INTRODUCTION
UW-Eau Claire offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree for individuals pursuing education in advanced practice nursing. The DNP is a clinical doctorate intended for nurses assuming leadership roles in the areas of advanced clinical practice (nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) or nursing administration. The DNP is offered as a post-baccalaureate (BSN-to-DNP) option and as a post-master’s (MSN-to-DNP) option. The DNP program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM
Graduates of the DNP program will be able to:
- Expand advanced nursing practice by integrating the art and science of nursing with theory and knowledge from biophysical, psychosocial, political, ethical, technical, analytical, cultural, spiritual, environmental, and organizational realms.
- Promote culturally sensitive, holistic advanced nursing practice care and services in a global community, with emphasis on disease/illness prevention and health/wellness promotion as well as restoration and maintenance.
- Synthesize leadership skills, systems analysis, and advocacy expertise.
- Integrate clinical expertise and competence with population-focused management, evidence-based practice, and health care policy.
- Analyze health-related information systems and technology for the improvement of health care.
- Develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based approaches to advanced nursing practice.
- Evaluate the outcomes of advanced nursing practice.
- Apply clinical scholarship and leadership skills to advanced nursing practice.
- Evaluate personal scholarship, professional growth, and excellence in practice.

CURRICULUM
BSN-to-DNP students choose an adult-gerontologic or family health nursing population focus and select a role preparation from the following options:
- Adult-gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner
- Adult-gerontologic clinical nurse specialist-admissions to this option on hold
- Family nurse practitioner
- Nurse administrator

Graduates are eligible to sit for AGPCNP, FNP, or AGCNS certification, as appropriate. With completion of the DNP and sufficient work experience, administration graduates may sit for AONE or ANCC certification.

Up to 20 graduate credits may be transferrable to UW-Eau Claire.

BSN-to-DNP Option
For BSN-to-DNP students, the program consists of approximately 68 credits (including 6 credits of cognates/electives) and 1,050 clinical hours for the administration role preparation; and approximately 73 credits and 1,087 clinical hours for nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist role preparations. The full-time program plan is for 3 years, with 4- and 5-year part-time options available. For full-time students, the first year of courses are 700-level courses taught predominantly at the Eau Claire campus on Mondays; and the second year of courses include 700-level courses generally taught on Tuesdays at the Eau Claire campus, along with a few 800-level courses, also on Tuesday. The third year consists of 800-level courses taught on Wednesdays. The 800-level courses are offered as hybrids that combine online components with immersion (on-campus) days.

Students must earn a grade of C or better in course work and clinicals to successfully progress. The clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and preceptor or agency facilitator.

MSN-to-DNP Option
For MSN-to-DNP students, the program consists of 30 credits taken at the 800-level. The 800-level courses include five core courses, two seminar and practicum courses (provide 450 clinical hours), and capstone project experience courses. The courses are offered as hybrids that combine online components with immersion days on campus and can be taken over one year (includes summer, fall, and spring terms) for full-time students and over two years for part-time students.

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**Adult-Gerontologic**
Human Responses; and Advanced Theory & Practice of Adults/Older Adults  8

**OR**

**Family**
Individual/Family and Community Responses; and Advanced Theory & Practice of Family Health  8

**Cognates/electives**  6
(Administration role preparation students only)

**FUNCTIONAL ROLE PREPARATION (700 & 800 level)**

**TITLE**  CREDITS

**Advanced Clinical Practice Role - 700 level courses**
Advanced Physiological and Pathophysiological Concepts  3
Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Clinical Practice  3
Advanced Health Assessment  2
Advanced Clinical Practice I & II Adult-Gero (Primary Care NP)  14
or Advanced Clinical Practice I and II Family (NP)  14

**Administrator Role-700 level courses**
Nursing Administration I & II  11

**Advanced Clinical Practice Role – 800 level courses**
Advanced Clinical Practice with Frail Elders  or
Advanced Clinical Practice of Families  or
Administration III  3

Synthesis of Advanced Practice of Adults  or
Synthesis of Advanced Practice Family  or
Synthesis for the Nurse Executive  3

**800-LEVEL CORE COURSES**

**TITLE**  CREDITS
Advanced Epidemiology & Biostatistics for Population Health  4
Philosophical, Theoretical, & Ethical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice  4
Clinical Scholarship for Advanced Nursing Practice  4
Organizational Leadership & Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice  4
Advanced Nursing Practice & Informatics  2

800-Level Practica and Capstone
DNP Seminar & Practicum I & II  5
DNP Capstone Project I & II  5

The DNP capstone project involves developing a project in a phenomena of interest that focuses on advancing the nursing profession. Students demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in the design, delivery, and evaluation of evidence-based practice to improve health care outcomes for the phenomena of interest.

Note: Program costs are higher than typical UWEC graduate programs and thus the 800-level courses involve additional costs, e.g., an additional fee of approximately $250 per credit.

**ADMISSION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
To apply to the BSN-to-DNP program, an applicant must contact Dr. Catherine Kromrie and submit the following documents for consideration for the following fall term:

- A complete application for graduate admission along with the application fees.
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions previously attended.
- An undergraduate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (CCNE or NLN) nursing program, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Evidence of undergraduate-level course work in statistics.
- Three references (using required forms) from individuals who are knowledgeable of the applicant’s clinical ability and/or potential for graduate study.
- Resume or vita.
- An essay.
- A complete DNP Demographic Form.
- Wisconsin Registered Nurse licensure. (RN licensure in U.S. required at time of application; WI RN license needed by July 1st.)

January 4 is the priority application deadline; however, DNP applications are accepted until seats are filled.

Please see the Post-Master’s DNP fact sheet for admission criteria for the MSN-to-DNP option:
www.uwec.edu/conhs

HRSA Traineeship Awards (Scholarships) available for Full-time BSN-to-DNP students studying to be NPs (for 2015-2016 academic year). Funding preference to those living or working in medically underserved, health professional shortage, or rural areas; grew up in a disadvantaged environment; are a veteran; or are an underrepresented minority. Contact Dr. Debra Jansen (jansenda@uwec.edu) for information.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**
For prospective graduate students, to learn more about the Nursing Graduate Program options available in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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