



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

UW-EAU CLAIRE DNP FACT SHEET—POST-MASTER'S OPTION

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.

MSN-TO-DNP OPTION

For MSN-to-DNP students, the program consists of 31 credits taken at the 800-level. Two options are available, one for advanced practice nurses (NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM) and one for nurse executives.

PROFILE OF UW-EAU CLAIRE

Founded in 1916, UW-Eau Claire is a top-ranked liberal arts university set on a beautiful campus in the heart of Eau Claire. Approximately 10,500 undergraduate and **500 graduate students** take advantage of the university's innovative curriculum, personal attention and numerous research opportunities. UW-Eau Claire offers more than 80 undergraduate and **14 graduate degree programs**, which are organized into four colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education and Human Sciences and College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students enjoy small class sizes taught by expert faculty members – not teaching assistants – and plentiful opportunities to engage in projects that promote critical thinking and prepare students to be engaged citizens and perceptive leaders.

The 800-level courses include five core courses, two seminar and practicum courses (provide 450 clinical hours for the ACP and 525 for the executive option), and DNP Project experience courses. The courses are offered as hybrids that combine online components with immersion days on select Tuesdays and Wednesdays on campus. Please note: The MSN-to-DNP option typically is a part-time two and one half-year program. The plan requires students to take courses during the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters, and one winterim term.

Students must earn a grade of C or better in course work and clinicals and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to successfully progress. The clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and an agency facilitator.

800-LEVEL DNP COURSES

TITLE	CREDITS
Advanced Epidemiology & Biostatistics for Population Health	4
Philosophical, Theoretical, & Ethical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Clinical Scholarship for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
Organizational Leadership & Health Policy for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
Advanced Nursing Practice & Informatics	2
MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum I & II**	7
DNP Project I, II & III	7

**Note: Students in the nurse executive option take Nursing Administration III (4 credits) and Synthesis for the Nurse Executive (3

credits) instead of MSN to DNP Seminar & Practicum I & II.

The DNP Project involves developing a project that focuses on your role as an advanced practice nurse. The topic should pertain to a problem issue, or area that is amenable to a quality improvement project by an advanced practice nurse. 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.

ADMISSION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply to the **post-master's DNP** program, an applicant must contact Dr. Catherine Kenney and submit the following documents for consideration for the following summer 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, NLN, or ACEN) nursing program, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 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 following admission and prior to starting classes).
- A master's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (CCNE, NLN, ACEN) nursing program, with a role preparation in Advanced Practice Nursing as an Adult &/or Gerontologic or Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult &/or Gero

Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Administrator, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Other populations & role preparations may be considered.

- Evidence of 550 hours of master's level clinical practicum (or national certification by a body approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing).
- Evidence of basic epidemiology content.
- Evidence of graduate level pharmacology (not required for nurse executive students), nursing research, and nursing theory.

Applications are accepted beginning July 15, 2019 and are accepted until the program is filled, or no later than December 31, 2019.

Please see the Post-Baccalaureate DNP fact sheet or University Catalog for admission criteria for the BSN-to-DNP option: www.uwec.edu/conhs

Note: Program costs are higher than typical UWEC graduate programs and thus the 800-level DNP courses involve additional costs, e.g., an additional course fee of approximately \$253 per credit.

Admitted students are required to submit health & immunization/titer requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, and background check information. Personal health insurance required.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- U.S. News & World Report magazine consistently ranks UW-Eau Claire among the top public regional universities in the Midwest in its annual America's Best Colleges guidebook.
- UW-Eau Claire's reputation as an interactive university has been cited in publications such as Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, Money Magazine, and The Chronicle of Higher Education.

- Four UW-Eau Claire professors, including a nursing professor, have been recipients of Wisconsin Professor of the Year awards.
- UW-Eau Claire is a member institution of The Council of Graduate Schools and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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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