

# NURSING PRACTICE (POPULATION HEALTH LEADERSHIP) - DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (ONLINE)

The DNP is a doctoral degree for nurses at the highest level of nursing practice. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has proposed that the DNP degree will be the level of entry for all advanced practice nurses by 2020. Practice-focused doctoral nursing programs prepare leaders for the highest level of practice and is the terminal practice degree. The Population Health Leadership concentration is a post-MSN to DNP track for master's prepared nurses who wish to earn the terminal clinical degree in nursing. APRN's and non-APRN's can apply.

For application information, visit the School of Nursing website (<https://schoolofnursing.nmsu.edu/>) or contact the Nursing Graduate Advisor for more information about application and admission requirements at (575) 646-7770.

## First Year

Fall		Credits
NURS 6110	Introduction to Population Health	1
NURS 6270	Clinical Data Management and Analysis	2
NURS 6120	Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NURS 6305	Introduction to the DNP Project	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>

## Spring

NURS 6125	Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 6130	Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum <sup>1</sup>	1-3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6-8</b>

## Summer

NURS 5120	Nursing Informatics <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 6265	Strategic and Financial Planning for Population Health Programs	3
NURS 6310	DNP Project I	1
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	1-3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8-10</b>

## Second Year

Fall		Credits
NURS 6135	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence	3
NURS 6255	Innovations and Health Care Organizations	3
NURS 6320	DNP Project II	1
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	1-3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8-10</b>

## Spring

NURS 6250	Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 6260	Population Health and the Environment	3
NURS 6330	DNP Project III	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>

**Total Credits 36-42**

<sup>1</sup> NURS 6307 DNP Project Practicum can be repeated each semester for no more than 9 credits

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