across the lifespan.

PSYC 2317W Introduction to Statistics (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to introduce the building blocks of statistics at undergraduate level. This course will provide the basic information to gain the minimum level of statistical literacy which will include interactions with data visualization, descriptive statistics, and a general overview of inferential statistics. Conceptual descriptions of concepts will be combined with real-life examples.

Undergraduate Programs

Undergraduate 150 Credit Hour

A resident undergraduate student who exceeds the maximum number (150) of semester credit hours at an institution of higher education may be required to pay nonresident undergraduate tuition rates. This includes all courses attempted, even if withdrawn, failed, or repeated, at any

Texas Public institution of higher education. Call 713-500-3361 for more information.

Veterans' Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN) Option

Veterans who are accepted into the Pacesetter or RN-BSN program may take advantage of the Veterans' Bachelor of Science in Nursing option. Students must meet the same admission requirements for the Veterans' Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN) as per the BSN or RN-BSN programs. Students applying to the VBSN option must be military veterans or active duty military personnel. Veterans must have an honorable military discharge.

Students accepted into the VBSN program may be allowed to test for course credit and/or validation of clinical skills based on their DD214, Joint Military Transcript, and other military training documents. Students accepted into the VBSN receive the services of a VBSN case manager to assist them as they transition through the program.

BSN Program Outcome

Upon the successful completion of the baccalaureate program in nursing, graduates should be able to:

1. Knowledge and Scholarship. Uses evidence-based practice in the delivery of nursing care through application of theories, models, and nursing scholarship to improve health and transform health care.
2. Health Care Delivery. Provide person-centered nursing care using a systematic approach to meet health care needs for individuals, families, populations, and communities in diverse settings with coordination of resources across the healthcare delivery continuum.
3. Quality, Safety, and Technology. Apply quality and safety science and healthcare technology to manage and improve the delivery of safe, high quality, and efficient healthcare services.
4. Interprofessional Practice. Develop team communication and multidisciplinary collaboration skills to promote, improve, or maintain optimum health for patients, families, and communities.
5. Professionalism and Leadership. Develop professional and leadership values and skills to support ongoing personal and professional development.

Core Curriculum Policy

Students must successfully complete the Texas General Education Core Curriculum requirements. The core curriculum consists of 42 semester credit hours in specified component areas. The table below lists core curriculum component requirements and required semester credit hours. For further information on which courses that may be used to satisfy core curriculum requirements, please see the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Texas General Education Core Curriculum WebCenter (<http://board.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/TCC/>). Pre-requisite course requirements are listed below.

Texas General Education Core Curriculum Component Areas and Required Semester Credit Hours

Component Area	Required Semester Credit Hours (SCH)
Communication	6 SCH
Mathematics	3 SCH
Life and Physical Science	6 SCH
Language, Philosophy and Culture	3 SCH

Creative Arts	3 SCH
American History	6 SCH
Government/Political Science	6 SCH
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3 SCH
Component Area Option	6 SCH
TOTAL	42 SCH

Prerequisite Courses

Applicants must complete the following courses from any accredited college or university with a grade of "C" or better in each course. Minimum overall prerequisite grade point average and prerequisite science course average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are required prior to admission.

Code	Title	Hours
	American Government	3
	Texas Government	3
	United States History	6
	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Growth and Development through the Lifespan or Family Growth & Development	3
	Statistics	3
	Visual or Performing Arts	3
	Human Anatomy and Physiology & Lab	8
	Microbiology & Lab	4
	General Chemistry & Lab	4
	Nutrition	3
	English Composition	6
	Introduction to Philosophy or Logic or Ethics	3
	Electives	5
Total Hours		60

Six semester hours in American Government or Political Science which includes "consideration of the Constitution of the United States" and an emphasis on Texas Government and six semester hours in United States History are required by the Texas Education Code, Section 51.301 et seq. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credits must appear on an official transcript from an institution showing both grade and hours received. As many as three (3) semester credits or its equivalent in Texas History may be submitted as partial satisfaction of this history requirement.

Must take a component laboratory with all science courses.

Only university-parallel courses taken in an accredited college or university may be accepted as electives. Technical or vocational courses are not university-parallel courses. Neither practical nursing nor physical education courses may be accepted as electives.

Undergraduate Academic Requirements for Progression

Eligibility for Graduation: Undergraduate

To be eligible for graduation with a BSN degree, students must:

1. Have a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average.
2. Successfully complete the prescribed curriculum and meet all other requirements of Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth, including but not limited to all mandatory HESI examinations or other standardized examinations with documented reliability.
3. Supply the Cizik School of Nursing with transcripts of courses taken outside the School.
4. Complete a minimum of 31 of the 60 semester credits of the nursing major in residence.
5. Apply to graduate in myUTH prior to the deadline date established each semester.
6. Pay the required graduation fee.
7. Clear through all designated services and complete the clearance packet upon completion of the program.
8. Be enrolled in the Cizik School of Nursing during the semester in which graduating.

Graduation with Honors: Undergraduate

To graduate with honors, an undergraduate student must have the following cumulative grade point average:

- Highest Honors: 3.90 - 4.00
- High Honors: 3.70 - 3.89
- Honors: 3.50 - 3.69

Only nursing course work taken at the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston will be used in determination of honors.

Honors Program

The purpose of the Honors Program is to encourage scholarly achievement in talented and highly motivated students in nursing; promote a high level of achievement in nursing education and practice through curricular enrichment and freedom to work independently; provide mentorship to students to promote commitment to further education in nursing; stimulate creative and critical thinking; and facilitate acquisition of research and leadership skills. BSN and MSN students may participate in the School's Honors Program. Students must meet the eligibility requirements to apply to

Goals

- To provide opportunities for talented students to engage in nursing research
- To stimulate creative and critical thinking
- To facilitate acquisition of research and leadership skills
- To provide meaningful scholarly experiences for students
- To encourage growth and lifelong learning in the discipline of nursing
- To provide opportunities for interprofessional scholarly collaborations
- To provide students with opportunities for professional development

Eligibility Requirements

Students interested in participating in the Honors Program should meet the following requirements when applying:

- Be enrolled full-time as a BSN or MSN student at the CSON
- Must have completed at least one semester at the CSON with a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA in CSON coursework
- Must be able to complete at least one semester in the Honors Program

- Submit an electronic application which includes an application statement. The application statement should be no longer than one page and should describe the candidate's career goals, the reason for applying to the Honors Program, and include a research interest. The candidate's interest will be used only to facilitate placement with a particular mentor. However, identifying a specific interest does not guarantee placement with that type of research mentor.
- Two nursing faculty recommendations from didactic, clinical faculty, or clinical preceptors submitted electronically by the nursing faculty. Nursing faculty must have an email associated with a university/college to validate their role as nursing faculty.

Maintenance Requirements

- Maintain a GPA of 3.7 in nursing schoolwork
- Be enrolled full time as a BSN or MSN student in the Cizik School of Nursing

The Honors Program Coordinator will inform students each semester of when applications are due and the process of how to submit an electronic application and the electronic nursing faculty recommendations. Students who submit an incomplete application or who do not have two recommendations submitted from faculty will not be eligible for the program. Students who meet the selection criteria will be notified of acceptance into the Honors Program and mentor assignment by the start of the semester. During each of the semesters the students are in the Honors Program, students will enroll in a one credit-hour Honors Independent Study course, complete 45 contact hours (for BSN students) and 60 contact hours (for MSN students) each semester on mutually agreed upon activities with a faculty mentor and participate in dissemination activities with their mentor whenever opportunities are available.

Repetition of a Course

A student must petition the Baccalaureate Council to be allowed to repeat a course. If a student repeats a failed course, the official grade is the last one earned. Students are not allowed to repeat a course once it has been successfully completed.

Incomplete Work

A grade of "I" indicates that a student's work in a course is incomplete for the semester. To receive an "I" grade, a student must submit a request for an incomplete status to the instructor prior to the last class day of the course. Failure to remove an "I" prior to the end of the following semester will result in the student receiving an "F" in the course.

RN-BSN

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 31
Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Cizik School of Nursing has a continuing commitment to assist registered nurses in attaining the baccalaureate degree, which is 31 credit hours, and can be completed in two to five semesters. All RN-BSN students will receive advanced placement credit of 29 hours upon completion of specific courses.

Required Courses for the RN-BSN Degree

(The RN-BSN Program will be all web-based.)

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 3511W	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3564W	Introduction to Applied Health Informatics	3
NURS 3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
NURS 3602B	Community Health Project for RNs	2
NURS 3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 3702W	Issues in Professional Practice	4
NURS 3703W	Management and Leadership	4
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
NURS 4526W	Role Transition for RNs	2
NURS 3704W	Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs	4
Total Hours		31

Advanced Placement Credit

RN-BSN students, upon successful completion of NURS 3701W Professional Nursing Practice, NURS 3702W Issues in Professional Practice, NURS 3703W Management and Leadership, and NURS 3704W Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs, will receive Advanced Placement Credit for the following didactic and clinical courses:

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 3515	Adult Health Care I	3
NURS 3515B	Adult Health Care I-Clinical	2
NURS 3521	Gerontologic Nursing	2
NURS 3523	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II	4
NURS 3523B	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II - Clinical	2
NURS 3526	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	4
NURS 3526B	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care - Clinic	2
NURS 3532	Reproductive Health Care	4
NURS 3532B	Reproductive Healthcare - Clinical	1
NURS 3536	Child and Adolescent Healthcare	4
NURS 3536B	Child and Adolescent Healthcare-Clinical	1
Total Hours		29

RN-BSN Program – Sequencing of Courses (2 Semester)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 3511W	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 3702W	Issues in Professional Practice	4
NURS 3564W	Introduction to Applied Health Informatics	3
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
Hours		16
Second Semester		
NURS 3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
NURS 3602B	Community Health Project for RNs	2
NURS 3703W	Management and Leadership	4
NURS 3704W	Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs	4
NURS 4526W	Role Transition for RNs	2
Hours		15
Total Hours		31

RN-BSN Program – Sequencing of Courses (3 Semester)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 3511W	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 3564W	Introduction to Applied Health Informatics	3
Hours		10
Second Semester		
NURS 3703W	Management and Leadership	4
NURS 3702W	Issues in Professional Practice	4
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
Hours		10
Second Year		
Third Semester		
NURS 4526W	Role Transition for RNs	2
NURS 3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
NURS 3602B	Community Health Project for RNs	2
NURS 3704W	Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs	4
Hours		11
Total Hours		31

RN-BSN Program – Sequencing of Courses (5 Semester)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 3511W	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3564W	Introduction to Applied Health Informatics	3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
NURS 3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 3702W	Issues in Professional Practice	4
Hours		8
Second Year		
Third Semester		
NURS 3703W	Management and Leadership	4
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
Hours		6
Fourth Semester		
NURS 3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
NURS 3602B	Community Health Project for RNs	2
Hours		5
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
NURS 3704W	Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs	4
NURS 4526W	Role Transition for RNs	2
Hours		6
Total Hours		31

Pacesetter (BSN)

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 60

Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

The Pacesetter Program is program of study in which majority of the nursing theory courses are offered in the first three semesters followed by a full-time, clinically intensive fourth semester. There will also be

clinical skills and simulation labs during the first three semesters to complement the didactic material. Students must have a minimum of 60 semester hours credit or 90 quarter hours comprised of both prerequisite and elective work in order to be enrolled in the nursing program. Students are admitted to this program in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

The upper-division nursing program consists of 60 semester hours offered in four full-time semesters for students. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and are eligible to take the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse.

Required Courses for the BSN Degree (Pacesetter Program)

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 3511	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3515	Adult Health Care I	3
NURS 3515B	Adult Health Care I-Clinical	2
NURS 3517	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3521	Gerontologic Nursing	2
NURS 3523	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II	4
NURS 3523B	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II - Clinical	2
NURS 3526	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	4
NURS 3526B	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care - Clinic	2
NURS 3532	Reproductive Health Care	4
NURS 3532L	Reproductive Health Care Skills and Simulation	1
NURS 3532B	Reproductive Healthcare - Clinical	1
NURS 3536	Child and Adolescent Healthcare	4
NURS 3536L	Child and Adolescent Health Care Skills and Simulation	1
NURS 3536B	Child and Adolescent Healthcare-Clinical	1
NURS 3540	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
NURS 4521	Community/Public Health Nursing	3
NURS 4521B	Community/Public Health Nursing-Clinical	3
NURS 4527W	Professional Practice & Leadership	3
NURS 4528	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings	3
NURS 4528B	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings - Clinical	3
NURS 4528L	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings Skills and Simulation	1
NURS 4529L	Transition to Professional Nursing: Clinical Simulation	1
NURS 4530W	Critical Synthesis Application	1
Total Hours		60

BSN Pacesetter Program Curriculum Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 3511	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3515	Adult Health Care I	3
NURS 3515B	Adult Health Care I-Clinical	2
NURS 3517	Pathophysiology	3

NURS 3540	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
Hours		14
Second Semester		
NURS 3521	Gerontologic Nursing	2
NURS 3523	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II	4
NURS 3523B	Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II - Clinical	2
NURS 3532	Reproductive Health Care	4
NURS 3526	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	4
NURS 3532L	Reproductive Health Care Skills and Simulation	1
Hours		17
Second Year		
Third Semester		
NURS 3536	Child and Adolescent Healthcare	4
NURS 3536L	Child and Adolescent Health Care Skills and Simulation	1
NURS 4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2
NURS 4521	Community/Public Health Nursing	3
NURS 4521B	Community/Public Health Nursing-Clinical	3
NURS 4528	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings	3
NURS 4528L	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings Skills and Simulation	1
Hours		17
Fourth Semester		
NURS 3526B	Psychiatric & Mental Health Care - Clinic	2
NURS 3532B	Reproductive Healthcare - Clinical	1
NURS 3536B	Child and Adolescent Healthcare-Clinical	1
NURS 4527W	Professional Practice & Leadership	3
NURS 4528B	Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings - Clinical	3
NURS 4529L	Transition to Professional Nursing: Clinical Simulation	1
NURS 4530W	Critical Synthesis Application	1
Hours		12
Total Hours		60

Graduate Programs

Ninety-nine (99) Hour Rule

A resident doctoral student who has a total of 100 or more semester credit hours of doctoral work at an institution of higher education is required to pay nonresident doctoral tuition rates. Contact the UTHHealth Health Office of Registrar at 713-500-3361 for more information.

Interview

MSN and Post-Graduate applicants may be interviewed during the admission process. Applicants are evaluated on additional elements, which include public or community service, humanitarian service, extracurricular activities, communication skills, and experiences. In the categories of public or community service and humanitarian service, consideration is given to an interest in service to underserved areas and populations.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Note: The curriculum and the number of required credit hours vary among programs.

MSN Program Outcome

The Master of Science in Nursing Program is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to become a leader. The graduate makes significant contributions to the improvement of health care and

influences health care policy through advanced clinical practice and research in order to meet the current needs of society.

Education at the master's level prepares graduates to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, nursing administration and nursing education. Advanced nursing practice graduates are prepared for entry into doctoral education.

Graduates are given the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate mastery of specialized knowledge and skills that will promote functioning in an advanced nursing role.
- Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, informatics, and the biophysical, psychosocial, and organizational sciences into advanced nursing practice.
- Integrate best practices and evidence aimed at positively impacting health care to achieve optimal outcomes.
- Foster collaborative interprofessional relationships with other health professionals to promote delivery of safe, value-driven, and high-quality health care.
- Utilize leadership skills in promoting health for individuals, groups, and communities of interest.

The program of study leading to the MSN degree combines online courses with face-to-face classes and clinical experiences offering flexibility to students. The curriculum varies per clinical track the student selects. Students have the following areas from which to choose:

- *Family Nurse Practitioner*
- *Nursing Leadership and Administration (also called Nursing Leadership)*

Academic Requirements for Progression

To be eligible for graduation with an MSN degree a student must:

- have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average;
- successfully complete the prescribed curriculum for which they are registered and must meet all other requirements of the Cizik School of Nursing;
- submit official transcripts of any courses taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing to the Office of the Registrar;
- complete the graduate curriculum within five years from admission for MSN students or three years for post-graduate students or have been granted an extension by the Master's Council.
- apply to graduation in myUTH prior to the established deadline each term;
- pay the required graduation fee of \$150;
- complete the clearance packet and clear through all designated offices; and
- be enrolled during the term of graduation program completion.

See policy G5440 Eligibility for Graduation/Completion (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/msnpolicies/g5440.pdf?v=330112631>) for more information.

Transfer of Credit

A student may submit MSN course credits earned at other universities for application toward the MSN Degree. The following restrictions apply:

- The course must clearly relate to the student's approved program of study.

- Nine semester hours may be transferred from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System.
- An unlimited number of semester hours may be transferred from institutions within The University of Texas System, but the student must complete a minimum of 26 semester hours in residency at the CSON. Students may not transfer credit hours for clinical courses, preceptorship courses, or synthesis courses (thesis and thesis options).
- Equivalency credit for a required course in the master's program must be approved by the faculty member. The course must have been taken within the five-year time limit to complete Master's Program degree requirements.
- The transcript must show a grade of "A", "B", or "P" in the course.
- The course may not be transferred if it was used to apply to another completed degree.
- All courses to be transferred must be at the graduate level.

Courses Taken in Other University of Texas System Institutions

All students who have been admitted to the MSN Program and who plan to take courses applicable to a nursing degree in a University of Texas component other than UTHealth must obtain approval in advance from the advisor prior to taking such courses. A transcript must be sent to the Office of the Registrar immediately upon the completion of the course(s).

Family Nurse Practitioner

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track prepares graduates to care for individuals and families across the lifespan with a focus on primary care in outpatient settings. There is a strong emphasis on health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and illness management. The clinical component provides interdisciplinary experiences working with other healthcare providers in caring for individuals and their families.

Students may choose to add an optional emergency concentration to the FNP track which prepares graduates to provide care in an emergency department/center.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 41

Completion Time Limit: 5 calendar years

MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner Track Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
General MSN Core		
NURS 6104W	Nursing Informatics: Introduction to Concepts and Health Information Technologies	2
NURS 6105W	Evaluation & Application of Research	3
NURS 6106W	Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
Advance Practice Core		
NURS 5529W	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6151W	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6152W	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic	2
NURS 6152B	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum	1
NURS 6154W	Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice	2

NURS 6551W	Diagnostic Tests and Procedures	2
NURS 6165W	Advanced Practice Role in Population Health	3
Family Nurse Practitioner Track		
NURS 6194W	Family Nurse Practitioner I	3
NURS 6194B	Family Nurse Practitioner I - Clinical	3
NURS 6195W	Family Nurse Practitioner II	3
NURS 6195B	Family Nurse Practitioner II-Clinical	4
NURS 6752	Advanced Clinical Practice: FNP Preceptorship	4
Total Hours		41

Nursing Leadership and Administration

The Nursing Leadership and Administration track prepares graduates to be nurse leaders in highly complex and dynamic healthcare settings. MSN graduates will have the knowledge and skills necessary to apply evidence-based management principles to achieve high quality clinical outcomes in complex and changing healthcare environments. By mastering the precepts of organizational efficiency and effectiveness, graduates will be poised to contribute to the advancement of nursing practice and improvement of our nation's healthcare delivery system.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 38
Completion Time Limit: 5 calendar years

MSN in Nursing Leadership and Administration Track Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
NURS 5501W	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	2
NURS 6104W	Nursing Informatics: Introduction to Concepts and Health Information Technologies	2
NURS 6105W	Evaluation & Application of Research	3
NURS 6106W	Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
Nursing Leadership & Administration Track		
NURS 6701	Transforming Healthcare Through Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 6702	Organizational Development: Creating Cultures of Excellence	2
NURS 6702B	Nursing Leadership Practice 1	1
NURS 6703	Developing and Leading Human Performance	3
NURS 6704	Improving Organizational Quality	2
NURS 6704B	Nursing Leadership Practice 2	1
NURS 6705W	Nursing Leadership Role Focus	2
NURS 6706	Healthcare Financial Management	2
NURS 6706B	Nursing Leadership Practice 3	1
NURS 6707W	Analyzing Issues in Quality Improvement	1
NURS 6708W	The Role of the Nurse Leader in Advancing the Health of Populations	2
NURS 6709W	Project Management Foundations	2
NURS 6710	Nursing Leadership Role Preceptorship	4
NURS 6711W	Healthcare Policy, Law, and Ethics	2
Total Hours		38

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a practice focused degree that prepares clinical scholars for leadership, evidence-based care, and health care delivery that improves systems and patient outcomes. The purpose of the DNP is to develop competencies in quality improvement and safety that enhance outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

- Two entry points are post Baccalaureate and post Master
- Two clinical areas are Nurse Anesthesia and Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Practitioner program covers several advanced practice specialty areas: Adult/Gerontology Acute Care, Family, and Psychiatric/Mental Health.
- Non-nurse practitioner tracks are Nurse Leadership and Administration, Nurse Informatics,

Advisement

All DNP students are advised by a DNP faculty member throughout the program. The student is assigned an advisor upon admission to the program. The advisor provides advisement assistance in the transition into the DNP program, and completion of the CSP. The advisor serves as the DNP Project advisor. Selection of the advisor is based on a match between the student's clinical interest and that of the faculty member's expertise. (CSP requirements are for students who enrolled in program in 2021 or before.)

Degree Plan

The student and the advisor will complete a degree plan to specify which courses are to be taken to complete the degree requirements. Both student and advisor will sign the completed plan, and submit it electronically to the Senior Administrative Coordinator for the DNP program, who will file in the CSON Student Affairs Office. Any changes must be approved by the faculty advisor.

Graduation Policy

The following outlines requirements for eligibility to graduate:

- Complete the required courses as outlined for the DNP program
- Earn a grade of "B" or higher in all required courses;
- Submit an approved Clinical Scholarship Portfolio according to the established timeline and contents;
- Apply for graduation on myUTH prior to the deadline established each term;
- Be enrolled during the term of graduation;
- Pay required graduation fee of \$150;
- Clear all designated services on the clearance form; and
- Complete the DNP curriculum within five years from admission or have been granted an extension.

Academic Requirements for DNP Progression Withdrawing from Courses

Students may withdraw from a course with the approval of the instructor at any time up to and including the last day of class in any semester. The symbol "W" is recorded to indicate a drop without prejudice and penalty. See the "Schedule of Classes" for deadline date. If a graduate student with a grade less than "B" chooses to withdraw after the deadline for "W" grade, a grade of "WF" will be recorded. WF is considered a failing grade.

and is used in calculating the GPA value. See the “Schedule of Classes” for deadline dates.

On the recommendation of the instructor and with approval of the Dean, a student may be required to drop a course at any time because of neglect or for lack of preparation. Under such circumstances, the symbol “W” will be recorded.

Withdrawal Requiring Application for Readmission

Students withdrawing from the Cizik School of Nursing who wish to be considered for readmission must submit a written request to the CSON Student Affairs Office. (This excludes taking a semester off for Inactive Status.)

Student Responsibility

The student is held responsible for knowing degree requirements and enrolling in courses that fulfill the degree program. Students are also held responsible for knowing the Cizik School of Nursing's policies for continuance in the DNP Program.

The policies and procedures for the DNP program can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>).

BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia

The **BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program** is a practice doctoral curriculum that prepares baccalaureate nurses to manage the anesthesia needs of patients across the lifespan. The primary outcome of the nurse anesthesia concentration is the development of the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise in all types of anesthesia and phases of anesthesia care. The BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia program is designed to equip future nurse anesthetists with the knowledge and skills to implement evidence-based practice, and safety and quality improvement in nurse anesthesia practice. Additional experiences in systems leadership, care management and translational science are included in the doctoral course of study.

