University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Graduate Nursing Programs
2018-2019
MSN and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

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For Additional Information about the Graduate Nursing Programs or Application Materials

Visit the Prospective Student webpage: Found in the Department of Nursing/Student Link at http://www.uwec.edu/CONHS/students/prospective.htm where you will find the powerpoint describing the programs and application materials, also view the Graduate Program pages at http://www.CONHSuwec.edu//programs/grad/index.htm

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This session provides information regarding:

• History of DNP degree and our DNP program
• Differences between DNP & PhD, and the DNP from MSN
• Our post-baccalaureate and post-master’s DNP options, role preparations, DNP seminar & practicum, DNP projects
• Admission requirements and application process
MSN Program

Two population options
  Adult/Gerontological Health
  Family Health

Role preparations in:
  Nursing Education
  Nursing Administration
Program of Study

Core Courses:
Theory
Research
Leadership & Health Policy
Role Synthesis

Population:
Adult/Gero
Family

Role preparation
Nurse Educator
Nurse Administrator

Cognates/Electives for nurse administrators
Clinical experiences

**curriculum reflects “Essentials of Masters” AACN
Considerations

• Program of study begins in summer session
• Courses offered on Monday’s for first year courses and Tuesday’s for second year courses
• Courses mainly classroom/on campus, though some are on-line
• Role prep courses offered alternate year basis
• May be full or part time
• Seven (7) year limit for program completion
• In addition to MSN have post - masters options for Nurse Educator and Nursing Administration
## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

**FULL-TIME SAMPLE PROGRAM PLAN**

**MSN with Nurse Educator or Nurse Administrator/Leadership & Management Role Preparation**

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<td><em>NRSG 718 2 cr</em>&lt;br&gt;Conceptual and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing</td>
<td>NRSG 701 4 cr Nursing Research: Methods&lt;br&gt;NRSG 719 (Adult-Gero) 4 cr Human Responses in Health and Illness: Adults &amp; Older Adults&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;NRSG 722 (Family Health) 4 cr Individual, Family and Community Responses&lt;br&gt;NRSG 709 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology 3 cr&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;Cognate/Electives 3 cr for nurse administrator</td>
<td>NRSG 702 2 cr Nursing Research: Application&lt;br&gt;NRSG 715 3 cr Leadership &amp; Health Policy in Nursing&lt;br&gt;NRSG 720 4 cr Advanced Theory &amp; Practice of Adults &amp; Older Adults I&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;NRSG 725 4 cr Advanced Theory and Practice of Family Health Nursing I&lt;br&gt;<strong>NRSG 703 Advanced Clinical Concepts for Nurse Educator 3 cr&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;Cognate/Electives 3 cr for nurse administrator</strong></td>
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<td>Please note: This is only a SAMPLE plan. Please discuss your program sequencing with your academic adviser.</td>
<td>***NRSG 730 Nursing Education I 6(3,3) cr&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;***NRSG 750 Nursing Administration I 6(3,3) cr&lt;br&gt;NRS9G 794 Scholarly Project OR&lt;br&gt;NRS9G 799 Thesis 1-2 cr</td>
<td>***NRSG 731 Nursing Education II 7(3,4) cr&lt;br&gt;OR&lt;br&gt;***NRSG 751 Nursing Administration II 7(3,4) cr&lt;br&gt;NRS9G 794 Scholarly Project OR&lt;br&gt;NRS9G 799 Thesis 1-2 cr</td>
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Year 1 courses are on Monday, Year 2 courses are on Tuesday
Total Credits: 40 – 41
Total clinical hours 525 hours
Part time plan of study is also an option and *may be required based on the year of admission*, please consult with the graduate program director or your advisor for developing a part time plan.
* taught alternate summers, e.g. 2019, 2021
** taught alternate spring semesters (for educator role prep) e.g. 2018, 2020
*** Nurse educator role preparation courses taught alternate academic years, e.g. 2018-2019, 2020-2021
**** Nurse administrator courses are taught on alternate academic years, e.g. 2019-2020, 2021-2022 in hybrid format
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- A practice-focused nursing doctorate.
- Highest level of academic preparation in clinical nursing.
- The entry level of practice for new advanced practice nurses, beginning in 2015.
History of DNP

• *Position Statement on the Practice Doctorate in Nursing*:
  – Endorsed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) membership in October, 2004.
  – Called for a transformational change in the education of advanced practice nurses (APNs).
  – DNP degree to be the entry level of practice for APNs by 2015.
  – Also recommended for other nurses seeking top systems/organizational roles.
Applies to:

• Nurse practitioners
• Clinical nurse specialists
• Certified nurse midwives
• Certified nurse anesthetists.

