



Online and On campus

# BSN to DNP

Position yourself to reach the highest level of practice through clinical expertise and leadership development with the BSN to DNP program. As a BSN to DNP student, you will earn your Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, master's degree, and be eligible for national certification in one of our advanced practice specialties. The first phase of the program combines DNP Clinical Expert coursework with the Master of Science degree requirements to become an advanced practice registered nurse. In the second phase of the program, you will complete your DNP immersion experiences and final project. In order to apply, you must have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and an active, unencumbered RN license. It is recommended that you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

## Specialties:

- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Family Nurse Practitioner\*
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner\*\*
- Nurse-Midwifery
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner\*
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

\*on campus and online

\*\*online only



*"This program is rigorous and has provided me with the best education to lead me to success in my future. I have felt supported throughout the entirety of this program and have been provided with excellent resources to help guide me throughout the course of my career."*

**- Melanie Hlahol**  
**current student**



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF NURSING

# Sample plan of study\*

The DNP plan of study requires anywhere between 69-99 credit hours depending on the specialization you select. We offer a full-time and part-time option. Below is a sample plan of study for a part-time student. To view a more specific plan of study, please visit our website.

## Degree requirement overview

|                            |                                                          |                             |                                      |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 20 credits of core courses | 32-62 credits of graduate specialty and clinical courses | 16 credits of DNP clinicals | 2 credits of final scholarly project | 73-101 credit hours |
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## Suggested course sequence

|        |                                                                |                                                 |                                                                       |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year 1 | Autumn                                                         | Spring                                          | Summer                                                                |
|        | Pathophysiology of Altered Health States (5 credits)           | Health Promotion (2 credits)                    | Quality Improvement (2 credits)                                       |
|        | Innovation and Leadership Development (2 credits)              | Nursing Policy (2 credits)                      | Informatics for Leadership (2 credits)                                |
| Year 2 | Autumn                                                         | Spring                                          | Summer                                                                |
|        | Ethics in Healthcare Practice, Research and Policy (2 credits) | Advanced Health Assessment (3-4 credits)        | Specialty Clinical Practicum I (7-10 credits)                         |
|        | Science of Practice Innovation (2 credits)                     | Advanced Pharmacology in Nursing (4 credits)    |                                                                       |
|        | Foundations of Evidence-based Practice (2 credits)             |                                                 |                                                                       |
| Year 3 | Autumn                                                         | Spring                                          | Summer                                                                |
|        | Specialty Clinical Practicum II (9-11.5 credits)               | Specialty Clinical Practicum III (9-12 credits) | Methods and Measurement for Clinical Practice Scholarship (2 credits) |
|        |                                                                |                                                 | Practice Inquiry II (3 credits)                                       |
| Year 4 | Autumn                                                         | Spring                                          |                                                                       |
|        | DNP Clinical Immersion (5 credits)                             | DNP Clinical Immersion (5 credits)              |                                                                       |
|        | DNP Final Project (1 credit)                                   | DNP Final Project (1 credit)                    |                                                                       |

\*This sample curriculum is for illustrative purposes only and is subject to change.

# Application checklist

- ☐ Online application
- ☐ All official college or university transcripts (except for transcripts reflecting Ohio State coursework)
- ☐ Purpose and goals statement
- ☐ Current resume or curriculum vitae
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation
- ☐ Supervisor’s letter of support
- ☐ Application fee
- ☐ Recorded online video interview
- ☐ Test scores of English proficiency (only required for international applicants)
- ☐ Departmental application (only for current or former Ohio State graduate students)

The BSN to DNP program offers the opportunity for students to engage in synchronous coursework through distance learning. Online program availability varies by state. For more information on distance learning program availability, please visit: [online.osu.edu/state-authorization](https://online.osu.edu/state-authorization).

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