About the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program

- The curriculum of 112 semester hours (36 months, nine continuous semesters of full-time study) meets or exceeds the Council on Accreditation (COA) of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs requirements for both the academic and clinical experience. It is a “front-loaded” curriculum that allows students to achieve competency in basic sciences with integration of knowledge into clinical anesthesia practice during the clinical phase of the program.
- Coursework in the BSN-DNP nurse anesthesia curriculum occurs on the Houston campus utilizing a format to enhance interaction with classmates and faculty.
- During the final 16 months of the program, students rotate to clinical sites inside the Texas Medical Center, sites within the vicinity of the Texas Medical Center and suburban healthcare institutions. These clinical sites provide students with an exceptional clinical experience.
- Students experience more than 40 hours of simulation-based, faculty-facilitated instruction in the School's high-fidelity simulation operating room laboratory before and during the clinical phase of the program. The program also provides simulated experiences with ultrasound-guided techniques for vascular access and neural

conduction blockade as well as advanced airway management modality training.

- The culminating scholarly work of the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program is the DNP Project. The DNP Project is a scholarly work designed to provide students with a faculty-guided opportunity to translate knowledge into a clinical anesthesia practice inquiry. Investigating and designing an inquiry to improve anesthesia-related safety, quality, outcomes, practice, delivery or policy aligns with the Institute of Medicine's six aims: healthcare safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency and equity. The goal of the DNP Project experience is to provide a foundation for future scholarly and quality improvement endeavors.
- Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Certification Examination (NCE) for Nurse Anesthetists offered by the National Board of Certification & Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA).

Accreditation of the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program

The BSN-DNP program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, 10275 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 906 Rosemont, IL 60018: (224-275-9130) through spring 2032. The curriculum of the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program is designed to provide the student with knowledge, skills and abilities relating to the provision of professional nurse anesthesia care while incorporating the COA doctoral standards and competencies and the AACN DNP Essentials.

Upon completion of the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia program of study, the student will be able to:

- Collaborate within interprofessional teams to optimize the delivery of care, patient outcomes and health care quality.
- Formulate and implement safe, efficient and evidence-based anesthetic plans of care for diverse patient populations across the lifespan while adjusting for comorbid conditions and surgical procedures.
- Evaluate and translate evidence into clinical practice improvement initiatives that potentially impact clinical processes, care costs, safety or quality.
- Evaluate physiologic responses to anesthesia and surgery while implementing evidence-based interventions to maintain homeostasis.
- Demonstrate mastery of biophysical sciences, anesthetic principles of practice and clinical technical skills that will promote safe, efficient functioning in the nurse anesthetist role.

Transfer of Credit

A student may submit graduate course credits earned at other universities for application toward the BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia Degree. The following restrictions apply:

- The course must clearly relate to the student's approved program of study.
- Nine semester hours may be transferred from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System.
- An unlimited number of hours may be transferred from institutions within The University of Texas System, but the student must complete a minimum of 89 hours in residency at the CSON. Students may not transfer credit hours for clinical courses, preceptorship

courses, or synthesis courses. Previous nurse anesthesia coursework from another program or university is non-transferable.

- Substitution for a required course in the CSON BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia program must be approved by the nurse anesthesia program director. The course must have been taken within the five-year time limit to complete BSN to DNP program degree requirements.
- The transcript must show a grade of “A” or “B” in the course.
- The course may not be transferred if it was used to apply to another completed degree.
- All courses to be transferred must be at the graduate level.

Courses Taken in Other University of Texas System Institutions

All students who have been admitted to the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program and who plan to take courses applicable to a nursing degree in a University of Texas component other than UTHealth must obtain approval in advance from the program director prior to taking such courses. A transcript must be sent to the Office of the Registrar immediately upon the completion of the course(s).

(Full-Time) Class of 2027/Start – Summer 2024

Note: The degree plan is subject to change at any time.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Summer		
NURS 6401	Advanced Anatomy, Physiology & Biochemistry for Nurse Anesthesia	6
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 6414	DNP Inquiry in Nurse Anesthesia I	1
Hours		10
Fall		
NURS 6402	Advanced Pharmacology & Chemistry for Nurse Anesthesia	4
NURS 6404	Adv. Anatomy, Physiology and Pathophysiology for Nurse Anesthesia	6
NURS 6418W	Foundations of Scholarly Nurse Anesthesia Practice	3
Hours		13
Spring		
NURS 6403	Adv. Pharmacology & Pharmacogenetics for Nurse Anesthesia	4
NURS 6406	Leadership, Organizations, Finance, & Practice Management in Nurse Anesthesia	4
NURS 6407	Essentials of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	3
NURS 6407B	Essent Nurse Anesthesia Lab	1
NURS 6420	Translational Approaches in Clinical Practice	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Summer		
NURS 6405	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	6
NURS 6405B	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Lab	2
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6430	Clinical Scholarship Portfolio in Nurse Anesthesia	1
Hours		12
Fall		
NURS 6408	Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	6
NURS 6408B	Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Lab	1

NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
NURS 6430	Clinical Scholarship Portfolio in Nurse Anesthesia	1
Hours		10
Spring		
NURS 6409	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I	10
NURS 6410	Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia I	2
NURS 6802	Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics	3
NURS 6430	Clinical Scholarship Portfolio in Nurse Anesthesia	1
Hours		16
Third Year		
Summer		
NURS 6411	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II	10
NURS 6411B	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Lab	1
NURS 6430	Clinical Scholarship Portfolio in Nurse Anesthesia	1
Hours		12
Fall		
NURS 6412	Nurse Anesthesia Practicum III	10
NURS 6413	Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia II	2
Hours		12
Spring		
NURS 6415	Nurse Anesthesia Practicum IV	10
NURS 6416	Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia III	2
Hours		12
Total Hours		112

Academic Requirements for BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Progression

To be eligible for graduation with a DNP degree, a student must:

1. Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
2. Complete the required courses and credit hours as listed on the student's degree plan.
3. Earn a grade of “B” or greater in all required courses.
4. Submit all approved components of the Clinical Scholarship Portfolio and DNP Project for Nurse Anesthesia.
5. File an “Application for Degree” prior to the deadline established each term.
6. Be enrolled during the term of graduation.
7. Complete the “Notice of BSN-DNP NA Transfer Courses” form for any credit to be transferred from another institution, provide official transcripts to the Cizik School of Nursing for that course work.
8. Pay required graduation fee of \$150.
9. Clear through all designated services on the clearance forms provided by Student Services and the nurse anesthesia program.
10. Complete the BSN-DNP NA curriculum within 5 years from admission or have been granted an extension.
11. Complete a minimum of 112 credit hours with at least 89 credit hours completed in residence at Cizik School of Nursing or outreach campuses. Those 89 semester credit hours in residence must include all nurse anesthesia specific courses.
12. Successfully complete the prescribed nurse anesthesia comprehensive examination.
13. Successfully attain all required case, population, technique and clinical hour requirements for eligibility for the National Board of Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) National Certifying Examination.

BSN to DNP Nurse Practitioner

BSN to DNP Program Description

The DNP is a practice doctorate that prepares clinical scholars recognized for outstanding leadership and innovative evidence-based patient/population centered care in nursing and healthcare delivery that improves systems of care and influences patient outcomes. The program focuses on interprofessional collaboration and developing competencies in quality improvement and safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

BSN-DNP Program Outcome

Upon completion of the DNP program graduates will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate person-centered care at the highest level of nursing practice.
2. Translate evidence-based knowledge into practice to improve health and health care.
3. Incorporate leadership principles, change management strategies, and interprofessional collaboration into practice-based quality improvement activities.
4. Utilize technology and data analysis to drive practice-based decision-making.
5. Integrate resource stewardship, policy, and advocacy to promote equitable care for diverse populations.

BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Program Advisement

All BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will be advised by a DNP faculty member throughout the doctoral program. The DNP Director assigns a faculty advisor to each student upon admission into the program. The faculty advisor provides advisement for academic, clinical, and DNP Portfolio processes. Advisement includes advice about the program, didactic courses, clinical component courses, and degree plan guidance. Advisement includes assisting the student in the selection, development, and completion of a DNP Project based on a clinical problem of interest to the student. The faculty advisor is responsible for evaluating the written report of a completed project. The advisor's written approval is required prior to inclusion of the written DNP Project report into the DNP Portfolio. This written approval also is required prior to the completed DNP Portfolio being submitted for the Graduate Council's approval before graduation. The student is expected to maintain timely and ongoing communications with the assigned faculty advisor and be responsive to established timelines. If either the student or faculty advisor wishes to change the relationship, the request is addressed to the Co-Directors who has the authority to officially make an advisee-faculty advisor change. The Co-Directors will report the change to the Student Affairs Office.

Note: DNP Portfolio requirements apply to students who enrolled in 2021 or before

Graduation Policy

To be eligible for graduation a BSN-DNP student must:

1. Complete the required credit hours as listed on the student's degree plan.
2. Earn a grade of "B" in all required courses.
3. Submit an acceptable Clinical Scholarship Portfolio (for students who enrolled in 2021 or before).

4. File an "Application for Degree" prior to the deadline established each term.
5. Be enrolled during the term of graduation.
6. Pay required graduation fee of \$150.
7. Clear through all designated services on the clearance form provided by Student Services.
8. Complete the BSN-DNP NP curriculum within 5 years from admission or have been granted an extension.
9. Documentation of a minimum of 1,020 supervised practice hours from the BSN-DNP program.

Time Limitations

Students are required to complete all the requirements for the BSN-DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree within five (5) calendar years from the time of registration as a DNP student in The Cizik School of Nursing. If a student does not complete all requirements for graduation within the five (5) calendar year period, the student must petition the Graduate Council to request a one-time extension of up to one calendar year. The Graduate Council may grant the request if there have been extenuating circumstances preventing the student from completing the program. A student must also enroll in the semester in which the student completes the degree requirements.

Adult/Gerontology Acute Care

The BSN-DNP Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program is a practice doctorate that prepares baccalaureate nurses to become clinical scholars recognized for outstanding leadership and innovative evidence-based patient/population centered care in nursing and healthcare delivery that improves systems of care and influences patient outcomes. The curriculum prepares graduates to provide advanced nursing care to adolescent and adult patients with complex acute, critical, and chronic health conditions. The program focuses on interprofessional collaboration and developing competencies in quality improvement and safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 79

Completion Time Limit: 5 calendar years

BSN-DNP: Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Advance Practice Core Courses		
NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
NURS 7450	Role Transition	3
NP Track Courses		
NURS 6916W	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6916B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP	4

NURS 6917W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6917B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4
NURS 6918W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III for DNP	2
NURS 6918B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for DNP	4
NURS 6919B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6
DNP Core Courses		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
Total Hours		79

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6
Third Semester		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
Hours		10
Second Year		
First Semester		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
Hours		7
Third Semester		
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		9
Third Year		
First Semester		
NURS 6916W	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6916B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP	4

NURS 7450	Role Transition	3
Hours		10
Second Semester		
NURS 6917W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6917B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4
Hours		7
Third Semester		
NURS 6918W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III for DNP	2
NURS 6918B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for DNP	4
Hours		6
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
NURS 6919B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		79

Family Nurse Practitioner

The BSN-DNP **Family Nurse Practitioner** track prepares baccalaureate-degree nurses to transition into the nurse practitioner role to provide primary care for individuals and families across the lifespan. With a strong emphasis on health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and illness management, graduates are prepared as clinical scholars, leaders, and providers of innovative person/population centered primary health care. The program focuses on interprofessional partnerships and developing competencies in advanced evidence-based nursing practice, quality improvement, and safety that lead to improved systems of care and enhanced health outcomes.

Students may choose to add an optional emergency concentration to FNP track which prepares graduates to provide care in emergency department/center.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 79 Completion
Time Limit: 5 calendar years

BSN-DNP-Family Nurse Practitioner Track Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Advance Practice Core Courses		
NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
NURS 7450	Role Transition	3
NP Track Courses		
NURS 6908W	Family Nurse Practitioner Care I for DNP	3
NURS 6908B	Family Nurse Practitioner I Clinical for DNP	4
NURS 6909W	Family Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6909B	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4

NURS 6910W	Family Nurse Preceptorship Specialty Care III for DNP	3
NURS 6910B	Family Nurse Preceptorship Clinical III for DNP	3
NURS 6911B	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6

DNP Core Courses

NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6

Total Hours	79
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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Hours		9

Second Semester		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6

Third Semester		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
Hours		10

Second Year		
First Semester		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
Hours		9

Second Semester		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
Hours		7

Third Semester		
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		9

Third Year		
First Semester		
NURS 6908W	Family Nurse Practitioner Care I for DNP	3
NURS 6908B	Family Nurse Practitioner I Clinical for DNP	4
NURS 7450	Role Transition	3
Hours		10

Second Semester		
NURS 6909W	Family Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6909B	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4
Hours		7

Third Semester		
NURS 6910W	Family Nurse Preceptorship Specialty Care III for DNP	3

NURS 6910B	Family Nurse Preceptorship Clinical III for DNP	3
Hours		6

Fourth Year**First Semester**

NURS 6911B	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6
Hours		6

Total Hours	79
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Psychiatric/Mental Health

The BSN-DNP Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track in the DNP program prepares post baccalaureate nurses to become clinical scholars recognized for outstanding leadership and innovative evidence-based patient/population centered care in nursing and healthcare delivery that improves systems and influence population outcomes. The curriculum prepares graduates to care for individuals, groups, and families across the lifespan in a variety of psychiatric settings. There is a strong emphasis on assessment, diagnosis, psychotherapeutic techniques, and psychopharmacotherapy. The clinical component provides interprofessional collaboration and developing competencies in quality improvement and safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 79

Completion Time Limit: 5 calendar years

BSN-DNP Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Track Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
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Advance Practice Core Courses

NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
NURS 7450	Role Transition	3

NP Track Courses

NURS 6912W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6912B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP	4
NURS 6913W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6913B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4
NURS 6914W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP	2
NURS 6914B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP	4
NURS 6915B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6

DNP Core Courses

NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
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NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
Total Hours		79

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
NURS 6806W	Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology	6
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
Hours		10
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 7305	Professional APRN Practice	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 7306	Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills	4
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 6912W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6912B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP	4
NURS 7450	Role Transition	3
Hours		10
Spring		
NURS 6913W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6913B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP	4
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 6914W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP	2
NURS 6914B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP	4
Hours		6

Fourth Year**Fall**

NURS 6915B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		79

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) [Post-Master's Entry]

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a practice doctorate that prepares advanced practice nurses, nurse executives, and nurses working in informatics to be clinical scholars and nurse executives recognized for translational science, outstanding innovative evidence-based patient/population care and leadership in nursing practice and health care delivery. The post-master's DNP admits nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse executives, and nurses working in informatics. Students are admitted twice a year in the fall and spring. The DNP curriculum is comprehensive, with flexibility in the course scheduling. The program includes a minimum of 34 to 50 semester credit hours, depending on specific track.

In order to meet the needs of working advanced practice nurses, nurse executives, and nurse informatics specialists, classes are offered in a hybrid format of synchronous and asynchronous classes to minimize travel and impact on work schedules. Students can complete the program in six to eight semesters. Individualized immersion experiences are planned to support the student's goals and achievement of the national DNP competencies.

Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist Option

The dynamic healthcare environment and opportunities for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to lead translation of evidence into practice, to design new models of care and practice at the individual and population level requires doctoral-prepared clinical scholars to assume these positions. The DNP program provides preparation in translational science, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, systems leadership, innovation, and research application methods to support high-level quality and safety health outcomes for patients, populations, and organizations.

Nurse Anesthetist Option

The changing demands of the healthcare environment require that nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) have the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise currently available. Nurse anesthetists are an integral part of healthcare delivery and provide critical access services to tertiary medical centers, community hospitals, and rural areas. The DNP program provides education in evidence-based practice, quality improvement, systems leadership, and research application methods that lead to improved clinical anesthesia outcomes in complex systems.

Nurse Leadership and Administration Option

Leadership is critical to the redesign and execution of a new healthcare system to meet societal needs. The DNP program prepares nurse executives to shape and influence the preferred future in health care. Graduates of the nurse executive program are prepared for high-level executive leadership positions in organizations and systems to advance

the quality and cost effectiveness of care and outcomes for populations and communities through innovative evidence-based practices and resource management.

Nurse Informatics Option

The post-masters DNP program and UTHealth Houston School of Biomedical Informatics collaborate to offer an option in informatics. Nursing informatics integrates nursing science with multiple information and analytical sciences to identify, define, manage and communicate data, information, knowledge and wisdom in nursing practice. This field of practice makes a major contribution in achieving patient-centered care and delivering quality health care to the public. The DNP program provides preparation in translational science, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, systems leadership, innovation, and research application methods to support high-level quality and safety health outcomes for patients, populations, and organizations to prepare nurses for the information needs in health care.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the DNP program graduates will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate person-centered care at the highest level of nursing practice.
2. Translate evidence-based knowledge into practice to improve health and health care.
3. Incorporate leadership principles, change management strategies, and interprofessional collaboration into practice-based quality improvement activities.
4. Utilize technology and data analysis to drive practice-based decision-making.
5. Integrate resource stewardship, policy, and advocacy to promote equitable care for diverse populations.

Transfer of Credits

A student may request transfer of graduate course credits earned at other universities for application toward the Cizik School of Nursing DNP program. Guidelines for transfer of credits are as follows:

1. The course must clearly relate to the student's approved program of study and match course content.
2. A total of nine semester hours taken prior to admission may be eligible for transfer from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System. After the student is enrolled in the program, eligibility will be assessed. An unlimited number of hours may be transferred from institutions within The University of Texas System, but the student must complete a minimum of 25 hours in residency at the CSON.
3. Substitution for a required course in Cizik School of Nursing graduate programs must be approved by the student's faculty advisor and Coordinator of the DNP program.
4. A course grade of B or higher must have been earned to be eligible for transfer into the DNP program.
5. The course may not be transferred if it was used to apply to another completed degree program.
6. All courses must be graduate level courses for eligibility for transfer.

Courses Taken in Other University of Texas System Institutions

All students who have been admitted to the DNP program and who plan to take courses applicable to a nursing degree in a University of Texas System component other than the Cizik School of Nursing must obtain approval from their advisor prior to taking such courses. A transcript must be sent to the Registrar's Office immediately upon the completion of the course(s).

The Clinical Scholarship Portfolio (CSP), is a collection of required components that demonstrates a student's scholarship as a clinical scholar practicing at the highest level of advanced practice or nursing administration; it provides evidence of competency in all domains of DNP practice. The CSP includes a major quality improvement project, comprehensive case studies, and other examples of scholarly work related to the competencies outlined in the DNP Essentials.

Approval of Clinical Scholarship Portfolio (CSP)

An acceptable CSP is a requirement for completion of the DNP program and graduation. The DNP Council will make the final decision regarding acceptance of the CSP by a 2/3 majority vote.

Clinical Scholarship Portfolio Advisement

There are three scheduled NURS 6830 Clinical Scholarship Portfolio Advisement credits scheduled in the post-masters degree plan. However, a student will enroll in NURS 6830 Clinical Scholarship Portfolio Advisement, as needed to work on components of the CSP until completed.

The student will submit a completed CSP within the 5-year timeframe for completion of the program. To maintain student status after all required course work is completed, the student will register for one credit of CSP for each semester thereafter until the CSP is completed and approved. (*CSP requirements are for students who enrolled in 2021 or before)

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Degree Plans

The post-master's DNP program admits nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse executives, and nurse informatics specialists. Students may choose from the following four options;

- DNP Nurse Anesthetists (p. 36)
- DNP Nurse Informatics Program (p. 37)
- DNP Nurse Leadership and Administration Program (p. 36)
- DNP Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialist (p. 37)

Advisement

All DNP students are advised by a DNP faculty member throughout the program. The student is assigned an advisor upon admission to the program. The advisor provides advisement assistance in the transition into the DNP program, and completion of the CSP. The advisor serves as the DNP Project advisor. Selection of the advisor is based on a match between the student's clinical interest and that of the faculty member's expertise. (CSP requirements are for students who enrolled in program in 2021 or before.)

Degree Plan

The student and the advisor will complete a degree plan to specify which courses are to be taken to complete the degree requirements. Both student and advisor will sign the completed plan, and submit it electronically to the Senior Administrative Coordinator for the DNP program, who will file in the CSON Student Affairs Office. Any changes must be approved by the faculty advisor.

Graduation Policy

The following outlines requirements for eligibility to graduate:

- Complete the required courses as outlined for the DNP program
- Earn a grade of “B” or higher in all required courses;
- Submit an approved Clinical Scholarship Portfolio according to the established timeline and contents;
- Apply for graduation on myUTH prior to the deadline established each term;
- Be enrolled during the term of graduation;
- Pay required graduation fee of \$150;
- Clear all designated services on the clearance form; and
- Complete the DNP curriculum within five years from admission or have been granted an extension.

Academic Requirements for DNP Progression
Withdrawing from Courses

Students may withdraw from a course with the approval of the instructor at any time up to and including the last day of class in any semester. The symbol “W” is recorded to indicate a drop without prejudice and penalty. See the “Schedule of Classes for deadline date. If a graduate student with a grade less than “B” chooses to withdraw after the deadline for “W” grade, a grade of “WF” will be recorded. WF is considered a failing grade and is used in calculating the GPA value. See the “Schedule of Classes” for deadline dates.

On the recommendation of the instructor and with approval of the Dean, a student may be required to drop a course at any time because of neglect or for lack of preparation. Under such circumstances, the symbol “W” will be recorded.

Withdrawal Requiring Application for Readmission

Students withdrawing from the Cizik School of Nursing who wish to be considered for readmission must submit a written request to the CSON Student Affairs Office. (This excludes taking a semester off for Inactive Status.)

Student Responsibility

The student is held responsible for knowing degree requirements and enrolling in courses that fulfill the degree program. Students are also held responsible for knowing the Cizik School of Nursing’s policies for continuance in the DNP Program.

The policies and procedures for the DNP program can be found here (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/program-policies/>).

Nurse Anesthesia Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology (60 practice hours)	6
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation (60 practice hours)	3
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		5
Spring		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7534	Advanced Leadership Practice for APRNs	2
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7444B	Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Immersion	2-3
NURS 7539	Advanced Seminar	3
Hours		5-6
Total Hours		34-35

Practice Hours: 240

Nursing Leadership and Administration Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology (60 practice hours)	6
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation (60 practice hours)	3
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		5
Spring		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4

NURS 7535	Executive Leadership I	3
NURS 7448B	Nurse Executive Immersion I (120 practice hours)	2
Hours		9
Summer		
NURS 7536	Executive Leadership II	3
NURS 7449B	Nurse Executive Immersion II (120 practice hours)	2
Hours		5
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7445B	DNP Immersion (120 practice hours)	2-3
NURS 7539	Advanced Seminar	3
Hours		5-6
Total Hours		42-43

Practice Hours: 480

Nurse Informatics Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
NURS 6104W	Nursing Informatics: Introduction to Concepts and Health Information Technologies	2
Hours		8
Spring		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
BMI 6328W	Value in the Health Data Eco-system	3
Hours		9
Summer		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology (60 practice hours)	6
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation (60 practice hours)	3
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
BMI 6301W	Health Data Display	3
Hours		8
Spring		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7446B	Nurse Informatics Immersion I (120 practice hours)	2
BMI 6340W	Health Information Visualization and Visual Analytics	3
Hours		9
Summer		
NURS 7447B	Nurse Informatics Immersion II (120 practice)	2
BMI 6370W	Advanced Standards and Terminologies in Nursing and Health Informatics	3
Hours		5
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7445B	DNP Immersion	2-3
NURS 7539	Advanced Seminar	3
Hours		5-6
Total Hours		50-51

Practice Hours: 480

Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialist Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7538	Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery	6
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7301	Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations	6
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7302	Translational Science II: Methodology (60 practice hours)	6
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7303	Translational Science III: Implementation (60 practice hours)	3
NURS 7537	Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice	2
Hours		5
Spring		
NURS 7304	Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation	4
NURS 7534	Advanced Leadership Practice for APRNs	2
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7444B	Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Immersion	2-3
NURS 7533	Vulnerable Populations	4
Hours		6-7
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7445B	DNP Immersion	2-3
NURS 7539	Advanced Seminar	3
Hours		5-6
Total Hours		40-42

Practice Hours: 480

PhD in Nursing

The PhD in Nursing program prepares advanced students to become scientists who conduct research in health care and who contribute to the expansion of knowledge as nursing educators and leaders in the healthcare system. Graduates will be scientists who improve health and enrich healthcare systems through the integration of theory, research and practice.

