

M.S. TO D.N.P.

The Master of Science degree to Doctor of Nursing Practice degree option prepares the advanced practice registered nurse, the nursing administrator, or the nurse educator for a leadership role in the health-care system. Theoretical content focuses on the development of leadership knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Systems thinking, evidence-based practice, and translational research are emphasized.

Advanced standing may be given for courses usually required for a master's degree in advanced practice, administration, or education. Please see program requirements for more details. All students are required to complete the D.N.P. degree project.

Program requirements

Core

NGRD 650	Advanced Role Development and Collaboration ¹	4
NGRD 651	Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice ¹	4
NGRD 652	Health-Care Systems Leadership ¹	4
NGRD 653	Health Systems Policy Development and Advocacy ¹	4
NGRD 654	Social Determinants of Health ³	4
NGRD 655	Health Systems Finance	4
NGRD 656	Outcomes Assessment for Strategic Planning	4
NGRD 657	Intermediate Statistics ¹	4
NGRD 658	Nursing Research and Translational Science ¹	4
NGRD 659	Professional Writing for Nurse Leaders	4
RELE 564	Ethics and Health Disparities ²	3
RELR 525	Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3
RELT 557	Theology of Human Suffering	3

D.N.P. Project

NGRD 667	Introduction to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Inquiry Proposal Project	3
NGRD 669A	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	4
NGRD 669B	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	4
NGRD 669C	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	2
NGRD 669D	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	2
NGRD 669E	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	2
NGRD 669F	DNP Practice Inquiry Project	2

Total Units **68**

¹ Advanced standing may be given for content covered in a prior M.S. degree. Prior learning is evaluated and an individualized program of study is developed based on this evaluation and length of time since these courses were taken. Prior coursework that partially meets the course outcomes will be augmented by registering for 1 to 6 units of NGRD 660 Integrative Leadership Case Study.

² Advanced standing will be given if this specific course was taken as part of the M.S. degree program.

³ Fulfills service learning requirement

Portfolio

Prior to graduation, students are required to submit an online professional portfolio. Documentation of 510 doctoral leadership practice hours will be included in the portfolio.

Normal time to complete the program

Three (3) years (11 academic quarters) – based on less than full-time enrollment

