NURSING PRACTICE: ADULT/GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, DNP

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS
MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
No	No	No	Yes	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	Post–B.S.: 68 credits Post–M.S.: 51 credits (32 credits in the program plan plus 19 credits from Master's degree)
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	Post–B.S.: 32 credits Post–M.S.: 32 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	Half of degree coursework must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	A student may not receive more than one grade below a B (or a U grade) in any 12 month period.
Assessments and Examinations	No examinations are required.
Language Requirements	No language requirements.
Doctoral Minor/ Breadth Requirements	DNP students are not required to complete a doctoral minor.

REQUIRED COURSES
POST–BACCALAUREATE OPTION

Code	Title	Credits
Systematic Evaluation of Practice Component		
Approved Statistics Course (prerequisite)		0
NURSING 706	Nursing Research	3
NURSING 761	Health Program Planning, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement	3
NURSING 764	Nursing and Health Informatics	3
NURSING 806	Evaluation and Application of Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSING 906	Scholarly Project [1]	6
Leadership/Policy Component		
NURSING 703	Health Care and Public Policy	3
NURSING 704	Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing I	3
NURSING 708	Ethics for Advanced Practice in Health Care	2
NURSING 772	Leadership and Organizational Decision-Making in Health Care	3
Leadership/Policy Elective		3
Practice Component		
Advanced Practice Course Core		
NURSING 702	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Diverse Communities	3
NURSING 601	Advanced Health Assessment [2]	3
NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
NURSING 811	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Population Theory Course		3
Choose only one population:		
NURSING 722	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Adults and Older Adults	

NURSING 741	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Family Process & Child Development	
NURSING 751	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Psychiatric Mental Health	
APN Clinical/Leadership Practicum & Role Core		
NURSING 726	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I [2]	3
NURSING 727	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice II [2]	3
NURSING 826	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice III [2]	3
NURSING 728	Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development I [2]	3
NURSING 729	Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development II [2]	3
NURSING 828	Clinical Leadership III [2]	3
NURSING 829	Clinical Leadership IV [2]	3

[1]

6 total credits required; 10 credit maximum. Taken for 2 credits per term (other credit amounts allowed only via faculty approval).

[2]

Students in the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner named option must take these courses with a section number of 010.

Post-Baccalaureate Three-Year Program Plan
First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 706	3	NURSING 601	3	NURSING 764	3
NURSING 704	3	NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	3	NURSING 708	2
NURSING 811	3	NURSING 806	3		
NURSING 722, 741, or 751	3	NURSING 703	3		
	12		12		5

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 726	3	NURSING 727	3	NURSING 772	3
NURSING 728	3	NURSING 729	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 702	3	NURSING 761	3		
	9		9		5

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURSING 826	3	NURSING 829	3
NURSING 828	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 906	2	Elective (can be taken any term)[1]	3
	8		8

Total Credits 68

[1]

See Pre-approved elective options. Additional options may be approved by program director.

[2]

Psych/Mental Health NP students must take NURSING 590 Contemporary Practices in Nursing Pediatric Assessment for Mental Health APNs (1cr) the summer prior to NURSING 726 Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I/NURSING 728 Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development I.

Post-Baccalaureate Four-Year Program Plan
First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 706	3	NURSING 806	3	NURSING 708	2
NURSING 704	3	NURSING 703	3		
NURSING 722, 741, or 751	3	Elective (can be taken any term)[1]	3		
	9		9		2

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 811	3	NURSING 601	3	NURSING 764	3
NURSING 702	3	NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	3		
	6		6		3

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 726	3	NURSING 727	3	NURSING 772	3
NURSING 728	3	NURSING 729	3	NURSING 906	2
		NURSING 761	3		
	6		9		5

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURSING 826	3	NURSING 829	3
NURSING 828	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 906	2		
	8		5

Total Credits 68

[1]

See Pre-approved elective options. Additional options may be approved by program director.

[2]

Psych/Mental Health NP students must take NURSING 590 Contemporary Practices in Nursing (1cr) the summer prior to NURSING 726 Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I/NURSING 728 Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development I.

POST-MASTER'S OPTION

Code	Title	Credits
Systematic Evaluation of Practice		
Approved Statistics Course (prerequisite)		0
NURSING 761	Health Program Planning, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement	3
NURSING 764	Nursing and Health Informatics	3
NURSING 806	Evaluation and Application of Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSING 906	Scholarly Project [1]	6

Leadership/Policy Component

NURSING 708	Ethics for Advanced Practice in Health Care	2
Leadership/Policy Elective		3
NURSING 772	Leadership and Organizational Decision-Making in Health Care	3

Practice Component

Select one of the populations:		3
NURSING 722	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Adults and Older Adults	
NURSING 741	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Family Process & Child Development	
NURSING 751	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Psychiatric Mental Health	
APN Clinical/Leadership Practicum & Role Core		
NURSING 828	Clinical Leadership III [2]	3
NURSING 829	Clinical Leadership IV [2]	3

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6 total credits required; 10 credit maximum. Taken for 2 credits per term (other credit amounts allowed only via faculty approval).

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Students in the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner named option must take these courses with a section number of 010.

Post-Master's Program Plan
First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 722, 741, or 751	3	NURSING 806	3	NURSING 764	3
Elective (can be taken any term)[1]	3	NURSING 761	3	NURSING 772	3
	6		6		6

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 828	3	NURSING 829	3	NURSING 708	2
NURSING 906	2	NURSING 906	2	NURSING 906	2
	5		5		4

Total Credits 32

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See Pre-approved elective options. Additional options may be approved by program director.

Pre-approved elective options

Code	Title	Credits
Pre-approved elective options		
NURSING/ PHM PRAC/ SOC WORK 746	Interdisciplinary Care of Children with Special Health Care Needs	3
NURSING 657	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3
NURSING 847	Health Policy Practicum	3
NURSING 785	Foundations of Curriculum Development and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NURSING 786	Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3
NURSING 787	Nursing Education Practicum	1-3
NURSING/ MEDICINE/ POP HLTH 705	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Clinical Research Evidence	2
COUN PSY 650	Theory and Practice in Interviewing	3
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	2
POP HLTH/ SOC 797	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
NURSING/ PHM PRAC 674	Seminars in Interprofessional Mental Health Care	2
NURSING/LAW/ MED SC-M 768	Consumer Health Advocacy and Patient-Centered Care Clinical	1-7
POP HLTH 650	Special Topics	1-6
PUBLHLTH/ NURSING/ PHARMACY/ PHY ASST/ PHY THER 758	Interprofessional Public Health Leadership	1
PUBLHLTH 780	Evidence-Based Decision-Making	3
POP HLTH 915	International Health Systems and Policy	2
OTM 753	Healthcare Operations Management	3