In contrast to the practice-based Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), this doctoral program is rooted in foundations of theory and research needed to develop researchers, leaders, educators and discoverers of knowledge in health care.

We understand that students have varied needs and learning styles, so courses are offered in both face-to-face and online formats. Also, our dynamic PhD program may be completed on a part-time or full-time schedule.

Our outstanding faculty are committed to preparing nurse scientists and scholars who can lead in extending the body of healthcare knowledge. We foster a collegial and supportive environment with close faculty interaction. Our learning atmosphere is distinctive, challenging and includes rich mentoring experiences.

The School's dedicated Nursing Research Department promotes collaborations, enhances scholarship and stimulates clinically relevant investigative questions and innovative approaches. We offer unique access to expert faculty researchers in a comprehensive six-discipline academic health center. Doctoral students also have access to courses and resources in the affiliated institutions of the Texas Medical Center, a vibrant academic and healthcare community in the heart of Houston.

For those seeking a future in nursing as a faculty leader or clinical researcher, the PhD in Nursing program at the Cizik School of Nursing offers a compelling next step to advance their professional journey.

Program Outcome

The curriculum of the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree program is designed to prepare graduates to:

1. Conceptualize, design, and conduct clinical and population-based research that advances science.
2. Extend, promote, and disseminate knowledge generated by independent, collaborative, and transdisciplinary research and scholarship.
3. Synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from nursing and other academic disciplines in relation to health and healthcare.
4. Articulate health care issues and policy in relation to social, ethical, and cultural phenomena related to the area of scholarship.

Transfer of Credits

A student may submit graduate course credits earned at other universities for application toward the PhD degree. Requirements for transfer of credit are as follows:

1. The course must clearly relate to the student's approved program of study.
2. Nine semester hours taken prior to admission may be eligible for transfer from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System. After the student is enrolled in the program, eligibility will be assessed.
3. An unlimited number of hours may be transferred from institutions within The University of Texas.
4. All credits transferred as electives must be approved by the student's advisor.
5. All credits transferred as cognates must be approved by the student's dissertation chair.
6. Substitution for a doctoral program required course must be approved by the faculty advisor.
7. The transcript must show an "A", "B", or "P" in the course.
8. The course must have been taken within the seven-year time limit to complete doctoral degree requirements.
9. The course may not be transferred if it was used to apply to another completed degree.
10. All courses to be transferred must be graduate level courses.

See PhD Student Policy, D7980 Transfer of Credit (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/phdpolicies/d7980.pdf?v=725208>) for further information.

Courses Taken in Other University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston Schools

All students who have been admitted to the PhD Program and who plan to take courses applicable to a nursing degree in a University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston School other than Cizik School of Nursing must obtain approval from the advisor prior to taking such courses. A transcript must be sent to the Office of the Registrar immediately upon the completion of the course(s).

Candidacy Exam

The candidacy examination serves as a basis for determining the student's readiness for pursuing dissertation research. The student should demonstrate a command of the theoretical and methodological issues related to the selected topic as a basis for pursuing research in a specific population of interest. The candidacy examination is viewed as a continuing step in the educational process building on previous course work and leading to the dissertation proposal defense and dissertation. Candidacy exam policy and procedures may be found in PhD Program Policy D7315 (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/phdpolicies/d7315.pdf>).

Dissertation Requirement

An original research dissertation that constitutes a substantial contribution to the body of knowledge in nursing must be completed under the direction of a dissertation committee chairperson who is a member of the Cizik School of Nursing faculty.

Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours are taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense).

Information regarding the dissertation policy and procedures may be found in PhD Program Policy D7400 (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/phdpolicies/d7400.pdf?v=12393336>). The Dissertation Manual for students admitted before Fall 2021 can be found at Dissertation Manual (pre 2021) (<https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/phd/docs/dissertationmanual.pdf>). For students admitted Fall 2021 and after, the Dissertation Manual can be found at Dissertation Manual (post 2021) (https://nursing.uth.edu/programs/phd/docs/Dissertation-Manual_5-17-2023.pdf).

An active list of recent graduate dissertations is available for viewing through the Texas Medical Center library.

PhD Student Academic Advisement Policy

All doctoral students will be advised by a Research Department faculty member throughout the doctoral program. The student is assigned to an advisor upon admission to the program. The advisor continues with the student during the program of study as long as it is mutually agreeable with the student and advisor. The student's advisor provides academic advisement, and may also serve on the mentorship team and dissertation committee. The student has the option to ask another eligible faculty member to assume the advisor role anytime during the program until the appointment of the dissertation committee. Upon the appointment of a

dissertation committee, the chairperson of the dissertation committee becomes the faculty advisor for the remainder of the program. If a student changes advisors, it is the student's responsibility to notify, in writing, the present advisor, the PhD Program Director and the Student Affairs Office of the change.

Degree Requirements

The curriculum for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program at Cizik School of Nursing includes 66 semester hours for MSN-prepared students, 66 semester hours for DNP-prepared students and 90 hours for BSN-prepared students. The course sequence is designed to prepare nurse scientists to develop, test, and implement innovation in health care delivery and teach the next generations of nurses in research and practice.

During the sequence of courses, the student participates in development of a research program that includes interdisciplinary interactions. The student works with an interdisciplinary team of faculty mentors who have established research programs. Courses in the nursing sequence are focused on the health care delivery system, theory, and research.

The student also takes one elective and three cognate courses to develop knowledge in a focused area of interest. The theory, research, and practice links provide the basis for the student to develop a dissertation that is focused on preparing a nurse scientist who will improve health and health care.

DNP to PhD Program

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science (PhD) are both doctoral nursing degrees. Yet, their focus differs, with the PhD centered on creating new knowledge using research methods and DNP focused on translation of research knowledge into practice using knowledge translation methods. For those nurses with a current DNP who wish to broaden their knowledge of research methodologies or conduct original research, Cizik School of Nursing offers a DNP to PhD program. The hybrid program is a synchronous online program offered one day per week with some in-person classes. Students have opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration with renowned researchers and will be mentored by expert nursing professors. Nine (9) semester hours taken prior to admission may be eligible for transfer from accredited institutions outside The University of Texas System. After the student is enrolled in the program, eligibility will be assessed. Obtaining up to 9-credits for prior DNP coursework may accelerate the path to PhD while reducing costs. The program prepares graduates to become leaders in nursing, contributing to knowledge development, theory generation, and advancing the profession through research and education.

Academic Requirements for PhD Progression

The Semester Hour

One semester hour of credit is given for one clock hour per week of lecture, or two clock hours per week of seminar.

Withdrawing from Courses

Students may withdraw from a course with the approval of the instructor at any time up to and including the last day of class in any semester. The symbol "W" is recorded to indicate a drop without prejudice and penalty. If a student with a grade less than "B" for a graduate student chooses to withdraw after the deadline for "W" grade, a grade of "WF" will

be recorded. WF is considered a failing grade and is used in calculating the GPA value.

On the recommendation of the instructor and with approval of the Dean, a student may be required to drop a course at any time because of neglect or for lack of preparation. Under such circumstances, the symbol "W" will be recorded.

Full-time and Part-Time

A full-time graduate student is one who is registered for at least nine semester hours during the Fall and Spring semester, six hours during the 12-week summer session, or three semester hours during the six-week summer session. A part-time student is one who is registered for fewer hours than the stated requirement for full-time status.

Withdrawal Requiring Application for Readmission

Students withdrawing from the Cizik School of Nursing who wish to be considered for readmission must submit a written request to the UTHealth Houston Office of the Registrar (this excludes taking a semester for Inactive Status.)

Inactive Status

A student in good standing who desires to take one semester off may do so without penalty. A student remaining out of the program for more than one semester must notify Student Affairs Office and the Registrar's Office in writing when she/he wishes her/his file reactivated, and the student will be considered for readmission on an individual basis. Any student withdrawing or requesting inactive status must complete an Inactive Form, which may be found in the CSON Student Affairs Office. This constitutes official inactivation.

BSN-PhD

Core courses from PhD program plus a concentration in education.

Number of credits: 12 credits core courses + 12 credits concentration + 66 PhD program = 90 credits total

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6802	Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics ¹	3
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
Education Concentration		
NURS 6136W	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3
NURS 6137W	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
NURS 6131W	Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education	3
NURS 7521	Special Topics	3

Full-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6136W	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3

NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 6802	Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics	3
NURS 6137W	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
Hours		9
Summer		
NURS 6131W	Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education	3
NURS 7521	Special Topics	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Context of Health Care ¹	3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods ¹	3
Cognate I ²		3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I ¹	4
Hours		10
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II ¹	4
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II ¹	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		8
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Cognate II ²		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Research Methods Elective ²		3
Cognate III ²		3
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		10
Summer		
Elective ²		3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		4
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		7
Total Hours		90

¹ Required courses offered one time a year only² These courses may be selected from offerings at UTHealth Houston or other accredited universities through enrollment agreements.

³ N7554 Research Forum: Students will need to complete three (3) one credit Research Forum courses during the course of the program. Research Forum can be taken any semester but must be taken three different semesters. Students should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁴ N7555 Research Practicum: Research Practicum will be offered every semester. The student should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁵ Dissertation: Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours can be taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours, but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense).

Note: The electives and cognates taken must be at the graduate level.

The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing and be approved by the advisor/dissertation Chairperson before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Elective =1 Course=3 credits

Core courses from PhD program plus a concentration in education.

Number of credits: 12 credits core courses + 12 credits concentration + 66 PhD program = 90 credits total

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6802	Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics ¹	3
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
Education Concentration		
NURS 6136W	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3
NURS 6137W	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
NURS 6131W	Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education	3
NURS 7521	Special Topics	3

Part-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 7307	Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 6802	Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics	3
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 6131W	Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education	3
Hours		3
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 6136W	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3

NURS 7521	Special Topics	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 6137W	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I	4
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II ¹	4
Hours		4
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Context of Health Care ¹	3
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods ¹	3
Cognate I ²		3
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II ¹	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		4
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7550 & NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development and Research Proposal Development B ¹	3
Research Methods Elective ²		3
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		4
Fifth Year		
Fall		
NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ²	1
Cognate II ²		3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	3
Elective ²		3
Hours		6
Sixth Year		
Fall		
Cognate III ²		3
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	3
Hours		6
Total Hours		90

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- ⁴ ****N7555 Research Practicum: Research Practicum will be offered every semester. The student should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.
- ⁵ Dissertation: Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours can be taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours, but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense).

Note: The electives and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing and be approved by the advisor/dissertation Chairperson before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Elective =1 Course=3 credits

DNP-PhD

Full-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry	3
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Context of Health Care	3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods	3
Cognate I ²		3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I	4
Hours		10
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II	4
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		8
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry	3
Cognate II		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Research Methods Elective ²		3
Cognate III ²		3
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
Hours		9
Summer		
Elective		3
NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		4

Third Year**Fall**

NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		9

Spring

NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		8
Total Hours		66

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⁴ ****N7555 Research Practicum: Research Practicum will be offered every semester. The student should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁵ Dissertation: Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours can be taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense)

Note: The elective and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing & must be approved by the Dissertation Chairperson/ Student Advisor before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Electives =1 Course= 3 credits

Part-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Contxt of Health Care	3
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry	3
Hours		6
Spring		
Elective ²		3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I	4
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II	4
Hours		4
Second Year		
Fall		
Research Methods Elective		3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods	3
Cognate I ²		3
Hours		6

Summer

NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		4

Third Year**Fall**

NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry	3
Hours		6

Spring

Cognate II ²		3
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		7

Summer

NURS 7554	Research Forums	1
Hours		1

Fourth Year**Fall**

NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation	1
Cognate III ²		3
Hours		6

Spring

NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		7

Summer

NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		66

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Note: Note: The elective and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside Cizik School of Nursing & must be approved by the Dissertation Chairperson/ Student Advisor before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Electives =1 Course= 3 credits

PhD

Full-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Contxt of Health Care ¹	3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods ¹	3
Cognate I ²		3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I	4
Hours		10
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II	4
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		8
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Cognate II		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Research Methods Elective ²		3
Cognate III ²		3
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		10
Summer		
Elective		3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		4
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		9
Spring		
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		7
Total Hours		66

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Note: The elective and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing & must be approved by the Dissertation Chairperson/ Student Advisor before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Electives =1 Course= 3 credits

Part-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Contxt of Health Care ¹	3
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I ²	4
Elective ²		3
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II (Cognate I) ¹	4
Hours		4
Second Year		
Fall		
Research Methods Elective		3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods (Cognate I) ²	3
Cognate I ²		3
Hours		6
Summer		
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II ¹	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		4
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
Cognate II ²		3
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		1
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	1

Cognate III ²		3
Hours		6
Spring		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
Hours		7
Summer		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
Hours		6
Total Hours		66

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Note: The elective and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside Cizik School of Nursing & must be approved by the Dissertation Chairperson/ Student Advisor before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Electives =1 Course= 3 credits

Post-Graduate Completion Programs

Post-Graduate Completion Program Outcome

The Post-Graduate Completion Program is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to become a leader. The graduate makes significant contributions to the improvement of health care and influences health care policy through advanced clinical practice and research in order to meet the current needs of society.

Education at the post-graduate level prepares graduates to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, nursing administration and nursing education. Advanced nursing practice graduates are prepared for entry into doctoral education.

Upon completion of Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston's post-graduate program, learners should be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of specialized knowledge and skills that will promote functioning in an advanced nursing role.
2. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, informatics, and the biophysical, psychosocial, and organizational sciences into advanced nursing practice.
3. Integrate evidence into practice to achieve optimal health care outcomes.
4. Collaborate within interprofessional teams to promote delivery of safe, value-driven, equitable, and high-quality health care.

5. Utilize leadership skills to change health outcomes for diverse individuals and populations.

The non-degree Post-Graduate Completion Programs of study combine online courses with face-to-face courses and clinical experiences offering flexibility to students. The curriculum varies per track. Students have the following areas from which to choose:

- *Post-Graduate Completion: Nursing Leadership and Administration*
- *Post-Graduate Completion: Emergency/Trauma*
- *Post-Graduate Completion: Nursing Education*

Post-Graduate Completion Program:

Non-Degree Post-Graduate Completion Nurse Practitioner Curriculum

Students enrolled for a Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner completion program must meet the following requirements. Students may meet these requirements by either taking the courses, achieving course objectives using validation procedure, or through equivalency credit (for courses from another university). Equivalency credit is not granted for clinical courses and preceptorships.

All students must complete the following Advanced Practice Core courses or have written approval and verification of having taken them:

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6152W	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic	2
NURS 6152B	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum	1
NURS 6165W	Advanced Practice Role in Population Health	3
NURS 6151W	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5529W	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6551W	Diagnostic Tests and Procedures	2

Post-Graduate Completion Nurse Practitioner - Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Practice Core Course		
NURS 6152W	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic	2
NURS 6152B	Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum	1
NURS 6154W	Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 6165W	Advanced Practice Role in Population Health	3
NURS 6151W	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5529W	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6551W	Diagnostic Tests and Procedures	2
Clinical Courses		
NXXXX (Didactic & Clinical/preceptorship courses specific to track)		15-17
Total Hours		31-33

Students with an MS or MSN in population but with a different advanced practice role (i.e., CNS to NP) must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit) Clinical Sequence including N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing Preceptorship (4-5 credit hours, 240-300 clinical clock hours) – hours

vary by track requirements. The total clinical hours for the new role is 660.

Students with an MS or MSN in another specialty and a different role must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit) Clinical Sequence including N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing Preceptorship (4-5 credit hours, 300 clinical clock hours) – hours vary by track requirements. The total clinical hours for the new role is 660.

Students with an MS or MSN in another population but in the NP role (i.e. FNP to PMHNP) must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit) Clinical Sequence excluding N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing Appropriate Preceptorship Hours (2-4 credit hours, 120- 240 clinical clock hours) – based on gap analysis of prior faculty-supervised academic clinical experiences and those needed to develop competencies in the new population-focused areas of practice – hours vary by track requirements. The minimum total clinical hours for the new population is 540.

Academic Requirements for Progression

To be eligible for completion with a Post-Graduate Completion Program, a student must:

- have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average;
- successfully complete the prescribed curriculum for which they are registered and must meet all other requirements of the Cizik School of Nursing;
- submit official transcripts of any courses taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing to the UTHealth Houston Office of the Registrar;
- Complete the graduate curriculum within five years from admission for MSN students or three years for post-graduate students or have been granted an extension by the Master's Council.
- apply to graduation in MyUTH prior to the established deadline each term;
- pay the required graduation fee of \$150;
- complete the clearance packet and clear through all designated offices; and
- be enrolled during the term of graduation program completion.

See policy G5440 Eligibility for Graduation/Completion (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/msnpolicies/g5440.pdf?v=51544959>) for more information.

Post-Graduate Completion (Non-Nurse Practitioner)

Post-Graduate Completion Program Outcome (Non-Degree)

The Post-Graduate Completion Program is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to become a leader. The graduate makes significant contributions to the improvement of health care and influences health care policy through advanced clinical practice and research in order to meet the current needs of society.

Education at the post-graduate level prepares graduates to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, nursing administration and nursing

education. Advanced nursing practice graduates are prepared for entry into doctoral education.

Upon completion of Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston's post - graduate program, learners should be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of specialized knowledge and skills that will promote functioning in an advanced nursing role.
2. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, informatics, and the biophysical, psychosocial, and organizational sciences into advanced nursing practice.
3. Integrate evidence into practice to achieve optimal health care outcomes.
4. Collaborate within interprofessional teams to promote delivery of safe, value-driven, equitable, and high-quality health care.
5. Utilize leadership skills to change health outcomes for diverse individuals and populations.

The non-degree Post-Graduate Completion Programs of study combine online courses with face-to-face courses and clinical experiences offering flexibility to students. The curriculum varies per track. Students have the following areas from which to choose:

- Post-Graduate Completion: Emergency/Trauma (p. 45)
- Post-Graduate Completion: Nursing Education (p. 46)
- Post-Graduate Completion: Nursing Leadership and Administration (p. 46)

Academic Requirements for Progression

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Emergency/Trauma

The Emergency/Trauma Care concentration focuses on different aspects of emergency care and is offered as a post-master's completion or as an add-on concentration to the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Students enrolled in the program will focus on patient presentations in emergency departments and acute ambulatory care settings including resuscitative trauma. Additionally, students will acquire knowledge in high acuity

emergency presentations including management of chronic disease exacerbation.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 12
Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Post-Graduate Completion Emergency/Trauma Nursing Curriculum - Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6272B	Emergency/Trauma Care - Clinical II	4
NURS 6271B	Emergency/Trauma Care - Clinical I (180 hours)	3
NURS 6272W	Emergency/Trauma Care II (180 hours)	2
NURS 6271W	Emergency/Trauma Care I	3
Total Hours		12

Nursing Education

The Nursing Education track is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to become a leader in nursing education. This program prepares the graduate to enter the dynamic and challenging arena of educating future nurses, nursing staff and patients.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 12
Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Post-Graduate Completion Nursing Education Curriculum - Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6136W	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3
NURS 6137W	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
NURS 6131W	Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education	3
NURS 6730	Advanced Clinical Practice: Education Role Preceptorship	3
Total Hours		12

Nursing Leadership and Administration

The Nursing Leadership and Administration track prepares its graduates to be nurse leaders in highly complex and dynamic healthcare settings. MSN graduates will have the knowledge and skills necessary to apply evidenced-based management principles to achieve high quality clinical outcomes in complete and changing healthcare environments. By mastering the precepts of organizational efficiency and effectiveness, graduates will be poised to contribute to the advancement of nursing practice and improvement of our nation's healthcare delivery system.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 30
Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

The post-graduate program requires students, in most cases, to take only the track courses. The number of courses required will be determined during the admission interview, if offered.

Post-Graduate Completion Nursing Leadership and Administration - Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 5501W	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	2
NURS 6701	Transforming Healthcare Through Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 6702	Organizational Development: Creating Cultures of Excellence	2
NURS 6702B	Nursing Leadership Practice 1	1
NURS 6703	Developing and Leading Human Performance	3
NURS 6704	Improving Organizational Quality	2
NURS 6704B	Nursing Leadership Practice 2	1
NURS 6705W	Nursing Leadership Role Focus	2
NURS 6706	Healthcare Financial Management ¹	2
NURS 6706B	Nursing Leadership Practice 3 ¹	1
NURS 6707W	Analyzing Issues in Quality Improvement	1
NURS 6708W	The Role of the Nurse Leader in Advancing the Health of Populations	2
NURS 6709W	Project Management Foundations	2
NURS 6710	Nursing Leadership Role Preceptorship	4
NURS 6711W	Healthcare Policy, Law, and Ethics	2
Total Hours		30

¹ If less than 2 years of financial management experience or a finance academic course completed more than 5 years ago, must take NURS 6706 Healthcare Financial Management and NURS 6706B Nursing Leadership Practice 3

Post-Graduate Completion (Nurse Practitioner)

Post-Graduate Completion Program Outcome

The Post-Graduate Completion Program is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to become a leader. The graduate makes significant contributions to the improvement of health care and influences health care policy through advanced clinical practice and research in order to meet the current needs of society.

Education at the post-graduate level prepares graduates to assume leadership roles in clinical practice, nursing administration and nursing education. Advanced nursing practice graduates are prepared for entry into doctoral education.

Graduates are given the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate mastery of specialized knowledge and skills that will promote functioning in an advanced nursing role.
- Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, informatics, and the biophysical, psychosocial, and organizational sciences into advanced nursing practice.
- Integrate best practices and evidence aimed at positively impacting health care to achieve optimal outcomes.

- Foster collaborative interprofessional relationships with other health professionals to promote delivery of safe, value-driven, and high-quality health care.
- Utilize leadership skills in promoting health for individuals, groups, and communities of interest.

The non-degree Post-Graduate Completion Programs of study combine online courses with face-to-face courses and clinical experiences offering flexibility to students. The curriculum varies per track. Students have the following areas from which to choose:

- *Post-Graduate Completion: Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*
- *Post-Graduate Completion: Emergency Medical Service Nurse Practitioner*
- *Post-Graduate Completion: Family Nurse Practitioner*
- *Post-Graduate Completion: Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*

Post-Graduate Completion Nurse Practitioner (Non-Degree) Curriculum

Students enrolled for a Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner completion program must meet the following requirements. Students may meet these requirements by either taking the courses, achieving course objectives using validation procedure, or through equivalency credit (for courses from another university). Equivalency credit is not granted for clinical courses and preceptorships.

All students must complete the following Advanced Practice Core courses or have written approval and verification of having taken them:

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6810W	Advanced Physical Exam and Differential Diagnosis for DNP	2
NURS 6810B	Advanced Physical Exam and Differential Diagnosis Lab for DNP	1
NURS 6809W	Advanced Practice Role in Population Health for DNP	3
NURS 6804W	Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP	3
NURS 6901W	Advanced Pharmacology for DNP	3
NURS 6811W	Diagnostic Tests and Procedures for DNP	2
Total Hours		14

Clinical Courses

- Population specific Practitioner I for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
- Population specific Practitioner II for DNP didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
- Population specific Preceptorship for DNP clinical course (360 clinical clock hours)
- The total clinical hours for the new role are 840 and 14 credit hours for NPs adding a new population.
- The total clinical hours for the new role are 1020 and 25 for non-NP students.

