

**Adult-Gerontology**

**Clinical Nurse Specialist**

**BSN-DNP**

**Curriculum Guide**



### **Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist**

Graduates are prepared to assume roles as Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialists (AGCNS) to integrate care across the continuum while working to continuously improve patient outcomes and nursing care.

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice and offers an alternative to research-focused doctoral programs.

The Breen School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program emphasizes development of nurse leaders who use evidence-based practice for optimizing health care delivery through effective systems transformation. The curriculum for the DNP degree includes advanced practice, leadership and application of clinical research. Graduates with this terminal practice degree will be prepared for roles in direct care or indirect, systems-focused care.

The Breen School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program focuses on the development of nurse leaders who use evidence-based practice for optimizing health care delivery through effective systems transformation. As DNP graduates plan and implement their practice with individuals and populations, they learn to integrate the spiritual, biological, social, psychological and cultural factors that influence human responses to health and illness. The goal of DNP practice, in addition to providing excellent care to patients, is to optimize health care delivery through effective systems transformation, or planned change.

The DNP is structured as a year-round program with courses completed during the fall, spring and summer semesters. Students admitted to the DNP program may complete the program in 24 months through the full-time option. The part-time option allows students to spread the curriculum across a four-year time span by completing one course per semester.

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**Graduate Admission**

# BSN-DNP: Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

|                | Fall (August-December)<br>(or 1st Semester of Program)   | Spring (January-May)   | Summer (May-August)   |
|----------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Level 1</b> | <p><b>NR 532:</b> Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 540:</b> Advanced Physiology/ Pathology (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 701:</b> Biostatistics for Outcomes Management and Evaluation (3 credits)</p>  | <p><b>NR 533:</b> Application of Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 541:</b> Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>NR 542:</b> Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 703:</b> Epidemiology for Population Health (3 credits)</p>  | <p><b>NR 535:</b> Health Care Informatics (2 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 541:</b> Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>NR 542:</b> Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 707:</b> Interdisciplinary Organizational Leadership (3 credits)</p>   |
| <b>Level 2</b> | <p><b>NR 601:</b> CNS Adult Health Management (3 credits)</p> <p><b>With</b></p> <p><b>NR 611:</b> Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 700A:</b> Scientific Writing for Professional Nurses (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 702:</b> Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 709:</b> Evaluation Strategies for Quality Improvement (3 credits)</p>   | <p><b>NR 636:</b> Adult-Gerontology Health Disease Management (3 credits)</p> <p><b>With</b></p> <p><b>NR 612:</b> Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 700B:</b> Scientific Writing for Professional Nurses (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 704:</b> Analysis of Evidence for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)</p> | <p><b>NR 620:</b> Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration (3 credits)</p> <p><b>With</b></p> <p><b>NR 613:</b> Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 650C:</b> Advanced Practice Ethical and Legal Responsibilities (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 706:</b> Advanced Healthcare Management and Policy (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 800:</b> CAPSTONE Project Identification/DNP Residency (2 credits)</p> |
| <b>Level 3</b> | <p><b>NR 640:</b> Teaching and Evaluation (3 credits)</p> <p><b>With</b></p> <p><b>NR 614:</b> Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 650D:</b> Advanced Practice Roles and Responsibilities with culminating project (2 credits)</p> <p><b>Complete MSN</b></p> <p><b>NR 700C:</b> Scientific Writing for Professional Nurses (1 credit)</p> <p><b>NR 705:</b> Methods for Conducting Evidence-Based Projects (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 801:</b> CAPSTONE Project Proposal/DNP Residency (2 credits)</p> | <p><b>NR 708:</b> Advanced Healthcare Informatics (3 credits)</p> <p><b>NR 802:</b> CAPSTONE Project Implementation/DNP Residency (2 credits)</p>  | <p><b>NR 803:</b> CAPSTONE Project Dissemination/DNP Residency (2 credits)</p> <p><b>Complete DNP</b></p>   |

\*Some semesters the course can be taken face-to-face or online.

**Total credit hours: 75**

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