• Nurse administrators.
Per AACN recommendations, this does not apply to those prepared as:

- Nurse educators
  - Terminal degree is the PhD
  - UWEC continuing MSN program for educators
Need for the DNP

• Rapid expansion of knowledge needed for practice.
• Increased complexity of patient care.
• Concerns about the quality of patient care and patient safety.
• Shortages of doctorally prepared nursing faculty.
• Increasing educational expectations for the preparation of other health professionals.
Practice Doctorates in Other Fields

• Medicine (MD)
• Optometry (OD)
• Dentistry (DDS)
• Pharmacy (PharmD)
• Psychology (PsyD)
• Physical Therapy (DPT)
• Audiology (AudD)
Implications--Benefits

• Relationship between higher levels of nursing education and improved patient outcomes.
• Better prepare APNs for increasingly complex practice, faculty, and leadership roles.
• Alternative to the research-focused PhD.
• Expert practitioners who can also serve as nursing faculty.
• Better match credit load with degree (some MSN credit loads are equivalent to doctoral degrees in other professions).
Differences

DNP
• Focuses on clinical practice and the scientific underpinnings for practice.
• Focuses on program development and evaluation; and evidence based practice and outcomes based practice.
• Conduct clinical application project(s).

PhD
• Focuses on research.
• Greater emphasis on theory, meta-theory, research methodology, and statistics.
• Conduct extensive original research to generate new knowledge.
• Dissertation (or research articles).
UW-Eau Claire DNP Program

• UW System Board of Regents approval to begin implementing the DNP program, starting in the summer of 2010.

• First doctoral program at UW-Eau Claire & First graduates in May 2012!

• Planning and development occurred collaboratively with UW-Oshkosh.
  – Each offers its own degree.
  – First degree granting doctoral programs among the UW-System comprehensive universities!
Two DNP Program Entry Options:

• Post-Master’s DNP Option
• Post-Baccalaureate DNP Option
UW-Eau Claire

- 2010: Post-Master’s Option only
- 2012: MSN, Post-Baccalaureate and Post-Master’s DNP options
  - Full and part-time sample plans
  - 3 year sample plan
  - 4 year sample plan
  - 5 year sample plan
Post-Master’s DNP Option

• For nurses with master’s degrees in nursing with role preparation in one of the following:
  – Adult Gerontologic or Family Nurse Practitioner
  – Adult Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist
  – Nurse Administration/ Executive

Courses begin in the summer
Post-Master’s DNP Curriculum

• 30 credits, 800-level
• 450 clinical hours
• Hybrid courses offered via a combination of classroom immersion days and online technologies
Post-Master’s DNP Option

Admission Requirements

• Acceptance as a graduate student in good standing.
• BSN from accredited program, with GPA of 3.00 or higher.
• Master’s from accredited program (role preparation as Adult and/or Gerontologic or Family NP, Adult and/or Gerontologic CNS, or Nurse administrator), with GPA of 3.00 or higher.
• 550 hours of master’s level clinical (or national certification).
• Basic epidemiology and statistics content.
• Graduate level pharm (except for administrators), nursing research, and nursing theory.
• RN license (WI license by July 1).
• DNP application packet.
• Health record, background check, CPR certification (needed by July 1).
• Special circumstances considered.
Post-Baccalaureate DNP Option

• All students select a population: Adult-Gerontologic or Family population focus

• For nurses with baccalaureate degrees in nursing with interest in advanced clinical practice or nursing administration select a role preparation:
  – Adult-Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  – Family Nurse Practitioner
  – Adult-Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist
    • Admission to the A-GCNS option is temporarily on hold
  – Nurse Administrator/Nurse Executive)

• Plan of study begins in the fall
Post-Baccalaureate DNP Option

• **Three year program (for full-time students)**
  – Four-year part-time plan
  – Five-year part-time plan

Populations: Adult/Gero or Family Health

• 68-73 credits, depending on choice of role preparation:
  – NP (A/GNP or FNP)—73 credits
  – Nurse administrator/Executive —68 credits
BSN-to-DNP option

- Year 1: 700-level courses taught predominantly at Eau Claire and may be online enhanced on Mondays.
- Year 2: 800-level courses taught at Eau Claire and may be online enhanced on Tuesdays.
- Year 3: 800-level courses, which are hybrid on-campus immersion days and online.
NP roles (BSN-to-DNP)

- 73 credits total
- Core graduate nursing courses, and core DNP courses and capstone project
- 14.5 credits clinical (1 cr = 5hrs clinical/wk) about 1,087 hours
  - Population focus
  - Role preparation
- Required cognates (electives/3P’s):
  - Advanced Health Assessment
  - Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology
  - Pharmacotherapeutics
Administration/Executive role (BSN-to-DNP)

- 68 credits total
- Core courses
- 14 credits clinical (1 cr = 5 hrs of clinical/wk, about 1,050 hours)
  - Population focus
  - Role preparation
- 6 credits of cognates (electives)
Degree Program/Curriculum

- Core Courses for all graduate students (ie: 701, 702, 715)
- Population courses for all graduate students
  - Adult/Gero or Family Health Nursing (ie 719/20 or 722/25)
- Role Preparation:
  - MSN: Educator or Administration and cognates
  - DNP: NP and 3P’s, or Adm and cognates
- DNP only Core Courses (800, 801, 803, 805, 809, 820/823)
- DNP Project (890/91)
DNP Capstone Project

• Develop a project in a phenomena of interest that focuses on advancing the nursing profession.

