

DNP: NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program is a full-time doctoral program for registered nurses with a baccalaureate degree in nursing who desire to become nurse practitioners. Consistent with the mission statements of the School of Nursing and the Graduate College at St. Catherine University, the DNP-NP Program educates nurse practitioners to lead and influence as doctoral-prepared experts in advanced nursing practice.

The DNP-NP Program begins with core graduate nursing courses and courses that lay the foundation for nurse practitioner clinical practice. Students will continue with track-specific course work, followed by clinical hours and their DNP project. Courses are grounded in a commitment to critical inquiry, innovation, ethical leadership, social justice, with a holistic view of the person, designed to prepare scholar-practitioners who lead and influence, advocate for justice, honor diverse and global perspectives, and demonstrate expertise in their area of study.

Why the DNP?

The Nurse Practitioner program at St. Catherine University was one of the first NP programs in Minnesota. Our graduates have a long and successful history of providing excellent patient care, especially for the most vulnerable populations in Minnesota and throughout the country. Dynamic changes in the role of the nurse practitioner and the need for nurses to earn higher degrees supported the need to transform the M.S. Nurse Practitioner program into a DNP-NP program.

Years to Complete the Program

This is a 3- or 4-year program of study to complete the DNP-NP program. Students are expected to complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program within seven years of initial enrollment.

Important Technical Standards

For successful admission and continuance in St. Catherine University's pre-licensure nursing programs, a specific set of essential cognitive, sensory, communication, psychomotor, and behavioral/ emotional/ spiritual health abilities are required to be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.

Read the full requirements (<https://stkate.box.com/s/rzo0wgvyertulhjaumvqnk71rkqa3ynt/>)

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 7140	Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8150	Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
STAT 7000	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
IPE 7000	Evidence Based Practice: Interprofessional Perspectives and Competencies ¹	3
NURS 7080	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 8300	Advanced Outcomes Measurement and Evaluation	3
NURS 6223	Advanced Pharmacology across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3

NURS 6143	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6230	Embryology & Pathophysiology of the Neonate	2
NURS 6430	Advanced Neonatal Assessment, Diagnostics and Procedures	2
NURS 6352	Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	2
NURS 7030	Neonatal Management I: Common Neonatal Conditions	3
NURS 7230	Neonatal Management II: The High-Risk Neonate	3
NURS 7430	Neonatal Management III: Complex Conditions of the Neonate	3
NURS 7215	Neonatal Clinical I	1
NURS 8015	Neonatal Clinical II	3
NURS 8215	Neonatal Clinical III	3
NURS 8315	Neonatal Clinical IV	2
NURS 8515	DNP Practicum I: Leading QI	2
NURS 8523	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	3
NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 8543	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	3
NURS 8516	DNP Practicum II: Strategic project planning	2
NURS 8517	DNP Practicum III: QI implementation and data analysis	2
NURS 8518	DNP Practicum IV: Sustaining and disseminating QI	2
Total Credits		68

¹ May also be fulfilled by NURS 7060 Evidence Based Practice

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Fall Term		
NURS 7140	Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
STAT 7000	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
NURS 6223	Advanced Pharmacology across the Lifespan	3
Spring Term		
NURS 7080	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
IPE 7000	Evidence Based Practice: Interprofessional Perspectives and Competencies	3
NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3
Summer Term		
NURS 6143	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6230	Embryology & Pathophysiology of the Neonate	2
NURS 6352	Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	2
Fall Term		
NURS 8150	Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 7030	Neonatal Management I: Common Neonatal Conditions	3
NURS 6340	Advanced Neonatal Assessment, Diagnostics and Procedures	2

Spring Term

NURS 8300	Advanced Outcomes Measurement and Evaluation	3
NURS 7230	Neonatal Management II: The High-Risk Neonate	3
NURS 8523	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	3

Summer Term

NURS 8515	DNP Practicum I: Leading QI	2
NURS 7430	Neonatal Management III: Complex Conditions of the Neonate	3
NURS 7215	Neonatal Clinical I	1

Fall Term

NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 8015	Neonatal Clinical II	3
NURS 8516	DNP Practicum II: Strategic project planning	2

Spring Term

NURS 8543	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	3
NURS 8517	DNP Practicum III: QI implementation and data analysis	2
NURS 8215	Neonatal Clinical III	3

Summer Term

NURS 8518	DNP Practicum IV: Sustaining and disseminating QI	2
NURS 8315	Neonatal Clinical IV	2

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Fall Term

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NURS 8536	Healthcare Economics and Finance	3
NURS 6340	Advanced Neonatal Assessment, Diagnostics and Procedures	2

Spring Term

NURS 6160	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3
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Summer Term

NURS 6143	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 6352	Neonatal Pharmacotherapeutics	2

Fall Term

NURS 8300	Advanced Outcomes Measurement and Evaluation	3
NURS 7030	Neonatal Management I: Common and Acute Conditions of the Neonate	3

Spring Term

NURS 8523	Advanced Evidence-based Practice	3
NURS 7230	Neonatal Management II: The High-Risk Infant	3

Summer Term

NURS 8515	DNP Practicum I: Leading QI	2
NURS 7430	Neonatal Management III: Complex Conditions of the Neonate	3
NURS 7215	Neonatal Clinical I	1

Fall Term

NURS 8516	DNP Practicum II: Strategic project planning	2
NURS 8015	Neonatal Clinical II	3

Spring Term

NURS 8543	Health Care: Power, Policy and Politics	3
NURS 8517	DNP Practicum III: QI implementation and data analysis	2
NURS 8215	Neonatal Clinical III	3

Summer Term

NURS 8518	DNP Practicum IV: Sustaining and disseminating QI	2
NURS 8315	Neonatal Clinical IV	2

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