Total 28 -39 credit hours

Students with an MS or MSN or DNP in a population focus but with a different advanced practice role (i.e. CNS to NP) must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
- Clinical Sequence including:
 - Population specific Practitioner I for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Practitioner II for DNP didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Preceptorship for DNP clinical course (360 clinical clock hours)
 - The minimum total clinical hours for the population are 840.

Students with an MS or MSN or DNP in another specialty and a different role must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
- Clinical Sequence including:
 - Population specific Practitioner I for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Practitioner II for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (180 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Preceptorship for DNP – clinical course (360 clinical clock hours)
 - The total clinical hours for the new role are 1020.

Students with an MS or MSN or DNP in another population but in the NP role (i.e. FNP to PMHNP) must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
- Clinical Sequence including:
 - Population specific Practitioner I for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Practitioner II for DNP – didactic and clinical courses (240 clinical clock hours)
 - Population specific Preceptorship for DNP – clinical course (360 clinical clock hours)
 - The minimum total clinical hours for the population are 840.

Academic Requirements for Progression

To be eligible for completion with a Post-Graduate Completion Program, a student must:

- have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average;
- successfully complete the prescribed curriculum for which they are registered and must meet all other requirements of the Cizik School of Nursing;
- submit official transcripts of any courses taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing to the UTHealth Houston Office of the Registrar;
- complete the graduate curriculum within five years from admission for MSN students or three years for post-graduate students or have been granted an extension by the Master's Council.
- apply to graduation in MyUTH prior to the established deadline each term;
- pay the required graduation fee of \$150;
- complete the clearance packet and clear through all designated offices; and
- be enrolled during the term of graduation program completion.

See policy G5440 Eligibility for Graduation/Completion (<https://nursing.uth.edu/academic-affairs/policies/documents/msnpolicies/g5440.pdf?v=7252712>) for more information.

Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

The Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track prepares graduates to manage the care of patients from adolescence throughout the lifespan with complex health deviations. The curriculum addresses common health problems encountered by adult acutely ill patients across the continuum of acute care services.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 33-39

Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Post-Graduate Completion Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6916W	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6916B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6917W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6917B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (240 hours)	3
NURS 6918W	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III for DNP	2
NURS 6918B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6919B	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (360 hours)	6

Emergency Medical Service Nurse Practitioner

Eligible candidates for the EMSNP program are Emergency Nurse Practitioner certified or board eligible Texas resident.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 6

Completion Time Limit: 2 semesters

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 6273W	Emergency Medical Services Nurse Practitioner Program	3
	Hours	3
Spring		
NURS 6273B	Emergency Medical Services Nurse Practitioner Program (clinical)	3
	Hours	3
	Total Hours	6

Family Nurse Practitioner

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track prepares graduates to care for individuals and families across the lifespan with a focus on primary care in outpatient settings. There is a strong emphasis on health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and illness management. The clinical component provides interdisciplinary experiences working with other healthcare providers in caring for individuals and their families.

Students may choose to add an optional emergency concentration to the FNP track which prepares graduates to provide care in an emergency department/center.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 33-39

Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Post-Graduate Completion Family Nurse Practitioner Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6908W	Family Nurse Practitioner Care I for DNP	3
NURS 6908B	Family Nurse Practitioner I Clinical for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6909W	Family Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3
NURS 6909B	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (180 hours)	4
NURS 6910W	Family Nurse Preceptorship Specialty Care III for DNP	3
NURS 6910B	Family Nurse Preceptorship Clinical III for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6911B	Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (360 hours)	6

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares graduates to care for individuals, groups, and families across the lifespan in a variety of settings. There is a strong emphasis on psychotherapeutic techniques and psychopharmacotherapy. The clinical component provides interprofessional experiences working with other healthcare providers in caring for individuals and their families with psychiatric conditions.

Minimum Semester Credit Hours: 33-39

Completion Time Limit: 3 calendar years

Post-Graduate Completion Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6912W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I for DNP	3
NURS 6912B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6913W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II for DNP	3

NURS 6913B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (180 hours)	3-4
NURS 6914W	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP	2
NURS 6914B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP (240 hours)	4
NURS 6915B	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (360 hours)	6

Course Descriptions

Course descriptions in school catalogs and the Course Search (<https://catalog.uth.edu/course-search/>) are correct at the time of publication. See myUTH (<https://uthidp.uth.edu/nidp/saml2/sso/?id=Campus-Affiliate-LOA2-DUO&sid=0&option=credential&sid=0>) for more recent course information and to register for courses.

NURS 3511 Health Assessment (3 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce concepts and skills required to evaluate the health status of a client and document appropriate findings. The course provides a holistic approach that integrates principles from the physical and social sciences. Students learn to use physical examination findings and interview data to formulate nursing diagnoses that guide the nursing process. There are a variety of educational approaches including lecture, online interactions, and laboratory experiences. Course activities encourage students to use critical thinking skills necessary for nursing practice. Prerequisite: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2; Clinical/Lab 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3511W Health Assessment (3 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce RN to BSN concepts and skills required to evaluate the health status of a client and document appropriate findings. The course provides a holistic approach that integrates principles from the physical and social sciences. Students learn to use physical examination findings and interview data to formulate nursing diagnoses that guide the nursing process. There are a variety of educational approaches including lecture, online interactions, and laboratory experiences. Course activities encourage students to use critical thinking skills necessary for nursing practice. Prerequisite: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2; Clinical/Lab 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3515 Adult Health Care I (3 Credits)

This course introduces major theories and concepts necessary to provide holistic nursing care to adults from diverse cultures with selected physiological disorders. These theories and concepts are introduced using a wellness-illness continuum and serve as a basis for critical thinking and use of the nursing process in the care of adult patients. Concepts such as health, culture, environment, aging, nutrition, and the professional nurse role in direct patient care and in collaboration with other health care providers are addressed. Students are provided the opportunity to master nursing technologies in a variety of laboratory and clinical situations. Co-requisites: N3511, N3517, N3540 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3515B Adult Health Care I-Clinical (2 Credits)

This course introduces major theories and concepts necessary to provide holistic nursing care to adults from diverse cultures with selected physiological disorders. These theories and concepts are introduced using a wellness-illness continuum and serve as a basis for critical thinking and use of the nursing process in the care of adult patients. Concepts such as health, culture, environment, aging, nutrition, and the professional nurse role in direct patient care and in collaboration with other health care providers are addressed. Students are provided the opportunity to master nursing technologies in a variety of laboratory and clinical situations. Co-requisites: N3511, N3515, N3517, N3540 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical/Lab 6) Pass/Fail

NURS 3517 Pathophysiology (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the etiologic, symptomatologic, and pathologic aspects of selected human diseases across the life span. Concepts of health promotion, disease prevention, disease progression, and treatment are approached from a cellular and multi-system perspective. Influences of genetic, ethnic, cultural, and temporal variables on human disease are analyzed. Content aims at stimulating critical thinking. Research-based pathophysiologic knowledge will be applied to nursing management of illness and health restoration. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3521 Gerontologic Nursing (2 Credits)

This course is designed to explore current issues and concepts related to aging. Theories of aging and concepts such as health, culture, spirituality, and environment are addressed. The overall goal is to facilitate understanding of older persons and their unique needs in order to provide holistic care and foster a better quality of life. Prerequisite: N3511 Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1; Clinical/Lab 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3523 Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II (4 Credits)

This course focuses on young, middle, and older adults experiencing an array of physiological disorders, and provides the opportunity for implementation of the nursing process in a variety of health care settings with a focus on secondary and tertiary prevention. Emphasis is on professional health care that reflects comprehensive, humanistic, altruistic, and inter-professional values. The course helps the student to incorporate professional standards as a basis for practice, to use critical thinking, to set priorities for patient care, to make nursing judgments, and to apply selected theory and research findings to provide holistic care to adults. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3523B Adult and Older Adult Healthcare II - Clinical (2 Credits)

This course focuses on young, middle, and older adults experiencing an array of physiological disorders, and provides the opportunity for implementation of the nursing process in a variety of health care settings with a focus on secondary and tertiary prevention. Emphasis is on professional health care that reflects comprehensive, humanistic, altruistic, and inter-professional values. The course helps the student to incorporate professional standards as a basis for practice, to use critical thinking, to set priorities for patient care, to make nursing judgments, and to apply selected theory and research findings to provide holistic care to adults. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 Co-requisites: N3523 2 clinical credit hours (90 clinical clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 3526 Psychiatric & Mental Health Care (4 Credits)

This course applies the nursing process to the care of individuals, families, and groups with psychiatric and mental health disorders. Diversity of age, gender, race, culture, developmental level, education, and socioeconomic backgrounds is emphasized. Issues of mental health and mental illness throughout the lifespan are examined. The professional nurse's role as a member of a collegial mental health care team in the 21st century is addressed. Opportunity is provided to develop skills in applying concepts of psychiatric nursing to the care of individuals and groups in inpatient and outpatient settings. The acceptance of responsibility and accountability for practice is reaffirmed. Personal and professional growth is promoted. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 3526B Psychiatric & Mental Health Care - Clinic (2 Credits)

This course applies the nursing process to the care of individuals, families, and groups with psychiatric and mental health disorders. Diversity of age, gender, race, culture, developmental level, education, and socioeconomic backgrounds is emphasized. Issues of mental health and mental illness throughout the lifespan are examined. The professional nurse's role as a member of a collegial mental health care team in the 21st century is addressed. Opportunity is provided to develop skills in applying concepts of psychiatric nursing to the care of individuals and groups in inpatient and outpatient settings. The acceptance of responsibility and accountability for practice is reaffirmed. Personal and professional growth is promoted. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 6) Pass/Fail

NURS 3532 Reproductive Health Care (4 Credits)

This course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply critical thinking and clinical judgments to the health care of the childbearing family from a holistic and humanistic perspective. Students integrate theories of nursing, family, systems, role, development, and communications and apply them to childbearing families. Nursing process, research, and ethical professional standards are applied to normal and high-risk childbearing families in various settings. Students critically analyze health care needs and resources of multicultural childbearing families and the ability of the health care system to meet those needs. Health assessment, health promotion, disease prevention, and management of normal and high-risk conditions in the prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum periods will be the focus. The course is designed for students to examine the impact of the nursing perspective in an interdisciplinary approach to health care. The clinical portion of this course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply theory, nursing process, critical thinking, and to develop psychomotor skills related to the care of women and neonates. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 Co-requisite: N3521, N3523, N3526 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3532B Reproductive Healthcare - Clinical (1 Credit)

This course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply critical thinking and clinical judgments to the health care of the childbearing family from a holistic and humanistic perspective. Students integrate theories of nursing, family, systems, role, development, and communications and apply them to childbearing families. Systematic approach, evidence-based practice, and ethical professional standards will be applied to normal and high-risk childbearing families in various settings. Students critically analyze health care needs and resources of multicultural childbearing families and the ability of the health care system to meet those needs. Health assessment, health promotion, disease prevention, and management of normal and high-risk conditions in the prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum periods will be the focus. The course is designed for students to examine the impact of the nursing perspective in an interdisciplinary approach to health care. The clinical portion of this course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply theory, nursing process, critical thinking, and to develop psychomotor skills related to the care of women and neonates. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L Co-requisite: None 1 clinical credit hours (45 clinical clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 3532L Reproductive Health Care Skills and Simulation (1 Credit)

This course focuses on the practical application of the theoretical content related to person-centered nursing management of women and neonates. This course is designed to provide opportunities to care for women and neonates in a simulated clinical setting. The course will emphasize application of theoretical concepts, evidence-based practice, patient safety, teamwork, advanced technology and standards of professional nursing used in caring for the patients from diverse populations. Students enrolling Spring 2023 will follow these course requirements. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 Co-requisite: N3532 1 clinical credit hour (45 clinical clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 3536 Child and Adolescent Healthcare (4 Credits)

This course offers the student the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills for the care of children and families in various health care settings. It includes information from current literature, research, and practice pertinent to growth and development, psychosocial, cultural, and physical needs of children with emphasis focused on health promotion, health maintenance, and health restoration. Specific nursing theories, developmental theories, coping, grief and grieving, and system theories, for the care of children and families are explored. The nursing role and collegial relationships critical to holistic, humanistic, and altruistic care of families and children from multicultural backgrounds experiencing various stressors are discussed. Selected community resources and legal and ethical considerations in the care of children and families will be identified. The clinical portion of the course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply theory, nursing process, and critical thinking skills to the care of children and families. Generalized and specialized ill child and well child settings are used for clinical placement. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L, N3540 Co-requisite: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 3536B Child and Adolescent Healthcare-Clinical (1 Credit)

This course offers students the opportunity to apply evidence-based practice, theory, nursing process and critical thinking skills to deliver quality patient-centered care to children and families. The student will incorporate professional standards as a basis for practice, use of critical thinking, prioritizing patient care and apply appropriate theories and research evidence to provide holistic care to pediatric patient. Emphasis is placed on professional health care that reflects comprehensive, humanitarian and interprofessional values. Generalized and specialized ill child and well child settings are used for clinical placement. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L Co-requisite: None 1 clinical credit hours (45 clinical clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 3536L Child and Adolescent Health Care Skills and Simulation (1 Credit)

The clinical simulation course is designed to offer students the opportunity to apply evidence-based practice, theory, nursing process, and critical thinking skills to deliver quality patient-centered care to children and families in the simulation laboratory setting. The student will incorporate professional standards as a basis for practice, use of critical thinking, prioritizing patient care and apply appropriate theories and research evidence to provide holistic care to the pediatric patient. Emphasis is placed on professional health care that reflects comprehensive, humanitarian and interprofessional values. Students enrolling Summer 2023 will follow these course requirements. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532 Co-requisite: N3536 1 clinical credit hour (45 clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 3540 Pharmacotherapeutics (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the use of pharmacological agents in adult clients to prevent illness and maintain and restore wellness, and addresses relevant background information needed by the nurse to develop a plan of therapeutic intervention and to evaluate patient's response to drugs. Drug effects and management of clients receiving pharmaceutical agents is viewed from a holistic perspective. Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3560 Ethics: Historical Lessons (3 Credits)

This course will explore ethics through the perspective of historical case studies. Examples include the response of communities and governments to infectious diseases, research without consent of subjects, as well as the central role played by physicians and nurses in planning and implementing genocide in the name of eugenics and racial hygiene during the Holocaust and other genocides. The course will focus on exploring the lessons we can learn from history as we confront the challenges of problems in today's society and in the future. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3562 The End of Life: Interprofessional Perspectives on Death and Dying (3 Credits)

This interprofessional course is designed to familiarize the student with multiple aspects of the end-of-life experiences. Faculty will lead discussions concerning physiological processes, communication, ethical, legal, economic, and spiritual issues related to dying and death. Selected videos will be used to enhance topical discussions. Learning experiences include preparing an Advance Directive, a reflective journal, and selected group presentation. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3564W Introduction to Applied Health Informatics (3 Credits)

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to informatics knowledge by the integration of health science, information management, and computer technology and to prepare students to utilize clinical information technologies to improve patient safety and health care outcomes. This course focuses on health information applications, ethical and privacy issues in health care informatics, and clinical information tools and emerging technologies for clinical practice. Students will have opportunities to examine clinical information system (CIS) and evaluate the appropriate use of health information technology for clinical practice. In addition, this course will focus on health informatics applications in education and research. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3565 Application of Multicultural Concepts to Healthcare of Latinos in the U.S. (3 Credits)

This course exposes students to cultural values, health related behaviors and linguistic Characteristics of Latinos to facilitate the student's ability to assess, plan and deliver culturally sensitive nursing interventions for Latino patients and families and communities. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3566W Power of Nursing Embracing the Healer's Art (1 Credit)

This course explores the meaning and practice of nursing. The course will focus on nursing's healing lineage, the universality of disappointment, grief, and loss; and the healing power of generous listening. The course will encourage students to cultivate the human dimensions of the practice of nursing. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 3567 The Intersection of Spirituality and Health (1 Credit)

Spirituality and religion play an important part in the lives of many people. As only one aspect of cultural competence, spiritual care by the nurse should enable desired spiritual and religious observance by patients. This course explores the intersection of faith, spirituality, and religion with the human experience of health and disease. Through visits to several diverse places of worship (including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism), as well as areas with a spiritual focus, the course enables the learner to examine the healer's role in acknowledging and addressing a patient's religion and spirituality and the role spirituality may play in health promotion and the healer's art. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 3568 The Art of Observation (1 Credit)

This course explores the use of visual analysis skills through accurate and detailed description of art as it applies to caring and healing. The impact of cultural bias on methods of observation and communication will be explored. Strategies for dealing with ambiguity and bias when gathering observations and evaluating interpretations are applied to the practice of professional nursing. Knowledgeable docents guide students through galleries in each museum(s) visited. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 3569W Nursing Professional Practice: Case Management in Primary Care (2 Credits)

This course focuses on innovative, integrated nursing case and care management models within the context of assessment, planning, implementation, collaboration, negotiation, and evaluation. The critical competencies and strategies in managing risk and legal liabilities, seeking and obtaining interdisciplinary support, coordination of services across placement settings, and client and caregiver education are discussed. An emphasis will be on the strategies effective in the management of care for diverse populations in primary care settings. Students will discuss functions and issues in evolving role demands, opportunities, and responsibilities of nurse case manager. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Credit Hours (1 hour didactic and 1 hour clinical) Letter Graded

NURS 3570 Rehabilitation Nursing (2 Credits)

This course focuses on rehabilitation nursing practice with core knowledge and standard of practice that is unique for rehabilitation nursing. The critical competencies including principles of rehabilitation nursing, working with interprofessional team, neuroanatomy, functional assessment with principles of mobility education, cultural sensitivity, post-acute setting regulations, safe transitions of care, and ethics will be discussed. An emphasis will be on the foundational rehabilitation nursing knowledge and skills. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540 2 Semester Credit Hours (1 hour didactic and 1 hour clinical) Letter Graded

NURS 3601W Community Health for RNs (3 Credits)

In community/public health nursing, a population is the unit of care. Professional nursing and public health principles and methods are emphasized in applying the nursing process to populations. The focus is on identifying and prioritizing population-level health problems, recognizing and addressing determinants of health, preventing health problems, and advocating for the health equity and access for all. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 3602B Community Health Project for RNs (2 Credits)

In this course, students and faculty collaborate with professional and community partners to promote health and prevent disease in a population. The focus is on integration of professional nursing and public health principles and methods to apply the nursing process to individuals, groups, and populations. Students collaborate to assess populations at risk, analyze community health problems, plan interventions, and develop an evaluation plan. Prerequisite: None Co-requisite: 3601W 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 6) Letter Graded

NURS 3701W Professional Nursing Practice (4 Credits)

Theories are explored as a foundation for professional nursing practice. This course examines what it means for nursing to be a profession. The historical and theoretical foundations of professional nursing will be explored. Nursing will be analyzed in light of characteristics of a profession. The competencies expected of a professional nurse as well as the standards necessary to provide evidence based patient centered care will be examined. Group process and dynamics will be applied in developing and implementing a project. Prerequisite: None Co-requisite: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 3702W Issues in Professional Practice (4 Credits)

This course explores issues relating to evidenced-based professional nursing practice. Professional standards of care, professional boundaries of practice, accountability, responsibility and cultural sensitivity will be discussed. Ethical theories and principles will be examined in relation to legal and ethical issues. The impact of biomedical ethics on the role of the nurse will be analyzed. The Nurse Practice Act, the Code of Ethics for Nurse, and other statutory laws, rules and regulations, legal and ethical responsibilities as well as workplace policies are examined. Prerequisite: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 3703W Management and Leadership (4 Credits)

Emphasis will be placed on the leadership and management roles of the nurse in a inter- professional team practice. This course explores skills needed for fiscal responsibility, quality improvement, advocacy, leadership and management. Multiple career and educational opportunities for nursing will be explored. Organizational management and leadership theories will be examined as they apply to professional practice. Organizational standards for health care facilities will be examined. Prerequisite: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 3704W Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs (4 Credits)

Synthesis: Application for change into Practice for RNs Letter Graded

NURS 4499 Independent Study in Nursing (1-4 Credits)

This course gives the student an in-depth study in a specific topic area. Topic and mode of study must be agreed between student and instructor. Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor 1 to 4 Variable Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1-4, Lab TBD, Clinical TBD) Letter Graded

NURS 4512W Research Critique & Utilization (2 Credits)

This course provides the student with the opportunity to acquire knowledge that promotes development of a nursing research consumer. The course focuses on the relationship of the science of nursing to the practice of nursing. The course gives the student the opportunity to become familiar with the various methods of scientific inquiry including the components of the research, process, and concepts and terms associated with the process. Orientation to the research process gives the student the opportunity to develop a basis for critically evaluating research findings and applying the results to practice in a variety of clinical settings. Prerequisite for Pacesetter: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3540 1 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 4521 Community/Public Health Nursing (3 Credits)

In community/public health nursing, the group, community, or population is the unit of care. Professional nursing and public health principles and methods are emphasized in applying the nursing process to populations. The focus is on identifying determinants of health, prioritizing problems, prevention, and advocating for those who might benefit from community/public health nursing services. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L, N3540 Co-requisite: N3536 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 3) Letter Graded

NURS 4521B Community/Public Health Nursing-Clinical (3 Credits)

In this course, students and faculty collaborate with professional community partners to promote health and prevent disease in a population. The focus is on integration of professional nursing and public health principles and methods to apply the nursing process to individuals, groups, and populations. Students collaborate to assess populations at risk, analyze community health problems, plan interventions, and develop an evaluation plan. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L, N3540 Co-requisite: N3536, N4521 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 9) Letter Graded Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 4526W Role Transition for RNs (2 Credits)

Educational and role development opportunities for nurses will be examined. The importance of professional goal development for future nursing roles will be explored. Different opportunities for advanced practice nursing will be investigated. Professional responsibility for lifelong learning through a myriad of professional organizations and activities will be explored. Prerequisites: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture: 2) Letter Graded

NURS 4527W Professional Practice & Leadership (3 Credits)

This course explores selected leadership and management theories and concepts used in health care delivery. Selected issues relevant to nursing practice and education are presented as they relate to the student's adjustment to the professional nursing role. Professional nursing issues include scope of practice based on statutory laws and regulations, legal and ethical responsibilities, substance abuse/mental health, career development, and workplace issues. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 4528 Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings (3 Credits)

This course focuses on both the theoretical content related to nursing management of patients in high acuity care areas and the clinical application of this content in a compassionate holistic manner. The course incorporates theoretical applications and research findings in the areas of nutrition, prevention, rehabilitation, and socio-cultural aspects. The clinical component of this course is designed to provide a clinical practicum of high acuity care experiences guided by a preceptor. The course will emphasize application of theoretical concepts, research findings, advanced technology, and standards of professional nursing used in caring for patients from culturally diverse populations experiencing physiological and psychosocial alterations at various stages of the wellness/illness continuum. Psychosocial, lifespan, and behavioral concepts encountered by patients with high acuity disorders and trauma will be discussed. The management/leadership component of this course focuses on perspectives of the professional nursing role for the 21st century as demonstrated through professionalism, leadership, collaborative practice, critical thinking, and application of the nursing process in patient care. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L, N3540 Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: (Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$52 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 4528B Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings - Clinical (3 Credits)

This course focuses on both the theoretical content related to patient centered nursing management of patients in high acuity care areas and the clinical application of this content in a compassionate holistic manner. The clinical component of this course is designed to provide a precepted clinical practicum of high acuity care experiences. The course will emphasize application of theoretical concepts, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, advanced technology and standards of professional nursing used in caring for patients from culturally diverse populations experiencing physiological and psychosocial alterations at various stages of the wellness/illness continuum. Psychosocial, lifespan, and behavioral concepts encountered by patients with high acuity disorders and trauma will be discussed. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L Co-requisites: None 3 clinical credit hours (135 clinical clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 4528L Management of Patients in High Acuity Settings Skills and Simulation (1 Credit)