• 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.
Post-Baccalaureate DNP Option
Admission Requirements

• Acceptance as a graduate student in good standing.
• BSN from accredited (CCNE or NLNAC) program, with GPA of 3.00 or higher.
• RN license (WI license needed by July 1 following admission).
• DNP application packet.
• Health record, background check, CPR certification (needed by July 1).
• Must have completed a basic undergraduate statistics course.
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<td>NRSG 715 (3 credits) Leadership and Health Policy in Nursing</td>
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### FULL-TIME SAMPLE BSN-TO-DNP (POST-BACCALAUREATE) DNP PROGRAM PLAN
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| 2    | NRSG 801 (4 credits)  
Philosophical, Theoretical, & Ethical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice | NRSG803 (4 credits)  
Advanced Epidemiology & Biostatistics for Population Health | NRSG 800 (2 credits)  
Advanced Nursing Practice and Informatics | NRSG 805 (4 credits)  
Clinical Scholarship for Advanced Nursing Practice |
|      | NRSG 741 [7(4,3) credits]  
Clinical Nurse Specialist I: Adult & Older Adult Health  
OR  
NRSG 812 [7(4,3) credits]  
Advanced Clinical Practice for Adults & Older Adults I  
OR  
NRSG 814 [7(4,3) credits]  
Family Health: Advanced Clinical Practice I  
OR  
NRSG 750 [6(3,3) credits]  
Nursing Administration I | 10 credits Admin  
11 credits ACP | 2 credits | 9 credits Admin  
11 credits ACP |

| Credits | 4 Credits | 10 credits Admin  
11 credits ACP | 2 credits | 9 credits Admin  
11 credits ACP |
# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

## FULL-TIME SAMPLE BSN-TO-DNP (POST-BACCALAUREATE) DNP PROGRAM PLAN

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| 3    | NRS 809 (4 credits)  
   Organizational Leadership & Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice | NRS 820 [3(2,1) credits]  
   DNP Seminar & Practicum I  
   NRS 890 [2(.5,1.5) credits]  
   DNP Capstone Project I  
   NRS 842 [3(1,2) credits]  
   Advanced Clinical Practice with Frail Older Adults  
   OR  
   NRS 844 [3(1,2) credits]  
   Advanced Clinical Practice of Families within Vulnerable Populations  
   OR  
   NRS 850 [3(1,2) credits] Administration III | NRS 823 (2 credits)  
   DNP Seminar II  
   NRS 891 [3(1.5,1.5) credits]  
   DNP Capstone Project II  
   NRS 846 [3cr (1,2)]  
   Synthesis of Advanced Practice of Adults and Older Adults  
   OR  
   NRS 848[3cr (1,2)]  
   Synthesis of Advanced Practice Family  
   OR  
   NRS 851 [3cr (1,2)]  
   Synthesis for the Nurse Executive | 8 credits Admin  
   8 credits ACP | 8 credits Admin  
   8 credits ACP |

4 Credits
Costs for all DNP Students

• Course fee
  – All courses at the 800 level include a course fee of approximately $250 per credit in addition to graduate tuition and fees.
Financial Support Opportunities

- UW-Eau Claire Financial Aid Office
  - [http://www.uwec.edu/finaid/index.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/finaid/index.htm)

- Graduate Assistant Positions & Graduate Fellowships (Scholarships)
  - See Graduate Studies Office [http://www.uwec.edu/graduate/index.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/graduate/index.htm)

- Loans (private sources)

- UW-Eau Claire Foundation Scholarships
  [http://www.uwec.edu/finaid/scholarships/FDNscholarships.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/finaid/scholarships/FDNscholarships.htm)
DNP Application

• **University Application:**
  - Online Application for Graduate Admission with application fee
  - Official transcripts from **BSN and MSN** academic institutions

• **College of Nursing Application:**
  - Application materials/hard copy and fee to College ($35)
  - RN License in WI
  - References from 3 individuals (forms)
  - Demographic Form (also verification of stats and assessment)
  - Resume or vita
  - Admission essay
Admission Essay

• Describe nursing topic of interest
  – Problem/area amenable to interventions or actions by an advanced practice nurse
  – Narrow enough to enable one to assume a leadership role while developing a project to produce change and/or quality outcomes and contribute to the developing body of advanced nursing practice knowledge.
DNP Applications

• All application materials, transcripts, and fees are due January 4\textsuperscript{th} to assure meeting priority date. Application though accepted until programs are filled.

• Application materials available from the Graduate Nursing Programs Director and link College webpage after mid-September
Information

- www.uwec.edu/CONHS

University webpages for
- Department of Nursing
- Graduate Studies
- Registrar/Registration
Helpful things to consider

• Preparing for graduate studies
• Is there a “perfect time” to return to school?
• How can continuing your education facilitate your career and professional goals
• How do you want to practice nursing?
Questions?