

HUNTER COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) PROGRAM

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Hunter College prepares nurse practitioners and advanced public health nurses who can meet the increasingly complex health needs of diverse urban populations by providing evidence-based, advanced nursing services in a wide variety of settings. The program currently includes three specialization tracks: the Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) DNP, the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) DNP, and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) DNP.

The DNP program is open to registered nurses with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in nursing. The program requires completion of 48-90 credits and a total of 1000 supervised clinical hours. Students without a prior Master's degree in nursing from an accredited program complete 90 credits and 1000 supervised clinical hours. Students with a prior Master's degree in nursing from an accredited program may be admitted with advanced standing. Based on an individual assessment of the prior graduate record, (1) required coursework may be reduced by up to 42 credits for the same or equivalent coursework completed for the Master's degree with a grade of B or better; and (2) relevant supervised clinical hours completed for the Master's degree may be counted toward the 1000 supervised clinical hours required for the DNP degree.

Graduates of the DNP program meet the requirements for national certification in their specialty area. Graduates of the AGNP and PMHNP tracks qualify for New York State certification as a nurse practitioner.

**Admission Requirements**

Individuals who meet the following criteria may apply for admission to the DNP program:

1. For students *without* a Master's degree in nursing from an accredited program:

- Current New York State RN license and current registration
- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A GPA of 3.5 or above in both major and cumulative undergraduate record
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course
- Completion of a discrete undergraduate nursing research course

2. For students who hold a Master's degree in nursing from an accredited program:

- Current New York State RN license and current registration
- Satisfactory interview
- Graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Satisfactory written descriptions of career goals and capstone project interests
- National certification at an advanced level (i.e., requiring a graduate degree) from a national nursing certifying body

**Curriculum**

The curriculum consists of a total 90 credits and 1000 clinical hours at the post-baccalaureate nursing degree level.

*Core Courses Completed by Students in All Tracks*

The courses listed below are completed by all DNP students for a total of 48 credits in nursing science, economics and health care policy, and translational research and leadership.

- NURS 700 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Science (3 cr)
- NURS 702 Advanced Nursing Research (3 cr)
- NURS 704 Health Care Systems & Policy (3 cr)
- NURS 716 Informatics for Evidence-Based Practice (3 cr)
- NURS 717 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice (3 cr)
- NURS 749 Health Promotion & Disease Prevention in Diverse Pop. (3 cr)
- NURS 750 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics (3 cr)
- NURS 751 Advanced Health Assessment (3 cr)
- NURS 780 Health Care Ethics in the Life Span (3 cr)
- NURS 800 Leading Systems and Organizations (3 cr)
- NURS 801 Leadership for Quality Improvement (3 cr)
- NURS 802 Analytic Methods for Evidence-Based Practice (3 cr)
- NURS 804 Finance and Management of Advanced Practice Nursing (3 cr)
- NURS 810 Clinical Genetics (3 cr)
- NURS 850 Health Policy and Population-Focused DNP Practice (3 cr)
- PH 750 Introduction to Biostatistics (3 cr)
- PH 752 Introduction to Epidemiology (3 cr)

## **DNP Capstone:**

- NURS 90001 Capstone Internship (3 cr)  
NURS 90002 Capstone Proposal Development (3 cr)  
NURS 90003 Capstone Implementation (3 cr)  
NURS 90004 Evaluation & Dissemination (3 cr)

## **Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner**

In addition to DNP core courses, students in the AGNP specialization track complete an additional 27 credits in primary care and nursing electives, including clinical practica.

- NURS 755 Primary Care Nursing I (6 cr)  
NURS 757 Primary Care Nursing II (6 cr)  
NURS 768 Primary Care Nursing III (6 cr)  
Elective (3 cr)  
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Elective (3 cr)

## **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

In addition to DNP core courses, students in the PMHNP specialization track complete an additional 27 credits in advanced psychiatric-mental health nursing care and practice, including clinical practica.

- NURS 719 Psychopharmacology (3 cr)  
NURS 737 Mental Health Policy and Advocacy (1 cr)  
NURS 746 Epidemiology of Behav'l Health & Community Mental Health (1 cr)  
NURS 747 Advanced Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology of the Brain (1 cr)  
NURS 748 Therapeutic Counseling Modalities (3 cr)  
NURS 777 Adv. Psych-Mental Health Assessment & Intervention (3 cr)  
NURS 778 Adv. Child/Adolescent Psych-Mental Health Assessment & Intervention (2 cr)  
NURS 779 Group and Family Theories and Therapeutic Modalities (2 cr)  
NURS 781 Comprehensive Psychiatric/Mental Health Assessment and Intervention of Acute and Chronic Disease States (1 cr)

- NURS 782 Practicum in Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health NP I (4.5 cr)  
NURS 783 Practicum in Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health NP II(4.5 cr)  
NURS 784 Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Care and Practice (1 cr)

## **Family Nurse Practitioner**

*The FNP program is open only to individuals currently certified as Family Nurse Practitioners at the master's level.*

An individual program of study will be planned based on an assessment of a student's master's course work. Up to 42 credits including clinical hours may be waived.

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## **Tuition and Fees**

As a tax-supported institution, Hunter can keep tuition fees relatively low. For current tuition and fees, please go to

[www.hunter.cuny.edu/nursing/admissions/graduate/tuition-fees](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/nursing/admissions/graduate/tuition-fees) . Limited financial support may be available.

## **Applying to the DNP program**

For information on current application deadlines and to begin the application process, please go to the Hunter College Graduate Admissions website:

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions/applying>

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