This course focuses on both the theoretical content related to patient centered nursing management of patients in high acuity care areas and the clinical application of this content in a compassionate holistic manner. The clinical component of this course is designed to provide a precepted clinical practicum of high acuity care experiences. The course will emphasize application of theoretical concepts, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, advanced technology and standards of professional nursing used in caring for patients from culturally diverse populations experiencing physiological and psychosocial alterations in various stages of the wellness/illness continuum. Psychosocial, lifespan and behavioral concepts that are encountered by patients with high acuity disorder and trauma will be discussed. Students enrolling in Summer 2023 will follow these course requirements. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L Co-requisites: N4528 1 clinical credit hour (45 clock hours) Pass/Fail

NURS 4529L Transition to Professional Nursing: Clinical Simulation (1 Credit)

This course utilizes clinical simulation and innovative technology to foster the experiential growth and development of essential professional nursing skills necessary for quality nursing care. The course will focus on core competencies for professional nursing care through the systematic approach. The course applies the nursing process within a simulated clinical environment to promote the application of educational knowledge to patient care scenarios. The simulated healthcare experiences will support the student's professional confidence, critical thinking and allow for the development of clinical reasoning within a safe learning environment. The course will emphasize application of theoretical concepts, evidence-based practice, advanced technology, and the standards of professional nursing used in caring for patients from culturally diverse populations experiencing physiological, psychological and psychosocial alterations across the lifespan and wellness/illness continuum. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3540, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3526, N3532, N3532L, N3536, N3536L, N4521, N4521B, N4528, N4528L, N4512W Co-requisites: None 1 clinical credit hour (45 clock hours) Pass/Fail Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 4530W Critical Synthesis Application (1 Credit)

This course provides the student with the opportunity to apply test-taking and reasoning skills to adults, children, and families, and to integrate concepts from pathophysiology, pharmacology, and health assessment, nursing research, and clinical experiences using NCLEX review references, online resources, discussion, problem-based learning, case studies, and critical thinking approaches. Prerequisites: N3511, N3515, N3515B, N3517, N3521, N3523, N3523B, N3532, N3532L, N3526, N3536, N3536L, N3540, N4521, N4521B, N4512W, N4528, N4528L Co-Requisites: N3526B, N3536B, N3532B, N4528B, N4527W, N4529L 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Web-based/Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 5501W Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing (2 Credits)

This course provides an overview of philosophical and theoretical bases used in nursing science. Relevant theories are explored with the aim of synthesis in development, evaluation, and application of theory in nursing. Prerequisite: Graduate student status or permission of instructor 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2 - online) Letter Graded

NURS 5522 Independent Study (1-4 Credits)

This course allows the student an opportunity to pursue a detailed in-depth study in a specific topic area. The topic and mode of study for the course must be agreed upon by student and instructor. Prerequisites: MSN standing or permission of instructor 1-4 Variable Semester Credits: (Lecture, lab or clinical: TBD) Letter Graded

NURS 5529W Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the analysis of advanced pharmacological and pharmacokinetic principles and the application of these principles to selected drug categories. Emphasis is on those drugs most commonly used in obstetric/gynecological, pediatric, adult and geriatric nursing practice. Analysis of selected health problems is integrated with the development of scientifically based clinical pharmacological management of these problems. Letter Graded Prerequisite: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$358

NURS 6103W Informatics and Healthcare Technologies (3 Credits)

This course is designed to develop competency in the integration of concepts from nursing and computer and information science to assist students in the management, communication and assimilation of data necessary to make informed clinical decisions used to improve patient outcomes. Students will determine the appropriate use of technology for clinical practice and learn to ethically manage data, information, and technology to communicate effectively with members of the health care team, patients and caregivers to integrate safe, cost-effective, quality care across settings. The course also focuses on the application of health information technology to evidence-based practice, education and research. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6104W Nursing Informatics: Introduction to Concepts and Health Information Technologies (2 Credits)

This course is designed to develop competencies in nursing informatics concepts and an appreciation of health information and communication technologies to ensure safety, quality, effectiveness, and efficiency in patient care across diverse health care settings working in inter-professional teams. The knowledge and skills related to nursing informatics prepares the student to use and evaluate current and emerging technologies as well as offer supervision and leadership in the integration of technologies to ethically and strategically manage data, information, and technologies. Prerequisites: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6105W Evaluation & Application of Research (3 Credits)

This synthesis course provides students with the opportunity to integrate theory, research and practice. Students will evaluate research findings to answer questions about a topic related to health care using information derived from the literature. Students will summarize the current state of the science related to the topic analyze the findings, and discuss the implications for health care in a written manuscript. Prerequisites: N6106W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6106W Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3 Credits)

The course focuses on the research process from problem formulation to statistical analysis and interpretation. Clinically-based studies as well as epidemiological, population-based studies are analyzed and evaluated. Research designs and methods from quantitative, qualitative, epidemiological, and statistical perspectives will be presented and discussed. Concepts and methods used to assess the health of population, evaluate health services and screening programs, and measure health outcomes will be addressed. Implications for evidence based nursing practice will be emphasized. Prerequisites/Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6131W Electronic Communication and Technologies in Education (3 Credits)

This course is designed to prepare the nurse educator to develop web-based instructional modules. Student will explore various educational technologies and learn how to incorporate communication tools, such as social media and mobile devices into course design. They will apply strategies, guidelines and rubrics suitable for online instruction as they develop and evaluate course modules for web-based delivery. Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program or permission of the instructor. 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6136W Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing (3 Credits)

This course examines teaching and learning theories, assessment of learner characteristics, instructional design, and a variety of teaching strategies to prepare students to teach in programs of professional education, staff development, and/or patient education. Students will plan and deliver a unit of instruction for a selected group of learners. Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program or permission of the instructor. 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6137W Curriculum Development and Evaluation (3 Credits)

This course focuses on nursing program curriculum design and evaluation, evaluation of student learning, and processes for peer and self-evaluation in relation to teaching effectiveness. Students will have an opportunity to develop nursing curricula/programs of study based on accreditation and licensing requirements, develop a program evaluation plan, and critique various methods for classroom and clinical learning. Prerequisites: Admission to the graduate program or permission of instructor. 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6151W Advanced Pathophysiology (3 Credits)

Using an integrative approach, this course focuses on the etiologic, symptomatic, and pathologic aspects of selected human alterations in health across the life span. Concepts of disease progression and management, health promotion, and disease prevention are examined from a cellular to a multi-system perspective. Regulatory and compensatory mechanisms that aim at maintaining and restoring homeostasis in response to changes in the internal and external environment are explored. Students are introduced to current pathophysiology research and the pathophysiologic processes of various diseases that inform diagnostic testing/procedures and pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management of those conditions. Prerequisite: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$358

NURS 6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum (1 Credit)

This course addresses the practical application of history taking and physical health assessment throughout the life cycle. Students will develop advanced physical assessment, critical thinking and diagnostic skills through the collection of a health history, performance of complete and focused physical examinations, organization of data, identification of normal and abnormal findings and presentation of these findings in a standardized format. The laboratory and simulation experiences provide an opportunity for the application and integration of health assessment skills needed for advanced practice nursing. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing Co-requisite: N6152W 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 0, Lab 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$159

NURS 6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic (2 Credits)

This foundational course addresses the theoretical principles of history taking and physical health assessment throughout the life cycle. Students will develop advanced physical assessment and critical thinking diagnostic skills through the organization of data, interpretation and analysis of objective and subjective findings, identification of normal and abnormal findings, and reporting of these findings in a standard format. Students will also learn the principles and application of differential diagnosis. Prerequisite: None Co-requisite: N6152B 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: 2 didactic hours) Letter Graded

NURS 6154W Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice (2 Credits)

This seminar course prepares students to transition into the nurse practitioner role, and is designed to provide the student with up-to-date, evidence-based information and resources directed toward care of patients with complex co-morbidities and clinically deteriorating conditions. The focus is on the domains and competencies of the nurse practitioner as direct provider across care settings. The business of health care will be examined as related to advanced practice nursing. This course is framed using a professional model of care. Prerequisites: Completion of second NP track didactic and clinical courses (N6195/ N6195B, or N6629W/N6629B, or N6305/N6305B, or N6231/N6231B) 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6165W Advanced Practice Role in Population Health (3 Credits)

This course examines the philosophical, political, economic, ethical and legal frameworks of advanced nursing practice roles from both a current practice and historical perspective. Students study current social, professional, legislative, and technological trends in health care as they relate to advanced practice nursing. The student is encouraged to develop the skills needed for role assumption and leadership within the health care delivery system and explore key clinical, legal, and ethical foundations/issues which impact advanced practice nursing. The course prepares advanced practice nurses to incorporate population health, health promotion, and health education into practice. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6191 Family Health II (3 Credits)

Family Health II Letter Graded

NURS 6194B Family Nurse Practitioner I - Clinical (3 Credits)

This course is the first of a two-course clinical sequence to prepare Family Nurse Practitioner program students in the primary care setting. The course focuses on a systems approach to health concerns seen in the primary care setting with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students apply concepts of health promotion, risk reduction, and disease prevention to individuals and families across the lifespan. Clinical experiences enable students to develop clinical reasoning skills required as an advanced practice nurse for individual clients and their families. Prerequisite: N5529W, N6151W, N6152W, N6152B, N6194W, N6551 Co-requisites: N6194W, N6551W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Letter Graded Course fee: \$485 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6194W Family Nurse Practitioner I (3 Credits)

care practice. The course uses a systems approach to acute and chronic health deviations with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students learn principles of health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to provide care to families across the lifespan. Prerequisite: N5529W, N6151W, N6152W, N6152B, N6194B, N6551W Co-requisites: N6194B, N6551W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6195B Family Nurse Practitioner II-Clinical (4 Credits)

This is the second of a two-course clinical sequence that provides clinical experiences for Family Nurse Practitioner students. Focus is on the refinement of clinical reasoning skills needed to treat individual clients and their families in primary care. There is emphasis on the development of collaborative relationships with other health care providers and environmental factors that impact health status. Students explore health deviations of acute and chronic disorders and community resources to help manage common primary care health concerns. Course experiences enable students to progress toward increasing independence in clinical practice. Prerequisites N6194W, N6194B Co-requisite: N6195W 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 16) Letter Graded Course fee: \$485 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6195W Family Nurse Practitioner II (3 Credits)

This is the second of a two-course didactic sequence to prepare Family Nurse Practitioner students for the management of acute and chronic health problems encountered in the primary care of patients across the lifespan. Student focus is on the domains and competencies of the family nurse practitioner as direct provider of primary health care. The course provides a systematic approach to the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of common acute and chronic illnesses. Students explore factors that impact health status and the utilization of community resources to help manage health deviations of patients across the lifespan. Prerequisites: N6194W, N6194 B Co-requisite: N6195 B 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6230B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I - Clinical (3 Credits)

This clinical course provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease management in younger and older adults across acute care settings. The student will utilize methodologies that facilitate critical thinking and application of advanced practice skills. Emphasis is placed on the use of a holistic and collaborative approach to care within a clinical experience supervised by a preceptor. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for clinical decision-making in acute care settings. Letter Graded Prerequisites: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Co-requisites: N6551W, N6230W 3 Semester Credit Hours: (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6230W Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I (3 Credits)

This is the first of a two-course series focusing on the recognition and management of manifestations of acute health deviations in acute and critical care settings. Pathophysiologic and pharmacokinetic concepts are applied in formulating differential diagnoses and evidence-based management plans for adults across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on use of a holistic approach to care. The processes of communication, family and group dynamics, research, and epidemiology will be applied across acute care settings. Prerequisites: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Co-requisites: N6551W, N6230B 3 Semester Credit Hours: (Contact hours per Week: 2 Seminar, 1 Lecture) Letter Graded

NURS 6231B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum II (3 Credits)

This is the second course in a two-course clinical series that provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease management in younger and older adults across acute care settings. The student will utilize methodologies that facilitate critical thinking and application of advanced practice skills. Emphasis is placed on the use of a holistic and collaborative approach to care within a clinical experience supervised by a preceptor. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for clinical decision-making in acute care settings. Letter Graded Prerequisites: N6230W, N6230B Co-requisite: N6231W 3 Semester Credit Hours (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6231W Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II (3 Credits)

This is the second of a two-course series focusing on the recognition and management of manifestations of acute health deviations in acute and critical care settings. Pathophysiologic and pharmacokinetic concepts are applied in formulating differential diagnoses and evidence-based management plans for adults across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on use of a holistic approach to care. The processes of communication, family and group dynamics, research, and epidemiology will be applied across acute care settings. Prerequisites: N6230W, N6230B Co-requisites: N6231B 3 Semester Credit Hours (Contact hours per week: Seminar 2, Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 6271B Emergency/Trauma Care - Clinical I (3 Credits)

This course is a 180-hour clinical course in which the student will have hands on experience supervised by a preceptor in an approved clinical site. The clinical sites can range from urgent care to minor emergency settings, but are not limited to these settings. The student will be expected to experience non-urgent through urgent conditions that include management of acute and chronic care injury and disease in pediatric through gerontologic age ranges. Letter Graded Prerequisite: None Co-requisite: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6271W Emergency/Trauma Care I (3 Credits)

This is the first course in the emergency care sequence. Students concentrate on recognition and management strategies of health deviations, including acute/non-urgent and chronic exacerbation/maintenance of conditions across the life span. The students focus population of individuals and families who seek care in an emergency department and/or episodic/urgent care clinic. They utilize critical thinking and case synthesis to evaluate management and treatment of acute and chronic injury and disease conditions. Students are educated about the delivery of care to multicultural individuals and navigation through health care systems. The course addresses these issues using an interdisciplinary framework that includes legal and ethical factors. Prerequisites: N5529W, N6151W, N6152W, N6152B or certified as FNP 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Online hybrid) Letter Graded

NURS 6272B Emergency/Trauma Care - Clinical II (4 Credits)

This course is a 180-hour clinical course in which the student has direct care experience supervised by a preceptor in a clinical site. Clinical sites include urgent, emergent, pre-hospital and critical care access settings, but are not limited to these settings. The student will experience urgent and emergent critical conditions that include management of acute and chronic care injury and disease in pediatric through gerontologic age ranges. Letter Graded Prerequisites: N6271W 3 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$418 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6272W Emergency/Trauma Care II (2 Credits)

This course is the final didactic course in the emergency care sequence and concentrates on recognition and management strategies of health deviations, including urgent and emergent acute and chronic exacerbation/maintenance of conditions from a lifespan perspective. The patient population is individuals and families who seek care in emergency department and/or critical access hospitals. Students utilize critical thinking and case synthesis to evaluate management and treatment of acute and chronic injury and disease conditions in urgent and in need of resuscitation. Pre-hospital and trauma management are components of this course. Consideration of access to care and benchmark delivery of evidence-based care in multiple methods of health care delivery systems affect legal and ethical care of patients. Prerequisites: N6271W Co-requisite: None 2 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6273B Emergency Medical Services Nurse Practitioner Program (clinical) (3 Credits)

"Course Description: N6273B This is a 180-hour clinical course in which the student will have hands-on experience supervised by a preceptor in an approved clinical site. The clinical environments vary and include (but are not limited to) residential and business properties, healthcare environments, outdoors, inclement weather conditions, and emergency vehicles. The student will be expected to experience non-urgent, urgent, and critical patient conditions, including acute and chronic care injury and disease management in the pre-hospital setting. Required Prerequisites/Corequisites: N6271W, N6271B, N6272W, N6272B or ENP Academic Completion at another institution or a currently certified Emergency Nurse Practitioner " Pass/Fail

NURS 6273W Emergency Medical Services Nurse Practitioner Program (3 Credits)

"Course Description: N6273W This didactic course is a subspecialty option of the ETNP program. The course provides a comprehensive overview of the modern evolution of EMS in the United States, including the utilization of Nurse Practitioners in the provision and administration of prehospital care. The course emphasizes EMS operations, clinical management, quality improvement, research, disaster management, and the role of the advanced practice provider in EMS. Required Prerequisites/Corequisites: N6271W, N6271B, N6272W, N6272B or ENP Academic Completion at another institution or a currently certified Emergency Nurse Practitioner" Letter Graded

NURS 6304B Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner I - Clinical (3 Credits)

The focus of the course is on assessment, diagnosis, and management of health conditions in adults across the lifespan. The course provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease managements. Students utilize methodologies that facilitate critical thinking and the application of advanced practice skills in holistic patient management. Course activities promote the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for independent and interdisciplinary experiences in clinical decision-making in diverse clinical settings. Letter Graded Prerequisite: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Co-requisite: N6304W, N6551W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6304W Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner - Clin (3 Credits)

This is the first of a two-course sequence designed to prepare students for advanced practice. The course uses a systems approach to common health deviations with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students learn principles of health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and interdisciplinary/collaborative approaches to managing care for adult patients from adolescence through the lifespan. Prerequisite: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Pre/Co-requisite: N6551, N6304B 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Seminar 4; Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 6305B Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II - Clinical (3 Credits)

This course is a continuation of the clinical sequence. The focus of the course is on assessment, diagnosis, and management of health conditions in adults across the lifespan. The course provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease managements. Students utilize methodologies that facilitate critical thinking and the application of advanced practice skills in holistic patient management. Course activities promote the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for independent and interdisciplinary experiences in clinical decision-making in diverse clinical settings. Letter Graded Prerequisite: N6304W, N6304B Co-requisite: N6305W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6305W Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II (3 Credits)

This is the second of a two-course sequence. The course provides the student with a foundation to recognize acute and chronic health deviations in adult across the lifespan. The course emphasizes critical thinking and an evidence-based approach in the assessment, diagnosis, thinking and an evidence-based approach in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of health conditions in the young, middle, and older adults. Prerequisite: N6304W, N6304B Co-requisite: N6305B 4 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Seminar 4; Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 6401 Advanced Anatomy, Physiology & Biochemistry for Nurse Anesthesia (6 Credits)

This is a doctoral-level course that provides the nurse anesthesia graduate student an opportunity to build upon basic previous knowledge. The course comprises advanced anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of the human organ systems with an emphasis on the clinical application to anesthesiology. Part I will cover the neurologic, musculoskeletal, respiratory and cardiovascular systems at the biochemical, cellular, tissue and systems level. The graduate student will engage in analysis, synthesis and evaluation of the effects of general drugs, anesthetics and anesthetic adjuncts on normal physiologic and pathophysiologic functions. Prerequisites: Admission to Nurse Anesthesia Program Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 6) Letter Graded

NURS 6402 Advanced Pharmacology & Chemistry for Nurse Anesthesia (4 Credits)

Advanced Pharmacology & Chemistry for Nurse Anesthesia involves an in-depth exploration of human pharmacology principles with a distinct focus on anesthetic agents and adjuncts. The course begins with an examination of the chemistry concepts associated with pharmacologic principles and the molecular basis of pharmacotherapeutic actions. Uptake, distribution, biotransformation, and elimination of clinically utilized anesthesia pharmacotherapeutics and adjunctive agents are discussed in detail. A predominate focus of this course is the translation of anesthetic pharmacotherapeutic principles into clinical anesthesia practice. Prerequisites: N6401 Co-requisites: N6404 4 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6403 Adv. Pharmacology & Pharmacogenetics for Nurse Anesthesia (4 Credits)

Advanced Pharmacology & Pharmacogenetics for Nurse Anesthesia continues the in-depth exploration of human pharmacology begun in N6402. The uptake, distribution, biotransformation, and elimination of clinical pharmacotherapeutics utilized for the management of pathophysiologic conditions and the impact that these agents have on anesthetic care are discussed in detail. Pharmacogenetic disorders and the anesthetic implications of these disorders are also examined. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401, N6402 Co-requisites: N6407 4 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6404 Adv. Anatomy, Physiology and Pathophysiology for Nurse Anesthesia (6 Credits)

This is a doctoral-level course that provides the nurse anesthesia graduate student an opportunity to build upon both basic and advanced previous knowledge. The course comprises advanced anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the human organ systems with an emphasis on the clinical application to anesthesiology. Part II will cover the renal, endocrine and gastrointestinal/hepatic systems at biochemical, cellular, tissue and systems level. The graduate student will engage in analysis, synthesis and evaluation of the effects of general drugs, anesthetics and anesthetic adjuncts on normal physiologic and pathophysiologic functions. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401 & N6402 Co-requisites: N6402 6 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 6) Letter Graded

NURS 6405 Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (6 Credits)

This is a doctoral-level course provides an opportunity for students to build upon the foundational knowledge established in N6407 and apply principles and practice of anesthesia using various modes of delivery including human patient, simulation, lecture, and web-based applications. Students are introduced to various neuraxial anesthetic techniques, mechanical ventilation principles, prevention of patient complications, blood component therapy, advanced anesthesia monitoring equipment, and application of chemistry & physical theories to the delivery of anesthetic agents. Additionally, clinically relevant topics, such as acute pain management, 12-lead ECG interpretation, malignant hyperthermia, electrical and fire safety, and infection control will be discussed. The predominant focus of this course relates to the full-scope of anesthetic management of patient populations with coexisting advanced disease states, such as obesity/OSA, chronic pain, cancer, cardiac disease, respiratory illness, endocrine, renal and hepatobiliary disorders, and the anesthetic management of surgical and therapeutic procedures, such as laparoscopic procedures, orthopedic surgery, ENT procedures, genitourinary surgery, and outpatient/office-base surgery. Students are expected to develop and evaluate anesthetic care plans to address pathophysiologic implications, procedural implications, anesthetic techniques, prevention and management of patient complications, and equipment and monitoring requirements for specific types of anesthetic cases. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401, N6402, N6403, N6404 and N6407 Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 6) Letter Graded Course fee: \$684 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6405B Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Lab (2 Credits)

This lab course provides the student an opportunity for deliberate practice of basic principles of anesthesia discussed in N6405, using various modes of delivery including human patient simulation, case discussion and task trainers. In this laboratory course, students gain experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of an anesthesia plan of care in physical status class I and II simulated patients. Management of clinically relevant complications and examination of safety considerations are also undertaken in this course. Prerequisites: N6401, N6402, N6403, N6404, N6407 Co-requisites: N6405 1 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lab 3) Pass/Fail Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6406 Leadership, Organizations, Finance, & Practice Management in Nurse Anesthesia (4 Credits)

This doctoral nurse anesthesia course focuses on a variety of nontechnical skills needed by the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) including professional leadership, management and administration of teams and organizations, effective interprofessional communication, cultural competency and collaborative teamwork. In addition, the course also provides an overview of organizational structure, human resources and business planning. The course provides an opportunity to reflect on the history of anesthesia and nurse anesthesia practice and the relationship of that practice in the development and growth of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). Legal, political and financial aspects of practice, including malpractice, quality assurance, risk management, professional advocacy and professional reimbursement will be explored. Prerequisites: N6402, N6404 Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6407 Essentials of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (3 Credits)

This doctoral level course introduces the learner to fundamental principles and practice associated with nurse anesthesia practice. Students are introduced to various anesthetic techniques (including general and neuraxial anesthesia), anesthetic delivery systems, airway management procedures and modalities, preanesthetic evaluation, preanesthetic patient positioning considerations, fluid and electrolyte management and basic anesthesia monitoring equipment. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401, N6402 N6404 Co-requisites: N6403 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6407B Essent Nurse Anesthesia Lab (1 Credit)

Course Description: N6407B provides the student with an opportunity for deliberate practice of the essential principles of anesthesia discussed in N6407, potentially using various modes of delivery including human patient simulation, case discussion, and task trainers. In this laboratory course, students gain experience in basic airway management, anesthesia machines and equipment and monitoring modalities. Prescribed management of induction techniques, relevant complications, and examination of safety considerations are also undertaken in this course. Required Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6402 and N6404 Corequisites: Enrollment in N6407 Pass/Fail

NURS 6408 Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (6 Credits)

