

NURSING PRACTICE (PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH)- DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (ONLINE)

The **Doctor of Nursing Practice (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 core DNP courses prepare the DNP graduate for Population Health Leadership. Although the coursework for these programs is web-based, the clinical component consists of over **1000 contact hours**. Anyone interested in pursuing a nurse practitioner doctorate must ensure they can accommodate the intensive time commitment these programs require.

The **Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** track prepares nurses for advanced practice focusing on mental health issues across the lifespan. The curriculum builds upon four core PMHNP competencies: advanced health assessment (physical and psychosocial); diagnosis (diagnosis of mental disorders, pathophysiology, and neurophysiology); psychotherapy (individual, group, and family); and medication management (pharmacology and psychopharmacology). Other courses develop competencies in healthcare systems, best-practice research utilization and translation, and healthcare quality improvement. Graduates are prepared to sit for the Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Exam.

To complete the DNP program, each student is required to generate a project that reflects their advanced coursework in leadership, research translation, and clinical knowledge and skills.

New Mexico State University is a full member of the National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements consortium (SARA). Students will need to check the NMSU SARA website (<https://global.nmsu.edu/check-your-state/>) before applying to determine if NMSU has a reciprocity agreement with their home state before applying. State Boards of Nursing may regulate NMSU's ability to have APRN students in clinical practice in the home state of out-of-state students. Please refer to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Distance Education Requirements (<https://www.ncsbn.org/13662.htm>) website and contact Nursing Graduate Advisor to confirm eligibility for clinical training in states outside of New Mexico.

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) 646-2772.

Course Requirements

Prefix	Title	Credits
DNP Core Courses		
NURS 5120	Nursing Informatics	3
NURS 6110	Introduction to Population Health	1
NURS 6250	Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 6270	Clinical Data Management and Analysis	2

NURS 6265	Strategic and Financial Planning for Population Health Programs	3
NURS 6135	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence	3
NURS 6255	Innovations and Health Care Organizations	3
NURS 6120	Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NURS 6125	Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 6260	Population Health and the Environment	3
NURS 6305	Introduction to the DNP Project	1
NURS 6130	Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 6310	DNP Project I	1
NURS 6320	DNP Project II	1
NURS 6330	DNP Project III	1
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	3
NP Core Courses		
NURS 6220	Advanced Pathophysiology for Clinical Nursing	3
NURS 6230	Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS 6224	Diagnostic Reasoning and Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 6226	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum	1
NURS 6352	Integrated Care for Diverse Populations	2
NURS 6210	Professional Roles for Advanced Practice Clinical Nursing	3
PMHNP Specialty Courses		
NURS 6405	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS 6410	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I	3
NURS 6411	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I Practicum	3,4
NURS 6420	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II	3
NURS 6421	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II Practicum	3-4
NURS 6430	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III	1
NURS 6431	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III Practicum	3
NURS 6432	PMHNP Across the Lifespan Residency	2
Total Credits		72-74

First Year		
Fall		Credits
NURS 6110	Introduction to Population Health	1
NURS 6120	Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NURS 6305	Introduction to the DNP Project	1
NURS 6210	Professional Roles for Advanced Practice Clinical Nursing	3
Credits		8
Spring		
NURS 6135	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence	3
NURS 6125	Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 6130	Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	1
Credits		9
Summer		
NURS 6270	Clinical Data Management and Analysis	2
NURS 6265	Strategic and Financial Planning for Population Health Programs	3
NURS 6310	DNP Project I	1
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	1
Credits		7

Second Year**Fall**

NURS 6220	Advanced Pathophysiology for Clinical Nursing	3
NURS 5120	Nursing Informatics	3
NURS 6255	Innovations and Health Care Organizations	3
NURS 6320	DNP Project II	1
Credits		10

Spring

NURS 6250	Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 6224	Diagnostic Reasoning and Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 6226	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum	1
NURS 6260	Population Health and the Environment	3
NURS 6307	DNP Project Practicum	1
Credits		11

Summer

NURS 6230	Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS 6330	DNP Project III	1
Credits		4

Third Year**Fall**

NURS 6405	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice	3
NURS 6410	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I	3
NURS 6411	PMHNP Across the Lifespan I Practicum	3,4
Credits		9-10

Spring

NURS 6352	Integrated Care for Diverse Populations	2
NURS 6420	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II	3
NURS 6421	PMHNP Across the Lifespan II Practicum	3-4
Credits		8-9

Summer

NURS 6430	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III	1
NURS 6431	PMHNP Across the Lifespan III Practicum	3
NURS 6432	PMHNP Across the Lifespan Residency	2
Credits		6

Total Credits **72-74**