

DNP in Nursing - Individual/Family Focus

Admission

1. An approved graduate-level statistics course taken within the last ten years;
2. A nursing master's degree from an accredited school, with a GPA of 3.250 or higher in all master's work;
3. Individual/Family focus applicants are required to:
 - a. Present proof of APRN licensure in Kansas and/or other authorized online states, and
 - b. Present proof of, or eligibility for, national certification as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist;
4. Some latitude may be given in the following GPA requirements on an individual basis (3.000 or higher in the following areas):
 - a. All undergraduate coursework;
 - b. All undergraduate nursing courses;
 - c. Any graduate-level courses taken;
 - d. The following four science courses taken with an overall GPA of at least 3.000 and no grade that generates less than 2.000 credit points per credit hour in any one course: anatomy/physiology, microbiology, pathophysiology and pharmacology;
5. One application must be submitted to the Graduate School by October 15 (spring admission only); and
6. Admission for postmaster's applicants will be to the practice specialization area in which their nursing master's degrees were completed.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Hours
Core and Specialization Preparatory Courses		
NURS 824	Advanced Pathophysiology II	2
NURS 899A	Health Care System Policy and Politics Update	1
NURS 899B	Introduction to Translational Research	1
NURS 899C	Management of Care Update	2
NURS 901	Organizational Systems and Leadership	3
NURS 902	Population and Social Determinants of Health	3
NURS 924	Advanced Pharmacotherapy for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Select one Graduate Nursing Elective		3
Capstone Courses		
NURS 956	Practice Management	2
NURS 959	Evidence-Based Nursing Project III	3
NURS 960	Residency	6
Total Credit Hours		29

DNP Project

Students complete an evidence-based project. Students work collaboratively with at least one graduate nursing faculty member who is chairperson of their committee and one other graduate faculty member to identify an evidence-based practice problem and plan the implementation to address the problem. Successful defense of the evidence-based project proposal is the expected outcome within the Evidence-Based Project III course. After successful completion and defense of the Evidence-Based Project III proposal, the candidate

may enroll in residency hours. The residency allows the student to complete/disseminate the results of the project and develop a portfolio documenting practice scholarship. The residency hours may be taken in 2-, 4- or 6-hour increments and may be repeated until requirements are met. The candidate completes an oral defense of the project at the end of the residency.

Applied Learning

Students in the DNP individual/family focus program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing all coursework culminating with the DNP Project. This evidence-based project stems from a series of courses and practicum work and is finalized and defended during the NURS 960 Residency course.