This is a doctoral level course that examines the advanced anesthetic implications associated with subspecialty anesthesia practice. The predominant focus of this course is subspecialty anesthesia practice, including obstetrical, pediatric, neurosurgical, regional, thoracic, trauma and burns, cardiothoracic/vascular anesthesia and chronic pain management. Building upon foundations developed in N6405, students explore anesthetic implications for advanced disease states, patient populations and complex surgical procedures. Students are expected to develop and evaluate advanced anesthetic care plans that address pathophysiologic implications, procedural implications, anesthetic techniques, prevention and management of patient complications, and equipment and monitoring requirements for specific types of subspecialty anesthetic cases. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401, N6402, N6403, N6404, N6405, N6405B, N6407 Co-requisites: N6408B 6 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 6) Letter Graded Course fee: \$684 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6408B Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Lab (1 Credit)

This lab course provides the student an opportunity for deliberate practice of advanced principles of anesthesia discussed in N6408, using various modes of delivery including human patient simulation, case discussion and task trainers. In this laboratory course, students gain experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of an anesthesia plan of care in physical status class III and IV simulated patients. Management of clinical relevant complications, and examination of anesthetic considerations in procedure specific and various disease states are also undertaken. High-fidelity simulation activities and weekly clinical rotations are utilized to solidify concepts examined. Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade of B or better) of N6401, N6402, N6403, N6404, N6405, N6405B, N6407 Co-requisites: Enrollment in N6408 1 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lab 3) Pass/Fail Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6409 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I (10 Credits)

The first clinical practicum of an advanced graduate-level nurse anesthesia program provides an opportunity to optimize the student's theoretic foundation in anesthesia and anesthetic-related basic sciences. The course will promote the development of critical thinking abilities and reflective examination of practice. Relevant clinical objectives are introduced within the focus of the practicum. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Successful completion (grade B or better) of N6408, N6408B Co-requisites: Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia I N6410, N6420W 10 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Clinical 50) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$418 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6410 Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia I (2 Credits)

This is the first of the three-semester clinical anesthesia seminar courses in which the nurse anesthesia-DNP student demonstrates breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and skills related to nurse anesthesia clinical practice and the DNP role. While the predominant focus of this course is the exploration of clinical anesthesia issues, issues involving population health and policy/advocacy are also analyzed. The health of the nation and the impact of health care policy on anesthesia practice and the healthcare system are evaluated. Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6408, N6408B Co-requisites: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I N6409 and N6420W 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Seminar 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6411 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II (10 Credits)

The second clinical practicum of an advanced graduate-level nurse anesthesia program provides an opportunity to optimize the student's theoretic foundation in anesthesia and anesthetic-related basic sciences. The course will promote the development of critical thinking abilities and reflective examination of practice. Relevant clinical objectives are continued within the focus of the practicum. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6409, N6410, N6420W Co-requisites: N6430 10 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Clinical 50) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$418 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6411B Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Lab (1 Credit)

"Course Description: Provides an opportunity to optimize the students' theoretic foundation in anesthesia and anesthetic-related basic sciences alongside their technical skills, potentially using various modes of delivery including human patient simulation, case discussion and task trainers. In this laboratory course, students gain experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of an anesthesia plan of care in for patients with all physical status classifications. Additionally, students practice the technical skills required to provide care for acutely ill patients. Management of clinically relevant complications and examination of safety considerations are also undertaken on this course. Required Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6409 and N6410 Corequisites: Enrollment in N6411 " Pass/Fail

NURS 6412 Nurse Anesthesia Practicum III (10 Credits)

The third clinical practicum of an advanced graduate-level nurse anesthesia program provides an opportunity to optimize the student's theoretic foundation in anesthesia and anesthetic-related basic sciences. The course will promote the development of critical thinking abilities and reflective examination of practice in sub-specialty clinical areas. Relevant clinical objectives are continued within the focus of the practicum. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6411 Co-requisites: N6413, N6430 10 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Clinical 50) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$418 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6413 Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia II (2 Credits)

This is the second of the three-semester clinical anesthesia seminar courses in which the nurse anesthesia-DNP student demonstrates breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and skills related to nurse anesthesia clinical practice and the DNP role. While the predominant focus of this course is the exploration of clinical anesthesia issues, issues involving organizational/systems leadership, evidence-based practice and information technology are also analyzed. Organizational leadership for improving quality and the use of technology to improve anesthesia and healthcare are evaluated. Best practice, guideline and benchmarking methodologies are also examined. Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6411 Co-requisites: N6412, N6430 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Seminar 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6414 DNP Inquiry in Nurse Anesthesia I (1 Credit)

This clinical DNP Role Inquiry in Nurse Anesthesia course encompasses a beginning of a directed and focused experience based on a student's individualized interests and DNP Project. The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to select AACN DNP Essentials. The processes of planning, implementing and evaluating programs for improving care outcomes and delivery, as well as the DNP Project are also introduced. The student is expected to gain clinically relevant exposure to: systems thinking and leadership, translation and implementation practices, quality and outcomes management and interprofessional collaboration. Prerequisites: N6407 Co-requisites: N6405, N6405B 1 Semester Credit (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 1) Pass/Fail

NURS 6415 Nurse Anesthesia Practicum IV (10 Credits)

The final clinical practicum of an advanced graduate-level nurse anesthesia program provides an opportunity to optimize the student's theoretic foundation in anesthesia and anesthetic-related basic as well as advanced sciences. The course enhances the development of critical thinking abilities and reflective examination of practice in sub-specialty clinical areas. Demonstration of evidence-based practice principles is highlighted, and relevant clinical objectives are continued within the focus of the advanced practicum. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6412, N6413 Co-requisites: N6416, N6430 10 Semester Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Clinical 50) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$418 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6416 Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia III (2 Credits)

This is the third of the three-semester clinical anesthesia seminar courses in which the nurse anesthesia-DNP student demonstrates breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and skills related to nurse anesthesia clinical practice and the DNP role. While the predominant focus of this course is the exploration of clinical anesthesia issues, issues involving evidence-based practice, clinical scholarship and interprofessional collaboration are also. The impact of interprofessional collaboration on patient outcomes is evaluated. Intraprofessional and interprofessional communication, team-building, teamwork and team leadership are analyzed. Prerequisites: Successful completion of N6413 and N6412 Co-requisites: N6415, N6430 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Seminar 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6418W Foundations of Scholarly Nurse Anesthesia Practice (3 Credits)

This foundational course focuses on analyzing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) competencies, role, and scholarship as the foundation for scholarly practice at the DNP level. Post-baccalaureate registered nurses will be introduced to the foundations of science and scientific inquiry. The scientific literature will be examined to increase understanding of design and statistical analysis for building science and application to entry-level advanced nursing practice. The theoretical bases for practice, including nursing and borrowed theories are analyzed for application to practice. Evidence based practice, leadership, innovation/change, and interprofessional collaboration/teams are analyzed as fundamental components of DNP practice. The scholarly analysis of peer-reviewed literature will be introduced. Prerequisites: Admission to DNP-Nurse Anesthesia Program Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6420 Translational Approaches in Clinical Practice (3 Credits)

The course is designed to critically examine the state of the science of translational science including concepts, models, and methods for translation and implementation of evidence and research into practice. Within the scope of an identified clinical problem and population of interest, the student will critically review the literature that addresses the problem, significance, population, practice setting, and expected outcomes as a basis to implement and disseminate a change in practice and care. Students examine current and future leadership and innovation roles of DNPs for quality and safety standards in translational and implementation of evidence-based practice. There is emphasis on practitioner-researcher collaboration to build science and best practice and intra- and interprofessional collaboration to implement change and embed it into practice. Evaluation of implementation and practice change are also discussed. Prerequisites: N6807, N6414, N6408 Co-requisites: N6409, N6410 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6430 Clinical Scholarship Portfolio in Nurse Anesthesia (1-3 Credits)

The course focuses on preparing the Clinical Scholarship Portfolio (CSP) and DNP Project. Each student will identify a clinical practice problem that she or he wishes to address and develop into a DNP Project with the guidance and mentorship of their advisor. Investigating and designing a program to improve anesthesia-related safety, quality, outcomes, practice, delivery or policy aligned with the Institute of Medicine's six aims: health care safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency or equity will be necessary for the DNP Project and provide the foundation for future scholarly endeavors. Prerequisites: Successful completion of didactic phase courses in Nurse Anesthesia Program Co-requisites: N6411, N6412, or N6415 Variable (1-2) Credit (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 1-2) Pass/Fail

NURS 6431 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship Portfolio 1 (1 Credit)

Course Description: N6431 focuses on the identification, background, and significance of a clinical topical area or practice problem for the nurse anesthesia DNP Project. Enrolled nurse anesthesia students will explore, in detail, the clinical practice topical area or practice problem identified for their nurse anesthesia DNP Project. Required prerequisites: Successful completion of N6403, N6406, N6407, N6407B, and N6420W Corequisites: N6405, N6405B, N6806 Pass/Fail

NURS 6432 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship Portfolio 2 (0 Credits)

Course Description: N6432 focuses on the development and execution of the literature analysis for the nurse anesthesia DNP Project. Enrolled nurse anesthesia students will develop the literature search and literature analysis for a defined clinical anesthesia topic area or problem. Required prerequisites: Successful completion of N6405, N6405B, N6431 Corequisites: N6408, N6408B Pass/Fail

NURS 6433 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship Portfolio 3 (1 Credit)

Course Description: N6433 focuses on the development of the implementation plan and/or evidence-based practice recommendations/implications for nurse anesthesia DNP Project. Enrolled nurse anesthesia students will develop implementation plan and/or evidence-based practice recommendations for a defined clinical anesthesia topic area or problem. Required prerequisites: Successful completion of N6408, N6408B, N6432 Corequisites: N6409, N6410 Pass/Fail

NURS 6434 Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship Portfolio 4 (1 Credit)

Course Description: N6434 focuses on the development of the evaluation plan for the nurse anesthesia DNP Project. Enrolled nurse anesthesia students will complete and submit the completed evidence-based nurse anesthesia clinical doctoral project in this course. Required prerequisites: Successful completion of N6409, N6410, N6433 Corequisites: N6411, N6411B Pass/Fail

NURS 6551W Diagnostic Tests and Procedures (2 Credits)

This course is designed for students preparing for the nurse practitioner clinical role and will incorporate basic skills necessary to meet clinical competencies in all advanced nursing populations and specialties recognized or supported by national regulating advanced practice nursing organizations. The content in this course will enhance the content of all clinical courses by focusing on diagnostic and clinical skill performance to enhance the proficiency of differential diagnosis. Prerequisite: N6152W, N6152B Co-requisite: N6152W, N6152B 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1; Clinical 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$345

NURS 6628B Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Clinical (3 Credits)

This clinical course focuses on assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and therapeutic intervention with individual clients manifesting psychiatric disorders. Emphasis is placed on use of culturally congruent, holistic, and interdisciplinary care within supervised clinical experiences. Mastery of beginning skills of individual, group and family therapy and continued progress in honing expertise in evaluation of clients with mental health problems will be targeted. Letter Graded Prerequisite: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Co-requisites: N6551W, N6628W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352

NURS 6628W Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (3 Credits)

The major focus of this course is understanding the principles of psychotherapeutic interviewing skills and the modalities of individual, group, and family psychotherapy for clients with diverse biopsychosocial problems across the lifespan. Emphasis will be on the different therapies available to treat individuals, groups, and families with increased awareness of the dynamics and processes of the therapeutic dyad, groups and families. The sociocultural aspects and influences will also be examined. Principles and practice of individual, group, and family psychotherapy leadership will be explored. Prerequisites: N5529W, N6152W, N6152B, N6151W Co-requisites: N6628B, N6551W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6629B Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Clinical II (3 Credits)

The major focus of this practicum is the further development of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner student in the realm of psychopharmacotherapeutics with clients across the lifespan. Students develop their skills in communication from a variety of theories of psychotherapy and refine their skills in the assessment, diagnosis, and pharmacological treatment of various psychiatric illnesses in a variety of settings. Letter Graded Prerequisite: N6628W, N6628B Co-requisites: N6629W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$352

NURS 6629W Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II (3 Credits)

The major focus of this course is on psychopharmacology and the management of psychiatric illnesses across the lifespan. Theoretical underpinnings of communication processes used in the comprehensive care of the complex psychiatric patient in various settings is explored. Evaluation and utilization of current research findings regarding mental illnesses and management to provide evidence-based treatment for psychiatric patients is emphasized. Prerequisite: N6628W, N6628B Co-requisites: N6629B 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6650 Ethics: Historical Lessons (3 Credits)

This course will explore ethics through the perspective of historical case studies. Examples include the response of communities and governments to infectious diseases, research without consent of subjects, as well as the central role played by physicians and nurses in planning and implementing genocide in the name of eugenics and racial hygiene during the Holocaust and other genocides. The course will focus on exploring the lessons we can learn from history as we confront the challenges of problems in today's society and in the future. Prerequisites: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6657 Writing for Publication (3 Credits)

This course presents graduate nursing students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that will enable them to communicate effectively in writing for publication. Information and strategies for dissemination of scholarly work through publication in professional journals and other venues is the focus. The process of peer review and critique and editing are practiced. The anticipated outcome is a paper suitable for submission for publication in a professional journal. Prerequisites: Graduate Standing 5 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6701 Transforming Healthcare Through Nursing Leadership (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to prepare nurses for leadership with patients, families, and other healthcare team members. The course provides a global context for the complex issues within contemporary healthcare as well as essential skill sets for coordinating clinical care and leading and developing teams. The course is relevant for nurses who aspire to lead at the point of care or in formal management positions. Prerequisite: Admission to MSN in Nursing Leadership track 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$258

NURS 6702 Organizational Development: Creating Cultures of Excellence (2 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to prepare nurses to utilize organizational development principles and techniques to evaluate and improve complex health systems. Standards and criteria from national quality recognition programs will be used to support the design of structures for system improvement and creation of high performing organizations. Prerequisite: N6701 Co-requisite: N6702B 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded Course fee: \$258

NURS 6702B Nursing Leadership Practice 1 (1 Credit)

This course is the practice component of N6702. The purpose of this course is application of organizational development principles and techniques to evaluate and improve complex health systems (60 supervised practice hours). Prerequisite: N6701 Co-requisite: N6702 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4) Letter Graded Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6703 Developing and Leading Human Performance (3 Credits)

The course is designed to expand the leader's knowledge regarding the utilization of the workforce. Content focuses on contemporary performance management issues and current research, issues related to human resource management, and related theoretical perspectives. Course is offered the Fall semester. Prerequisites: N6701, N6702, N6702B 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2; Clinical 4) Letter Graded Course fee: \$112

NURS 6704 Improving Organizational Quality (2 Credits)

This course focuses on building and maintaining a safe care environment utilizing principles of quality improvement and includes strategies for creating and sustaining quality, customer satisfaction, and patient safety. Prerequisites: N6701, N6702, N6702B, N6703, N6707W Co-requisite: N6704B 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4) Letter Graded Course fee: \$258

NURS 6704B Nursing Leadership Practice 2 (1 Credit)

This course is the practice component of N6704. The learner will apply principles and techniques of quality improvement and patient safety in a practice setting through project development and implementation (60 supervised practice hours). Prerequisite: N6701, N6702, N6702B, N6703, N6707W Co-requisite: N6704 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4) Letter Graded Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6705W Nursing Leadership Role Focus (2 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to provide a structure to explore personal and professional issues related to the leadership/administrative role. Prerequisites: N6701, N6702, N6702B, N6703, N6704, N6704B, N6706, N6706B, N6707W, N6708 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6706 Healthcare Financial Management (2 Credits)

This course is designed as an introduction to financial management including economics and accounting, for learners preparing for nursing leadership roles. The course examines the financial management environment of the health services industry and how this environment affects today's nurse leaders. Prerequisites: Permission of track coordinator Co-requisite: N6706B 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6706B Nursing Leadership Practice 3 (1 Credit)

This course is the practice component of N6706. The learner will apply concepts of financial management in a healthcare environment (60 supervised practice hours). Prerequisites/Co-requisite: Permission of Track Coordinator Co-Requisite: N6706 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4) Letter Graded Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6707W Analyzing Issues in Quality Improvement (1 Credit)

The purpose of this course is to introduce concepts and philosophy of quality improvement in a healthcare setting at departmental and institutional levels. Prerequisites: N6701, N6702, N6702B 1 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 6708W The Role of the Nurse Leader in Advancing the Health of Populations (2 Credits)

This course examines the political, economic, behavioral, ethical, and legal foundations that influence population health from both a current and historical perspective. Learners study current social, legislative, and technologic trends in health care as they relate to professional nursing. The learner is encouraged to develop the skills needed to assume a leadership role within the US Health care delivery system by incorporating concepts related to population health and health promotion. Prerequisites: None 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6709 Project Management Foundations (2 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to introduce the nurse leader to the principles and tools of project management. The course explores project management tools and methods to help ensure effective project design, execution, and delivery of project outcomes aligned with organizational goals. Prerequisites: Permission of Track Coordinator or Admission to the Nurse Leadership track 2 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1 Clinical 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6709W Project Management Foundations (2 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to introduce the nurse leader to the principles and tools of project management. The course explores project management tools and methods to help ensure effective project design, execution, and delivery of project outcomes aligned with organizational goals. Prerequisites: Permission of Track Coordinator or Admission to the Nurse Leadership track 2 Semester Credit (Contact hours per week: Lecture 1 Clinical 4) Letter Graded

NURS 6710 Nursing Leadership Role Preceptorship (4 Credits)

The purpose of this course is synthesis and application of leadership and administrative knowledge and principles in a practice setting. Learners, preceptors, and faculty collaborate to create learning experiences that foster growth and development in leadership and administrative roles (180 supervised practice hours). Prerequisites: N6701, N6702, N6702B, N6703, N6704, N6704B, N6706, N6706B, N6707W, 6708W, N6709W, N6711W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 12) Letter Graded Course fee: \$251 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6711W Healthcare Policy, Law, and Ethics (2 Credits)

This course is designed as an introduction to healthcare policy, law, and ethics for learners preparing for nursing leadership roles. The course examines these topics within the healthcare environment and explores how these inform the role of today's nurse leader. Prerequisites: Permission of Track Director or Admission to the Nurse Leadership and Administration track 2 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6730 Advanced Clinical Practice: Education Role Preceptorship (1-3 Credits)

This course is designed for graduate nursing students in nursing preparing for faculty positions in programs of basic professional education, staff development, or consumer education. The course addresses curriculum and instructional design, principles of teacher-learner communication learner assessment, and evaluation. Emphasis is on development, implementation, and evaluation of nursing curriculum and instruction through a preceptorship. The course will foster intellectual inquiry, accountability, professionalism, cultural sensitivity, collegiality, critical thinking, and creativity in the student in pursuit of the educator role. Prerequisites: N6136W, N6137W, N6131W 3 Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical - 12) Letter Graded Course fee: \$352 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6741 Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship (1-6 Credits)

This course focuses on the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice. The emphasis is on holistic care in which physical, cultural, economic, and legal/ethical forces and resources of the individual/family/community are applied in case management. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Graduate & Advanced Practice Core; didactic and clinical sequence 1 - 6 Semester Variable Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4-24) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$485 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6742 Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship (1-6 Credits)

This course focuses on the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice in the acute care setting. The emphasis is on holistic care in which physical, cultural, economic, and legal/ethical forces and resources of the individual/family/community are applied in case management. Prerequisites: Graduate & Advanced Practice Core; didactic and clinical sequence 1 - 6 Semester Variable Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4-24) Letter Graded Course fee: \$485 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6750 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship (1-6 Credits)

The psychiatric nurse practitioner preceptorship offers a major emphasis on the provision of advanced practice nursing care to clients with a spectrum of mental health problems across the lifespan. This practicum provides opportunities for the student to intervene therapeutically with individuals, groups, and families in acute care and community settings. Clinical experience with faculty and qualified preceptors will be structured to develop competence and proficiency in the role of the advanced practice psychiatric-mental health in biopsychosocial and pharmacological aspects of care. Prerequisite: Graduate and Advanced Practice Core; didactic and clinical sequence 1 - 6 Semester Variable Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4- 24) Letter Graded Course fee: \$485

NURS 6752 Advanced Clinical Practice: FNP Preceptorship (1-6 Credits)

This course focuses on the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice. The emphasis is on holistic care in which physical, cultural, economic, and legal/ethical forces and resources of the individual/family/ community are applied in case management of clients across the life span in primary care settings. Letter Graded Prerequisites: N6195W, N6195B 1 - 6 Semester Variable Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4-24) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$618 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6801 Scholarly Foundations for Advanced Practice (3 Credits)

This foundational course focuses on analyzing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) competencies, role, and scholarship as the foundation for scholarly practice at the DNP level. The foundations of science and scientific inquiry are explored including the epistemological and ontological bases for scientific methods, theory, and knowledge. Population health and systems thinking are investigated as approaches to meeting community and organizational health care needs. Sources of evidence, theory, and knowledge for practice are analyzed. Evidence based practice, leadership, innovation/change, interprofessional collaboration/teams, quality and safety, and informatics are introduced as fundamental components of DNP practice. Practice inquiry is investigated as a means of guiding science-based practice. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6802 Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics (3 Credits)

Examination of policy development and enactment, the political process that influences such, and the ethical underpinnings of policy and politics is the focus of this course. Emphasis is on practical applications of how to create policy and influence the political process in any setting. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6804W Advanced Pathophysiology for DNP (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the etiologic, symptomatic, and pathologic aspects of selected human diseases. Students explore normal and abnormal physiology underlying the body's function and apply fundamental principles of physics and chemistry to the understanding of the body's function and regulatory mechanisms across the life span. Students analyze mechanisms responsible for producing a healthy individual and learn to problem solve with a physiological perspective. The course enables students to apply principles of physiology and homeostasis to treat clinical problems. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the BSN to DNP program Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$358

NURS 6806W Research for Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 Credits)

The course focuses on the research process from problem formation to statistical analyses and interpretation. Students discuss research designs and methods to include quantitative, qualitative, epidemiological, and statistical perspectives. Students analyze clinical and epidemiological population-based studies and address concepts and methods used to assess the health of populations, evaluate health services and screening programs, and measure health outcomes. The course emphasizes implications for the evidence-based practice of nursing. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6807 Evidence Based Practice Principles I (3 Credits)

This course provides the student with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skill in the principles of evidence-based practice that will assist in moving clinical practice to an evidence-based foundation. The course provides the student with the essential principles, skills, and tools of evidence-based nursing practice. The steps of evidence-based practice are presented. Special emphasis is placed on formulating a question, searching and appraising the literature/evidence, and using the best evidence to direct quality care. The differentiation between evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and research utilization will be discussed. Principles for the advanced practitioner either in clinical practice or in administration on how to stimulate and create an environment for the integration of evidence-based practice in both organization and clinical practice will be included. Prerequisites: N6801, N6806W Co-requisites: None 1-3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6808 Translational Science (3 Credits)

The course is designed to critically examine the state of the science of translational science including concepts, models, and methods for translation and implementation of evidence and research into practice. Within the scope of an identified clinical problem and population of interest, the student will critically review the literature that addresses the problem, significance, population, practice setting, and expected outcomes as a basis to implement and disseminate a change in practice or care. Students examine current and future leadership and innovation roles of DNPs for quality and safety standards in translation and implementation of evidence-based practice. Intra- and interprofessional collaboration to implement evidence-based change and evaluation are addressed. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the lead course faculty, N6807, and N6820 and prospectus approved/ signed by the DNP Project Advisor Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6809W Advanced Practice Role in Population Health for DNP (3 Credits)

This course facilitates the development and transition of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), into the role within the U.S. health care system through analysis of ethical, professional, social and practice perspectives. Students blend clinical expertise with disease prevention and health management to understand a more comprehensive perspective to health care. Students explore role socialization, interprofessional collaboration, advancement of clinical and leadership abilities as an advanced practice nurse. The course examines integration of evidence-based practice and culturally sensitive approaches to address emerging clinical problems, improving patient outcomes. Students also evaluate effective strategies for managing ethical dilemmas inherent in patient care. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6810B Advanced Physical Exam and Differential Diagnosis Lab for DNP (1 Credit)

