



Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice: Family Nurse Practitioner or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): FNP or PMHNP program is designed to prepare individuals with the advanced knowledge, skills, values, meanings, and experiences necessary to manage health care in a safe, effective, and efficient manner in a variety of settings. The program can be completed in 8 consecutive semesters.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Core and NP general courses are primarily one day per week and offered in the classroom setting as well as synchronously live from a distance. Immersion days may be required. Clinical placement is a collaborative process between the student and faculty.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Three letters of recommendation
 - One from previous faculty who can attest to academic ability
 - Two from individuals who can attest to your clinical expertise. Recommended at least one from doctoral-prepared nurse.
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay (500-750 words) answering the following questions:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
 - Brief description of an idea for the DNP project.
- One year of direct patient care prior to starting specialty courses
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state or individual state (must obtain licensure in clinical rotation state)
- Successful completion of undergraduate Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology courses.
- Completion of undergraduate Statistics course with a grade of “C” or better within the last five years.
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required.
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details:
<https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 71-78 credit hours (dependent upon program track) with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Clinical requirement is a minimum of 1,000 clock hours.

Courses	Credits
Research & Evidence-Based Practice	3
Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology	3
Analytical Methods (Statistics)	3
Roles & Issues of the DNP	3
Advanced Health Promotion & Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
Applied Pharmacology & Therapeutics	3
Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology	3
Epidemiology & Population Health	3
Project Seminar	1/1*
Integration of Translational Research	3
Project Planning	2/1*
Clinical Research Proposal	3
Grant Writing	1
Informatics & Quality Improvement	3
Project Implementation	1/2*
Leadership & Policy	3
Data Analysis	3
Project Analysis & Dissemination	2/1**
Total	52-53

* Denotes clinical course, 1 clinical credit = 60 hours

** If clinical hours still needed

Concentrations (pick one):

Family Nurse Practitioner

Courses	Credits
Mental Health in Primary Care	3
Primary Care of Women & Children	3
Primary Care of Families: Chronic	3
Primary Care of Families: Acute	3
Primary Care of Families Practicum	3*
Diagnostics & Procedures	1
Primary Care Practicum	3*
Adv. Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Primary Care Advanced Practicum	4*
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Concentration Total	25

Psych Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Courses	Credits
Behavioral Neuroscience & Psychopharmacology	3
Foundations of Psychotherapy	3
Management of PMH: Adult	2/2*
Management of PMH: Geriatric	2
Management of PMH: Child & Adolescent	2/2*
Management of Complex PMH Across the Lifespan	2/2*
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Practicum	4*
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Concentration Total	26

* Denotes clinical course, 1 credit hour = 4 clock hours

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.