This course addresses the practical application of history taking and physical health assessment throughout the life cycle. Students will develop advanced physical assessment, critical thinking and diagnostic skills through the collection of a health history, performance, of complete, and focused physical examinations, organization of data, identification of normal and abnormal findings, and presentation of these findings in a standardized format. The laboratory and simulation experiences provide an opportunity for the application and integration of health assessment skills desired for attaining high quality outcomes. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the BSN to DNP program Co-requisites: N6810W 1 Semester Credit Hour Letter Graded

NURS 6810W Advanced Physical Exam and Differential Diagnosis for DNP (2 Credits)

This foundational course addresses the theoretical principles of history taking and physical health assessment throughout the life cycle. Students will develop advanced physical assessment and critical thinking diagnostic skills through the organization of data, interpretation and analysis of objective and subjective findings, identification of normal and abnormal findings, and reporting of these findings in a standard format. Students synthesize history and physical exam data to develop a differential diagnosis list. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the BSN to DNP program Co-requisites: N6810B 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6811W Diagnostic Tests and Procedures for DNP (2 Credits)

This course is designed for students preparing for the nurse practitioner clinical role and will incorporate basic skills necessary to meet clinical competencies in all advanced nursing populations and specialties recognized or supported by national regulating advanced practice nursing organizations. The content in this course will enhance the content of all clinical courses by focusing on diagnostic and clinical skill performance to enhance the proficiency of differential diagnosis. Prerequisites: N6804W, N6901W Co-requisites: N6810W, N6810B 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6820 Data Analysis and Evaluation (3 Credits)

This course is focused on identifying key variables, planning, and implementing a data collection plan, data analysis, and evaluation for a quality improvement project. Application of statistical methods, interpretation of findings, reporting findings, and evaluation of the project are addressed. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6830 Clinical Scholarship Portfolio Advisement (1-3 Credits)

This course focuses on the preparation and approval of components of the Clinical Scholarship Portfolio (CSP). A major component of the CSP is the DNP Project. Each student will identify a clinical practice problem to develop into a PIP with the guidance and mentorship of their advisor. The student will continue to enroll in N6930 until all components of the CSP are completed and approved by the advisor. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-Requisites: None 1-3 Semester Credit Hour Pass/Fail

NURS 6840B DNP Preceptorship I for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists (2 Credits)

This course is the clinical practice component of N6842A and focuses on the direct care of patients within a population of interest. It is designed to increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice in the management of patients with complex health problems across the continuum of care. Evidence-based, interprofessional practice is the foundation for all care rendered. The student is expected to develop high level clinical reasoning and decision-making competencies that includes integration of patient centered care, safety, quality, systems support, continuity of care, cost-effectiveness, appropriate use of consultants, and demonstration of optimal outcomes within a framework of innovative, evidence-based practice. Prerequisites: Completion of N6842A or concurrent enrollment in N6842A 2 Semester Credit Hours (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Letter Graded

NURS 6840C DNP Preceptorship I for Nurse Executives (2 Credits)

This course is designed to increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice as a nursing leader. The student is expected to develop high level reasoning and decision-making competencies that advance the quality and cost effectiveness of care and outcomes for populations and communities through innovative evidence-based practices, and effective leadership skills and resource management. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Completion or current enrollment in N6850. Restricted to Nurse Executive DNP students. 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Pass/Fail

NURS 6840I DNP Preceptorship I for Nurse Informatics (2 Credits)

This course is the first of a two-part preceptorship designed to introduce the student to the role and practice as a nurse informatics specialist. The student applies knowledge and skills related to innovative health information technology to support and improve patient care through participation in interprofessional teams. Letter Graded Prerequisites: Restricted to Nurse Informatics DNP students 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course (Clinical 120) Pass/Fail

NURS 6841B Precept Advanced Management of Complex Health Conditions II (2 Credits)

This course second clinical practice component and focuses on the direct care of patients within a population of interest. It is designed to further increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice in the management of patients with complex health problems across the continuum of care. Evidence-based, interprofessional practice is the foundation for all care rendered. The student is expected to apply high level clinical reasoning and decision-making competencies in the delivery of safe, patient centered care utilizing advanced knowledge of informatics and systems theory. Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Completion of N6842A or concurrent enrollment in N6842A 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course (Clinical 120) Letter Graded

NURS 6841C DNP Preceptorship II For Nurse Executives (2 Credits)

This course is designed to increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice as the business and financial leader of the nursing organization. The student is expected to develop high level reasoning and decision-making competencies that advance the quality and cost effectiveness of care and outcomes for populations and communities through innovative evidence-based practices and resource management. Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Restricted to DNP nurse executive students. 2 Semester credit hours (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Pass/Fail

NURS 6841I DNP Preceptorship II for Informatics (2 Credits)

This is the second preceptorship course designed to increase the scope and expertise of the student's specialization role and practice as a nurse informatics specialist. The student combines nursing science with multiple informatics and analytic sciences to utilize data, information, and knowledge to improve healthcare delivery. The student uses informatics principles to support nursing practice that improves the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care. The student has the opportunity to cultivate collaborative relationships through participation in interprofessional teams. Prerequisites: Restricted to Nurse Informatics DNP students 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Pass/Fail

NURS 6842A Transitions and Innovations in Health Care Delivery (2 Credits)

This practice course addresses dynamic transitions and innovations in health care and health care delivery at a theoretical and conceptual level. Trends in health care that are driving change and influencing population outcomes are critically examined. Topics including care coordination, continuity and comprehensiveness of care, transitional care across the continuum, medical homes, and chronic illness models from a perspective of patient safety, collaborative interdisciplinary practice, and optimal outcomes. The leadership role of the doctor of nursing practice graduate in developing new models of practice and care in response to societal needs is addressed. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6845 Practice Management (2 Credits)

The course provides an overview of the business of health care. Students explore regulations and financing to provide advanced practice nurse practitioners with the information to effectively manage the business of their practice in a constantly changing health care environment. The course addresses health care financing and reimbursement through Medicare/Medicaid, billing practices, and heightened compliance efforts around fraud and abuse. Students examine the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its potential impact on advanced practice nurses in a variety of settings. Students identify and analyze sources of credible information and resources for practice management. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP Program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6847 Organizations and Systems Leadership (3 Credits)

N6847 Organizations and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking The course focuses on the dynamic and complex health care system and organizational imperatives to deliver quality health care through clinical initiatives based on industry standards, key outcome indicators, and cost-quality imperatives. This course will provide a framework for students to understand and apply relevant theories of organizational change, systems leadership, organizational culture, healthcare finance, communications, systems thinking, and models for personal leadership. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6850 Executive Leadership, Human Resources, Delivery Systems, and Terms (2 Credits)

This course will prepare the learner to function in a nursing leadership role and an executive position in a healthcare organization through the exploration and analysis of effective leadership and personal leadership styles. The learner will be prepared to optimize the use of human capital within the nursing organization. Additionally, the learner will be prepared to be a contributing member of the executive team in organizational decisions related to human resource management. Prerequisite N6847 or permission of the instructor 2 semester Credits (Contact hours per course: Lecture 30) Letter Graded

NURS 6851 The Business of Health Care (2-3 Credits)

This course prepares the learner to function as the business and strategic leader in healthcare settings. In addition, the learner will be prepared to be a contributing member of the executive team in business, financial, organizational change, and strategic planning for the organization Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP Program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 2-3 Semester Credit Hours (variable) Letter Graded

NURS 6852 Organizational Performance Standards, Quality & Safety (2 Credits)

This course will prepare the learner to function as an organizational leader in: critiquing research and healthcare trends to support implementation of innovative practices and enhance system outcomes; analyzing external and internal measures of quality, safety, and customer satisfaction; and developing operational approaches to maximize organizational effectiveness. Additionally, the learner will be prepared to function as a contributing colleague within the executive team to ensure system effectiveness and financial viability. Prerequisite: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Lecture - 30) Letter Graded

NURS 6853 Nurse Informatics Practicum (1-3 Credits)

This course is a clinical practice component for DNP students enrolled in the nurse informatics option who have not completed 500 hours of supervised practice at the graduate level prior to entering the DNP program. The purpose of this course is the application of nursing informatics principles and techniques to evaluate and improve health information and other care technologies, to apply nursing and health informatics concepts in healthcare settings along the continuum of care, to identify and analyze quality improvement and patient safety in a practice setting through project management, development, and implementation, and to examine health data using analytic tools and techniques. The course is designed to increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice as a nurse informatician. Prerequisites: Admission to the DNP Nurse Informatics option. 1 to 4 Variable Semester Credits (Contact hours per week: Clinical 4-16) Pass/Fail

NURS 6854 Writing for Publication (1 Credit)

This course focuses on developing competence in disseminating knowledge, expertise, and findings from quality improvement, evidence-based practice and research through scholarly writing and publications. The course provides an overview of the concepts of scholarly and professional writing as well as the processes involved in developing professional publications including selection of a topic and target audience, preparation and submission of a manuscript, the peer review process, the revision process, and mentorship in writing. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program or permission of the instructor Co-requisites: None 1 Semester Credit Hour Pass/Fail

NURS 6855 Independent Study in Nursing (1 Credit)

Independent Study in Nursing Pass/Fail

NURS 6858 Information Systems/Technology for the Improvement of Health Care (3 Credits)

This course is designed to develop competencies in the use of health care information systems/technology to support and improve patient care and healthcare systems and to provide leadership within healthcare systems and/or academic settings. Knowledge and skills related to information systems/technology and patient care technology prepare the student to apply new knowledge, manage individual and aggregate level information, use information systems/technology resources, as well as assess the efficacy of patient care technology appropriate to a specialized area of practice. Prerequisites: Enrollment in DNP program 3 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Lecture 45) Letter Graded

NURS 6858W Information Systems/Technology for the Improvement of Health Care (3 Credits)

This course is designed to develop competencies in the use of health care information systems/technology to support and improve patient care and healthcare systems and to provide leadership within healthcare systems and/or academic settings. Knowledge and skills related to information systems/technology and patient care technology prepare the student to apply new knowledge, manage individual and aggregate level information, use information systems/technology resources, as well as assess the efficacy of patient care technology appropriate to a specialized area of practice. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP Program Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6859 Nurse Executive Practicum (1-3 Credits)

This course is a clinical practice component for DNP students enrolled in the nurse executive tract who have not completed 500 hours of supervised practice at the graduate level prior to entering the DNP program. The purpose of this course is application of organizational development principles, techniques to evaluate and improve complex health systems, application of financial management concepts in the healthcare setting, quality improvement and patient safety in a practice setting through project development and implementation. It is designed to increase the breadth and depth of the student's specialization role and practice as a nurse executive. Prerequisites: Admission to the DNP Nurse Executive option 1 to 3 variable credits. (Contact hours per course: Clinical 60-180) Pass/Fail

NURS 6860 Fellowship and Seminar I (5 Credits)

This is the first of the two-semester DNP Advanced Seminar courses in which the DNP student demonstrates breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and competencies related to the DNP Essentials including the consultation role. Socialization and professional opportunities for DNP graduates are discussed. The national agenda for health care in the context of health care reform, trends, and future contributions to health care and implications for nursing and health professions are analyzed. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the post-master's DNP program and completion of all first- and second-year course work 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Seminar 60) Letter Graded

NURS 6860B DNP Fellowship I (2 Credits)

This is the first course of a two-semester fellowship experience focused on leadership development and indirect practice to increase competency in DNP Essentials. The fellowship expands the student's leadership abilities through a planned and focused experience with an expert mentor. Students develop an individualized experience based on objectives designed to enhance competency in selected DNP Essentials. Letter Graded Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Completion of N6860A or concurrent enrollment in N6860A or permission of the instructor. 3 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$218

NURS 6861W Advanced Cardiovascular Care I (3 Credits)

This course is focused on ambulatory and consultative care exclusive to cardiovascular (CV) disease management, risk stratification, and prevention as guided by existing national CV practice guidelines and evidence-based practice. Emphasis is on prevention of CV disease, health maintenance, health promotion and management of acute and chronic CV related conditions. The course addresses the approaches to evaluation in acute and chronic CV patients as well as the treatment of patients in the ambulatory setting in contrast or in transition to the care provided in the hospitalized patient. The student will gain leadership knowledge and strategies in consultative service care delivery with a focus on the mechanisms of referral and communication, CV assessment, and prioritization of a patient-centered treatment plan within a multidisciplinary team. The synthesis and application of the process of health promotion, public health, and epidemiological principles within a diverse social, cultural, and geographic patient population will be included. Prerequisites: None Co-Requisites: N6862B 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6862B Advanced Cardiovascular Care Clinical I (3 Credits)

This course will focus on the synthesis and application of content in Advanced Cardiovascular Care I. Students will concentrate on development and implementation of a systematic methodology of identifying acute and chronic cardiovascular conditions and the patients' needs for health care in the ambulatory setting. Consideration is given to the context of care delivery as seen through the lens of a diverse social, cultural, and geographic patient population. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: N6862B Semester Credit Hours 3 (180 clinical contact hours) Letter Graded

NURS 6863W Advanced Cardiovascular Care II (2 Credits)

This course will address the depth of cardiovascular (CV) diagnostic and treatment modalities, advanced therapies, available technologies, and surgical options. These modalities will be examined in the context of acute and chronic CV disease states providing the tools for effective analytical judgement, decision making, and communication. Palliative care, ethical decision making, end of life measures, and quality of life issues will be presented as pertained to patients in acute care settings. Prerequisites: N6861W, N6862B Co-requisites: N6864B 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6864B Advanced Cardiovascular Care Clinical II (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the synthesis and application of content from Advanced Cardiovascular Care II. Students will gain clinical experience in managing advanced therapies and high-technology treatment modalities as applied to patients in and across various settings. Direct assessment of quality of life and frailty for the purposes of shared decision making will be utilized to provide an evidence-based assessment, set care goals, and guide management of a patient's condition. Consideration will be given to the context of care delivery as seen through the lens of a diverse social, cultural, and geographic patient population. Prerequisites: N6861W, N6862B Co-requisites: N6863W 3 Semester Credit Hours (180 clinical contact hours) Letter Graded

NURS 6870A DNP Advanced Seminar II (2 Credits)

This is the second course of the two-semester fellowship seminar in which the DNP student demonstrates breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and skills related to DNP Essentials and practice. The course addresses the DNP socialization process, opportunities for DNP graduates, and the role of mentorship in professional development. Students examine their role in health care from a national and global perspective and address social justice, professional responsibility, disparity/equity, and national/global health issues that affect health care delivery. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the post-master's DNP program and completion of all first- and second-year course work. 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Seminar 60) Letter Graded

NURS 6870B DNP Fellowship II (2 Credits)

This is the second course of a two-semester fellowship experience focused on leadership and indirect practice to expand competency in DNP Essentials. The course provides planned and focused experiences working with an expert mentor. Students develop individualized objectives designed to expand leadership competencies and implement DNP Essentials in health care delivery systems. Letter Graded Prerequisites/Co-requisite: Completion of N6870A or concurrent enrollment in N6870B or permission of the instructor. 2 semester credits (Contact hours per course: Clinical 120) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$218

NURS 6901W Advanced Pharmacology for DNP (3 Credits)

This is an advanced pharmacology course that follows the "Core Content in Pharmacology for Primary Care" recommended by the Texas Primary Care Educators as well as "Curriculum Guidelines" developed by a committee commissioned by the Division of Nursing of the Health Resources and Services Administration. This committee included the Project Directors of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. This course focuses on the analysis of advanced pharmacological and pharmacokinetic principles and the application of these principles to selected drug categories. Emphasis is on those drugs most commonly used in obstetric/gynecological, pediatric, adult, and geriatric nursing practice. Analysis of selected health problems is integrated with the development of scientifically based clinical pharmacological management of these problems. Students are expected to utilize evidence and research-based strategies to demonstrate their pharmacological and clinical knowledge safely and competently to common patient populations and clinical scenarios. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the BSN to DNP program Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$358

NURS 6904B Adult/Gero Primary Care NP I Clinical DNP (4 Credits)

The focus of the course is on assessment, diagnosis, and management of health conditions in adults across the lifespan. The course provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease managements. Students utilize methodologies that develop critical thinking and the application of advanced practice skills in holistic patient management. Course activities promote the synthesis of theory, research, and leadership into advanced clinical practice. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for independent and interprofessional experiences in clinical decision making in diverse clinical settings. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Co-requisites: N6904W 4 Semester Credit Hours (240 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6904W Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP (3 Credits)

This course designed to prepare students for advanced practice. The course uses a systems approach to common health deviations with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students identify and interpret principles of health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and interprofessional/collaborative approaches to managing care for adult patients from adolescence through the lifespan. Prerequisite: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Corequisites: N6904B 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6905B Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (3-4 Credits)

The focus of the course is on assessment, diagnosis, and management of health conditions in adults across the lifespan with more complex presentations. The course provides the student with the foundation to apply principles of health promotion and disease management. Students utilize methodologies that facilitate critical thinking and application of advanced practice skills in holistic patient management. Course activities promote the synthesis of theory and research into advanced clinical practice at a doctoral level. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for independent and interprofessional experiences in clinical decision making in clinical settings with diverse populations. Letter Graded Corequisite N6905W Prerequisites 6904W and 6904B 3-4 Semester Credit Hours (180-240 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6906B Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for DNP (3-4 Credits)

This course focuses on the integration of theory and application of evidence into advanced clinical practice. The emphasis is on holistic care in which physical, cultural, economic, and legal/ethical forces and resources of the individual/family/community are applied in case management. This clinical experience provides an opportunity for full immersion in the clinical practice setting and prepare for the nurse practitioner role at a doctoral level. Letter Graded Prerequisites: N6905W, N6905B Co-requisite: 6906W 3-4 Semester Credit Hours (180-240 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6906W Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP (2 Credits)

This course provides students an opportunity to synthesize and critique evidence from multiple evidence-based sources and critically apply this information to acute and chronic health conditions in adults in young, middle and older adults. The student will demonstrate leadership ability to effectively use current evidence to educate and interact with peers at the doctoral level. Prerequisites: N6905W, N6905B Co-requisite: 6906B 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6907B Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Preceptorship for DNP (6 Credits)

This course provides Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner students the opportunity to synthesize their didactic and clinical skills in the primary care setting treating adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. Students will use current evidence to competently assess the complex patient, select appropriate diagnostics tests, interpret diagnostic findings, generate a comprehensive plan of care, evaluate patient outcomes and adjust the treatment plan as needed. Students will demonstrate competence in ensuring continuity of care. This preceptorship experience will provide opportunities for students to collaborate with the interprofessional team and gain leadership skills at the doctoral level. Students will explore the impact of healthcare policies on patient outcomes. Letter Graded
Prerequisite: N6906W and N6906B 6 Semester Credit Hours (360 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6908B Family Nurse Practitioner I Clinical for DNP (4 Credits)

This is the first of a two-course clinical sequence to prepare Family Nurse Practitioners for practice in a primary care setting. The course focuses on a systems approach to health concerns seen in the primary care setting with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students incorporate current evidence-based research findings to develop treatment plans that include concepts of health promotion, risk reduction, and disease prevention to individuals and families across the lifespan. Clinical experiences enable students to develop clinical reasoning skills required as an advanced practice nurse for individual clients and their families. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Co-requisites: N6908W 1 Semester Credit Hours (240 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6908W Family Nurse Practitioner Care I for DNP (3 Credits)

This is the first of a three-course sequence to prepare Family Nurse Practitioner students for primary care practice. The course uses a systems approach to acute health deviations with emphasis on assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and disease treatment. Students examine the social determinants of health and health disparities present in the community of interest integrating and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health inequities. Students learn to apply the principles of health promotion, risk reduction, and disease prevention through interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to provide care to families across the lifespan. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Co-requisites: N6908B 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6909B Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (4 Credits)

Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6909W Family Nurse Practitioner II for DNP (3 Credits)

This is the second of a three-course sequence that prepares the Family Nurse Practitioner student for the management of acute and chronic health problems encountered in the primary care of patients across the lifespan. Students' focus on the domains and competencies of the family nurse practitioner as direct provider of primary health care. The course provides a systematic approach to the assessment, diagnosis, and management of common acute and chronic illnesses. Students synthesize information from DNP core courses into a plan of care and explore factors that impact health status and utilization of community resources. Prerequisites: N6908W, N6908B Co-requisites: N6909B 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6910B Family Nurse Preceptorship Clinical III for DNP (3-4 Credits)

Family Nurse Preceptorship Clinical III for DNP Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6910W Family Nurse Preceptorship Specialty Care III for DNP (3 Credits)

This seminar course is the third of a three-course sequence that prepares students to transition into the advanced practice role. It provides students the opportunity to synthesize up-to-date, evidence-based information and resources directed toward care of patients with complex co-morbidities and clinically deteriorating conditions. Students analyze domains and competencies of the nurse practitioner as direct provider across care settings. Prerequisites: N6909W, N6909B Co-requisites: N6910B 2-3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6911B Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (6 Credits)

This is the final course in clinical sequence that provides clinical experiences for the Family Nurse Practitioner student. The course focuses on systematic approach to clinical reasoning skills needed to treat individual clients and their families in primary care. The course emphasized development of global view of healthcare system and its impact on individual health status. Clinical experiences enable students to develop skills necessary for FNP practice at a doctoral level. Synthesis of theory and research with emphasis on holistic care of the individual/family/community is applied in case management of clients across the life span in primary care settings. Healthcare policy and its effect on clinical practice are appraised for best clinical practice and patient outcomes. Prerequisites: N6910W, N6910B Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Credit Hours (360 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$605

NURS 6912B Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP (4 Credits)

The major focus of this practicum is the further development of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner student in the realm of pharmacological management, non-pharmacological management, and clinical reasoning across the lifespan. The student is expected to develop high level clinical reasoning and decision-making competencies that includes integration of patient centered care, safety, quality, systems support continuity of care, cost effectiveness, appropriate use of consultants, and demonstration of optimal outcomes within a framework of innovative, evidence-based practice. Students will explore the PMHNP scope of practice through exposure to multiple roles. Students develop their skills in communication from a variety of theories and refine their skills in the assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological treatment of various psychiatric illnesses in a variety of settings. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Corequisites: N6912W 4 Semester Credit Hours Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6912W Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I for DNP (3 Credits)

This course provides the didactic content for assessing, diagnosing, and intervening in maladaptive coping patterns and psychiatric disorders of individuals across the lifespan. The DSM5 (Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) will be used as the basis for diagnostic nomenclature across the lifespan. Evidence-based, interprofessional practice is the foundation for all care rendered. Emphasis will be placed on the assessment, diagnosis and evidence-based treatment of mental health disorders. Case simulation focuses on the initial psychiatric interview, formulation of differential diagnosis, and initial treatment plans. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or 7306 Corequisites: 6912B Letter Graded

NURS 6913B Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (3-4 Credits)

The focus of this practicum is the further development of the Psychiatric Mental Nurse Practitioner student in the realm of psychopharmacotherapeutics and non-pharmacological techniques with clients across the lifespan. The student is expected to develop high level clinical reasoning and decision-making competencies that includes integration of patient centered care, safety, quality, systems support, continuity of care, cost effectiveness, appropriate use of consultants, and demonstration of optimal outcomes within a framework of innovative, evidence-based practice. The student gains skill in implementing evidence-based practice interventions, case load management, and analyzing process dynamics with individuals, families, and groups so that patterns in self and others are identified accurately and with regularity. Students explore the PMHNP scope of practice through exposure to multiple roles and models and refine diagnostics skills, pharmacological management, non-pharmacological management, and clinical reasoning skills. Prerequisites: N6912W and N6912B Corequisites: N6913W 3-4 Semester Credit Hours (180-240 clinical contact hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6913W Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II for DNP (3 Credits)

This course introduces a variety of conceptual models and theories related to the practice of individual psychotherapy and family therapy. Models of family dynamics provide a theoretical basis for understanding the development psychopathology and selection of appropriate therapeutic strategies. Theoretical underpinnings of communication processes used in the comprehensive care of the complex psychiatric patient in various settings is explored. Evaluation and utilization of current research findings regarding mental illness and management to provide evidence-based treatment for psychiatric patients is emphasized. Prerequisites: N6912W and 6912B Corequisites: N6913B 3 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6914B Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP (4 Credits)

The major focus of this specialty rotation is the further development of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner student in the realm of psychopharmacotherapeutics and non-pharmacological techniques with clients across the lifespan. The student is expected to develop high level clinical reasoning and decision-making competencies that includes integration of patient centered care, safety, quality, systems support, continuity of care, cost effectiveness, appropriate use of consultants, and demonstration of optimal outcomes within framework of innovative, evidence-based practice. The student gains skill in implementing evidence-based practice interventions, case load management, and analyzing process dynamics with individuals, families, and groups so that patterns in self and others are identified accurately and with regularity. Students will explore the PMHNP scope of practice through exposure to multiple roles and models. They will continue to refine diagnostic skills, pharmacological management, non-pharmacological management, and clinical reasoning. Prerequisites: N6913W and N6913B Corequisites: N6914W Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6914W Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Care III for DNP (2 Credits)

This seminar course is the third of a three-course didactic sequence to prepare students to transition into the nurse practitioner role, and designed to provide the student with up-to-date, evidence-base information and resources directed toward care of patients with complex co-morbidities and clinically deteriorating conditions. The focus is on the domains and competencies of the nurse practitioner as direct provider across care settings. The business of health care will be examined as related to advanced practice nursing. This course is framed using an inter-professional model of care. Prerequisites: N6913W and N6913B Corequisites: N6914B 2 Semester Credit Hours Letter Graded

NURS 6915B Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (6 Credits)

This is final course in clinical sequence that provides clinical experiences for the Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner student. The course focuses on systematic approach to clinical reasoning skills needed to treat individual clients and their families in primary care. The course emphasized development of global view of healthcare system and its impact on the individual health status. Synthesis of theory and research with emphasis on holistic care of the individual/family/community is applied in case management of client across the life span in primary care settings. Healthcare policy and its effect on clinical practice are appraised for the best clinical practice and patient outcomes. Prerequisites: N6914 Corequisites: none 6 Semester Credit Hours Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6916B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I for DNP (4 Credits)

This course is designed to provide clinical experience in the development of assessment, diagnosis, and disease management in adult-gerontology populations across acute care settings. Students utilize methodologies that develop critical thinking and the application of advanced practice skills in holistic patient management. Course activities promote the synthesis of pathophysiologic and psychosocial concepts, nursing theory, research, and leadership into advanced clinical practice. The clinical experience provides an opportunity for independent and interprofessional experiences in medical decision making in diverse acute care settings. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B, or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Co-requisites: N6916W 4 Semester Credit Hours (240 Clinical Contact Hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6916W Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I for DNP (3 Credits)

First of three courses exploring management of complex acute, critical, and chronically ill patients with urgent and emergent conditions. The course uses a systems approach to acute health deviations with emphasis on alterations in pathophysiology, assessment, differential diagnosis, symptom management, and collaborative management of adults and older adults with selected episodic/chronic health problems in acute/critical care. Prerequisites: N6810W and N6810B, or N7307; N6804W; N6901W; N6811W or N7306 Co-requisites: N6916B 3 Semester Credit Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6917B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II for DNP (3-4 Credits)

This is the second of a three-course clinical sequence which provides clinical experiences for the Adult- Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner student. Focus is on the refinement of clinical reasoning skills needed to treat individuals with acute/chronic health care deviations. There is emphasis on the development of collaborative relationships with other health care providers for best healthcare outcomes. Students explore health deviations of acute and chronic disorders and community resources to manage health concerns based on evidence-based research. Course experiences enable students to progress toward increasing independence in clinical practice. Prerequisites: N6916W, N6916B Co-requisites: N6917W 3-4 Semester Credit Hours (180-240 Clinical Contact Hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6917W Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II for DNP (3 Credits)

The second of three courses that will prepare the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner for the management of complex acute, critical, and chronically ill patients with urgent and emergent conditions. The course uses a systems approach to acute health deviations with an emphasis on critical thinking and an evidence-based approach to management of adults and older adults with selected episodic/chronic health problems in acute/critical care. Prerequisites: N6916W, N6916B Co-requisites: N6917B 3 Semester Credit Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 6918B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical III for DNP (4 Credits)

This course focuses on the integration of theory and application of evidence into advanced clinical practice. The emphasis is on holistic care in which physical, cultural, economic, and legal/ethical forces and resources of the individual/family/community are applied in case management. This clinical experience provides an opportunity for full immersion in the clinical practice setting and prepare for the nurse practitioner role at a doctoral level. Prerequisites: N6917W, N6917B Co-requisites: N6918W 4 Semester Credit Hours (240 Clinical Contact Hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$338 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 6918W Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III for DNP (2 Credits)

This seminar course is the third of a three-course didactic sequence to prepare students to transition into the nurse practitioner role, and is designed to provide the student with up-to-date, evidence-based information and resources directed toward care of patients with complex co-morbidities and clinically deteriorating conditions. The focus is on the domains and competencies of the nurse practitioner as direct provider across care settings. The business of health care will be examined as related to advanced practice nursing. This course is framed using an inter-professional model of care. Prerequisites: N6917W, N6917B Co-requisites: N6918B 2 Semester Credit Hours (Contact Hours Per Week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 6919B Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship for DNP (6 Credits)

This course provides Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner students the opportunity to synthesize didactic and clinical skills in acute care settings treating adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. Students will use current evidence to competently assess complex patients, select appropriate diagnostics tests, interpret diagnostic findings, generate a comprehensive plan of care, evaluate patient outcomes and adjust treatment plans as needed. Students will demonstrate competence in ensuring continuity of care. This preceptorship experience will provide opportunities for students to collaborate with the interprofessional team and gain leadership skills at the doctoral level. Students will explore the impact of healthcare policies on patient outcomes. Prerequisites: N6918W, N6918B Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Credit Hours (360 Clinical Contact Hours) Pass/Fail Course fee: \$471 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7301 Translational Science I: Evidence-Based Practice Foundations (6 Credits)

This is the first in a series of translational science courses that provides a progressive sequence of learning to develop advanced practice scholars. This course explores the philosophical underpinnings for nursing knowledge relevant to advanced nursing practice. Emphasis is on foundational and advanced concepts of evidence-based practice (EBP) and requires application of principles of EBP. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7302 Translational Science II: Methodology (6 Credits)

This is the second in a series of translational science courses that provides a progressive sequence of learning to develop advanced practice scholars. This course is designed to critically examine the state of the science of translational science including concepts, models, and methods of translation and implementation of evidence into practice within the dynamic and complex health care system. Within the scope of an identified problem and population of interest, the student will develop a quality improvement plan that addresses the problem, significance, practice setting, and expected outcomes as a basis to implement a practice change. Prerequisites: N7301 Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Hours including 60 Practice Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7303 Translational Science III: Implementation (3 Credits)

This is the third course in a series of translational science courses that provides a progressive sequence of learning to develop advanced practice scholars. This course is designed to help the student develop and integrate key concepts, innovation models, and methods of communication facilitating effective leadership in implementation of evidence, and project implementation facilitating improved quality and safety into practice. Prerequisites: N7301, N7302 Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Hours including 60 Practice Hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7304 Translational Science IV: Knowledge Translation (4 Credits)

This is the fourth course in a series of translational science courses that provides a progressive learning sequence to develop advanced practice scholars. This course provides pragmatic, evidence-informed explanations and recommendations for knowledge dissemination and translation of evidence into a complex and rapidly changing health care system. Prerequisites: N7301, N7302, N7303 Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7305 Professional APRN Practice (3 Credits)

This course prepares the student for practice within interprofessional health care teams as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The course focuses on leadership in the management of health care systems in diverse settings including in-patient facilities, out-patient clinics, and community health settings. Both the theory and the operationalization of team building and leadership will be explored in light of the historical development, influence, and future impact of advanced practice nursing on health and health care. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7306 Clinical Reasoning and Diagnostic Skills (4 Credits)

This course is designed for students preparing for the nurse practitioner clinical role and will incorporate knowledge, skills, and abilities in clinical reasoning necessary to develop and demonstrate clinical competencies necessary for formation of differential diagnoses, diagnostic assessment, and procedure performance. The course introduces students to current concepts in clinical reasoning, diagnostic error, and provides an opportunity to practice clinical-problem solving in a learner-centered environment. Prerequisites: N6804W, N6901W Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Hours Letter Graded Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7307 Advanced Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis (3 Credits)

This foundational course addresses both the theoretical principles and the practical application of history taking and physical health assessment throughout the life cycle. Students will develop advanced physical assessment and critical thinking diagnostic skills through the organization and collection of data, interpretation and analysis of objective and subjective findings, identification of normal and abnormal findings, and reporting of these findings in a standard format. Students synthesize history and physical exam data to develop a differential diagnosis list. The laboratory and simulation experiences provide an opportunity for the application and integration of health assessment skills desired for attaining high quality outcomes. Prerequisites: N6804W, N6901W Co-requisites: None Credit Hours: 3 Semester Hours (2 SCH Lecture & 1 CH Lab) Letter Graded Course fee: \$146 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7444B Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Immersion (2-3 Credits)

This is the first of two courses designed to provide students with the opportunity to achieve competence in a health care system/organization practice setting. Students, in collaboration with an approved preceptor, develop individualized objectives based on current American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials. Students implement and evaluate a specific practice experience that strengthens and expands their current expertise. Prerequisites: N7301, N7302, N7303, N7304 Co-requisites: None 2 or 3 Semester Hours including 120 or 180 Practice Hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7445B DNP Immersion (2-3 Credits)

This is the second of two courses designed to provide students with the opportunity to achieve additional competencies within a health care system/organization practice setting. Students, in collaboration with an approved preceptor, develop individualized objectives based on current American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials. Prerequisites: N7444B or N7448B Co-requisites: None 2 or 3 Semester Hours including 120 or 180 Practice Hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7446B Nurse Informatics Immersion I (2 Credits)

This is the first of two courses designed to provide the nursing informatics student with an opportunity to achieve advanced competencies and expertise in nursing informatics practice across care settings. In partnership with an approved preceptor, the student will develop individualized learning objectives based on the current American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials, ANA Scope and Standards of Practice: Nursing Informatics, and American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), and Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Core Competencies. The student will complete a specific informatics project to achieve enhanced and expanded current informatics expertise. Prerequisites: N7301, N7302, N7303, N7304, N7537 Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours including 120 practice hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7447B Nurse Informatics Immersion II (2 Credits)

This is the second of two courses designed to provide the student with an opportunity to achieve advanced informatics competencies and data analytic skills in a practice setting. In partnership with an approved preceptor, the student will develop individualized learning objectives based on the current American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials, ANA Scope and Standards of Practice: Nursing Informatics, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), and Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Core Competencies. The student will complete a specific informatics project to achieve enhanced and expanded current informatics expertise. Prerequisites: N7446B Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours including 120 practice hours Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7448B Nurse Executive Immersion I (2 Credits)

This is the first of two courses designed to provide students with the opportunity to achieve competence in executive leadership practice in a health care system/organization practice setting. This experience, accomplished under the guidance of an approved preceptor, is based on individualized objectives. Students implement and evaluate a specific practice experience that strengthens and expands their current expertise. Prerequisites: N7301, N7302, N7303, N7304 Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours (120 practice hours) Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7449B Nurse Executive Immersion II (2 Credits)

This is the second of two courses designed to provide students with an opportunity to achieve competence in the practice setting. The experience, focused on the financial and economic aspects of health care, is accomplished under the guidance of an approved preceptor. The student will develop, implement, and evaluate a specific practical experience that strengthens and expands current expertise. Prerequisites: N7448B Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours (120 practice hours) Letter Graded Course fee: \$258 Lab Fee: \$30

NURS 7450 Role Transition (3 Credits)

Role Transition Letter Graded

NURS 7501 Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry (3 Credits)

The student will identify a key concept for his/her program of research. This concept will serve as the focal point for the development of a conceptual framework that will guide the student's research, practice and contributions to the profession. Approaches to concept development, theory development, and critiquing the scientific literature are introduced and evaluated. Prerequisite: PhD Standing 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 7501D Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry (3 Credits)

Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry Letter Graded

NURS 7505 Adv Stat for Clinical Research I (4 Credits)

This course is the first part of a two-semester series on statistical methods for clinical research. This first course focuses on knowledge and application of univariate statistics and multivariable modeling using methods such as analysis of variance, generalized linear models, and survival analysis. Computer-based exercises using statistical software will give students applied experience with the statistical methods. Prerequisite: Master's level statistics course 4 Semester Credits (Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 7506 Adv Stat for Clinical Research II (4 Credits)

This course is the second part of a two-semester series on statistical methods for clinical research. This second course focuses on measurement problems, descriptive statistics, graphics, sampling distributions, hypotheses testing, and comparison of samples, non-parametric methods, and applications. Basic design issues are discussed as are ethical considerations in design and analysis. Prerequisite: N7505 4 Semester Credits (Lecture 4) Letter Graded

NURS 7521 Special Topics (3 Credits)

Selected nursing topics covered vary from semester to semester based on student interest and faculty availability. Prerequisite: PhD standing or permission of instructor 1 to 9 Variable Semester Credits: (Lecture TBD; Lab TBD) Letter Graded Course fee: \$112

NURS 7530 Analysis of The Context of Health Care (3 Credits)

Elements of the context of health care for identified populations will be analyzed. Among these elements are the environmental, social and policy factors impacting the health of the identified population, the systems available to provide health care to that population, the impact of health policy and health care financing on utilization of care, and issues associated with access, cost, quality and outcomes of health care. Prerequisite: PhD Standing 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 7533 Vulnerable Populations (4 Credits)

This course examines health determinants and disparities within the United States as well as in the global community. Students will examine health disparities and the burden of disease within different social, cultural, political, economic, and environmental contexts using a systematic, multidisciplinary approach. Based on best evidence and advanced clinical judgment, students will incorporate person-centered care in the planning and delivery of care across time, spheres of care, with an emphasis on accessible quality healthcare. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 4 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7534 Advanced Leadership Practice for APRNs (2 Credits)

This course explores the complex expectations, challenges, and responsibilities of being a DNP-prepared APRN. This course focuses on the formation and cultivation of a sustainable professional identity that includes the development of emotional intelligence to promote social good, engagement in social justice, demonstration of ethical comportment, moral courage, and assertiveness in decision-making and actions. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the Post Masters DNP Program Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7535 Executive Leadership I (3 Credits)

This is the first of two courses to prepare the student to function in an executive leadership role in a health care organization. The course explores leadership styles, effective team strategies, and the changes in the external health care environment and their potential impact on health care organization to prepare students to optimize fiscal and human resources while maximizing quality outcomes. Prerequisites: N7301; N7302; N7303; N7304 Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7536 Executive Leadership II (3 Credits)

This is the second of two courses to prepare students to function in an executive leadership role in a health care organization. The course will prepare the student to evaluate external and internal measures of quality, safety, and customer satisfaction; develop operational approaches to maximize organizational effectiveness; support implementation of innovative practices; and enhance system outcomes. Prerequisites: N7535, NURS 7301, NURS 7302 Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7537 Nursing Informatics: Translation into Advanced Practice (2 Credits)

This course is designed to develop and increase advanced nursing informatics competencies. The student will transform data into information and apply knowledge to ensure the safety, quality, and efficiency of all healthcare settings. The course prepares the student to identify the best evidence and practices for the application of information and communication technologies in the delivery of health care and services. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP program Co-requisites: None 2 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7538 Transforming Health & Health Care Delivery (6 Credits)

This course prepares students to analyze the influence of social, political, and economic environments on health policy and healthcare delivery. Students will utilize knowledge and ethical standards from nursing, business, health policy, and leadership science to develop safe quality care. Students will explore principles of advocacy for individual patients, populations, and the nursing profession and will learn to navigate and influence complex systems to promote health, equity, and social justice. Students will gain business and financial knowledge relevant to complex healthcare systems/organizations. Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None 6 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7539 Advanced Seminar (3 Credits)

In this course, the student will demonstrate breadth, depth, and synthesis of knowledge and skills related to advanced practice. The course addresses the DNP socialization process, opportunities for DNP-prepared nurses, and the role of mentorship in professional development. Students examine their role in health care from a national and global perspective and address issues that affect health care delivery. Prerequisites: N7301; N7302; N7303; N7304; N7533; N7534 Professional Practice for APRNs; *N7535; *N7536 (*for students in the Nurse Executive track only) Co-requisites: None 3 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7540 Adv Research Designs & Methods (3 Credits)

This is the first course in a two-course series on advanced design and methods in nursing research. A variety of research design and methods for population-based and clinical studies are analyzed, critiqued, and proposed. Prerequisite: N7501 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 7541 Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research (3 Credits)

In this course, the student will survey measurement theories and analyze measurement strategies for biomedical and health science research. The course will encompass the selection and evaluation of appropriate measures and development of a proposal for establishing evidence for biometric and/or psychometric performance of the selected instrument(s). Prerequisites: N7501, N7505 or Statistics Equivalent, N7506 or Statistics Equivalent, N7540 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded Course fee: \$85

NURS 7542 Adv Research Design and Methods II (3 Credits)

This is the second course in a two-course series on advanced design and methods in nursing research. A variety of designs and methods for population-based and clinical studies are analyzed, critiqued, and proposed. The emphasis in this second course is on both quantitative and qualitative approaches and mixed methods. Students are provided opportunities to synthesize content and skills acquired in both courses in the development of a research proposal. Prerequisites: N7501, N7540 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 7543 Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry (3 Credits)

Content in this course will focus on research synthesis and critique. Students will conduct a review of the literature to determine gaps in the state of science for their area of research. The course will culminate with the development of a state of the science paper and continued development of the students' conceptual models that will provide direction for their research trajectory. Prerequisite: N7530, N7501, N7540 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Letter Graded

NURS 7550 Research Proposal Development (2 Credits)

This course builds on previous nursing coursework and adds content on ethical research issues and HIPPA regulations. Students are guided through a process of developing a research proposal using National Institutes of Health (NIH) guidelines. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7540, N7541, N7542, N7543, N7505 or Statistic Equivalent, N7506 or Statistic Equivalent Co-requisite: N7550B 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 7550B Research Proposal Development B (1 Credit)

This course is taken concurrently with N7550. The students will be guided in the development of their dissertation proposals with their advisor/dissertation chairs. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7540, N7541, N7542, N7543, N7505 or Statistic Equivalent, N7506 or Statistic Equivalent Co-requisite: N7550 1 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 1) Pass/Fail

NURS 7552 Research Planning and Implementation (2 Credits)

This course extends the content and experience of the previous courses. The student's dissertation proposal will be refined, evaluated, and prepared for submission to all appropriate Institutional Review Boards. Content will also include development and implementation strategies for further developing a program of research. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7550, N7540, N7541, N7543 Co-requisite: N7552B 2 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 2) Letter Graded

NURS 7552B Research Planning and Implementation (1 Credit)

This course is taken concurrently with N7552. The students will be guided in the preparation of their dissertation proposals with their advisors/dissertation chairpersons. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7550, N7540, N7541, N7543 Co-requisite: N7552 1 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 1) Letter Graded

NURS 7554 Research Forums (1 Credit)

In this course students will be exposed to a variety of innovative research designs and methods, programs of research, and teaching methods to enrich their foundation as a scientist. Students will gain an understanding of how to enhance rigor and ensure the ethical conduct of research across research methods. Prerequisites: None Co-requisite: None 1 (total 3CrHr) Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 1) Pass/Fail

NURS 7555 Research Practicum (3 Credits)

This research practicum provides the student with a supervised, hands-on, practical research project experience with a Cizik School of Nursing faculty mentor. The student and faculty mentor will select a combination of research activities that meet the student's learning needs. Prerequisites: TBD Co-requisite: None 3 Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: Lecture 3) Pass/Fail

NURS 7556 Advanced Public / Population Health Nursing (3 Credits)

This course examines public health principles, individual and systems theory, scientific evidence, and community knowledge to address health promotion and disease prevention across the life course and within the context of populations and settings to improve health for all. Identification of the determinants of health and disease burden will be used to analyze interprofessional approaches to program development and evaluation at the individual, population, system, and policy levels. Prerequisites: Enrollment in the DNP or PhD Program Co-requisite: None 3 Semester Credits Letter Graded

NURS 7556B Advanced Public / Population Health Nursing Practicum (2 Credits)

The purpose of this practicum is the synthesis and application of advanced public and population health nursing knowledge, skills, and principles across practice settings. The practicum provides hands-on experience to explore health promotion and disease prevention strategies, analyze avenues to achieve health equity, monitor the health status of the community, and utilize planning and evaluation skills. Students, preceptors, and faculty collaborate to create engaging learning experiences that foster public health nursing knowledge application and sharpen competencies in the care of populations (120 supervised practice hours). Prerequisites: N7533, N7556 Co-requisite: None 2 Semester Hours (120 supervised practice hours with an approved preceptor) Pass/Fail

NURS 7557 Data Science for Secondary Analysis (3 Credits)

This is a course in data science in which we are willing to learn from patterns in data without always needing a hypothesis as a starting point. The applications will involve secondary analysis of electronic health records (EHR) and data from public sources. A variety of study designs have been selected for demonstration of the range of secondary analyses. Database queries will be used to gather and reformat data suit the study design objectives. Analytical methods include machine learning for predictive modeling, introductory network analysis, text mining, and propensity scores for managing confounding in observational studies. Visual programming and SQL queries will be emphasized along with use of modern software tools that are capable of handling big data. Workflows will be organized to maintain reproducibility of the studies conducted in the course. Prerequisites: N7505 or other statistics course with coverage of linear and logistic regression. Experience with SQL or programming in other language is desired, but it is not necessary. Co-requisite: N7505 or other statistics course with coverage of linear and logistic regression. Experience with SQL or programming in other language is desired, but it is not necessary. 3 Semester Hours Letter Graded

NURS 7590 Candidacy Exam (1-3 Credits)

The candidacy examination serves as a basis for determining the student's readiness for pursuing dissertation research. The student should demonstrate a command of the theoretical and methodological issues related to the selected topic as a basis for pursuing research in a specific population of interest. The candidacy examination is viewed as a continuing step in the educational process building on previous course work leading to the dissertation proposal defense and the dissertation. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7540, N7541, N7542, N7543, N7550, N7505 or Statistics Equivalent, N7506 or Statistics Equivalent 1-3 Semester Variable Credit (Contact Hours per Week: TBD) Letter Graded

NURS 7600 Dissertation (1-12 Credits)

An original research dissertation that constitutes a substantial contribution to the body of knowledge in nursing is completed under the direction of a Dissertation Committee Chairperson, who is a member of the Cizik School of Nursing faculty. Dissertation topics are directed toward development of knowledge relevant to nursing practice interventions, client populations, and their health and health problems and outcomes of health care interventions. Prerequisites: N7501, N7530, N7540, N7541, N7542, N7543. N7550, N7552, N7505 or Statistics Equivalent, N7506 or Statistics Equivalent. Successful completion of candidacy examination, 9 semester credit hours of electives and nine semester credit hours of cognates. 12 Variable Semester Credits (Contact Hours per Week: TBD) Pass/Fail

NURS 7700 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)

This course allows the student an opportunity to pursue a detailed in-depth study in a specific topic area. The topic and mode of study for the course must be agreed upon by the student and instructor. Prerequisites: PhD standing or permission of instructor 1-6 Semester Variable Credits: (Lecture TBD; Lab TBD) Letter Graded

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