

DNP NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS

Baylor's DNP Nursing Practitioner programs offer a 75-89 credit hour curriculum in the following concentrations:

- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/agacnp/>)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/fnp/>)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/nnp/>)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) - Primary Care (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-pc/>)
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) - Acute Care / Primary Care (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-acpc/>)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pmhnp/>)

Applicants who possess a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, or a Master's degree in Nursing (MSN) without APRN Certification are eligible to apply for the BSN to DNP program. Applicants who have earned an MSN, hold APRN Certification, and are not seeking a new role are eligible to apply for the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Full-time and part-time degree plans are available. The DNP Program offers students opportunities to participate in global missions.

Admissions Requirements for the DNP Nurse Practitioner

Admission requirements for the BSN to DNP in NUPR:

For admission, applicants must meet the general requirements set forth by the Graduate School and the Louise Herrington School of Nursing.

Admissions criteria for BSN to DNP at the time of application:

1. Completed BSN with a nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants who attend a program that issued Pass or Fail (P/F) grades or Complete or Incomplete (C/I) for all classes will not be a competitive applicant.
2. Experience:
 - a. AGACNP - 1-year full-time experience as a registered nurse.
 - b. FNP- 1-year full-time experience as a registered nurse.
 - c. NNP- 1-year experience as a registered nurse in a level III NICU.
 - d. PNP- 1-year full-time experience as a registered nurse in a pediatric setting.
 - e. PMH-1 year full-time experience as a registered nurse. (Priority may be given to those with psychiatric mental health nursing experience.)

3. Unencumbered and current RN license
4. Three letters of recommendation from: an immediate supervisor, one from a peer registered nurse, and one from an MSN/APP, DNP, PhD prepared nurse or MD/DO.
5. An acceptable writing sample using your own words.
6. There is no foreign language requirement.

Admission requirements for Post-Master's DNP in NUPR without an APRN role change:

1. Master's degree with APRN certification.
2. Unencumbered APRN license.
3. Cumulative Master's GPA of 3.0 or higher
4. Documentation of successful completion (grade of B or better) of a health-related graduate level statistics course prior to matriculation in the program.
5. Acceptable writing sample in your own words.
6. Three letters of recommendation from: an immediate supervisor, one must be from a peer registered nurse, and one from an MSN/APP, DNP, or PhD prepared nurse or MD/DO.
7. There is no foreign language requirement.

Requirements for a Nurse Practitioner Major (DNP)

BSN to DNP Track

Code	Title	Hours
DNP Advanced Practice Nursing Core (BSN to DNP) (p. 2) ¹		47
Concentration		28-42

Students must be admitted to one of the following concentrations:

Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/agacnp/>)

Family NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/fnp/>)

Neonatal NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/nnp/>)¹

Pediatric NP - Primary Care Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-pc/>)

Pediatric NP - Acute Care / Primary Care Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-acpc/>)

Psychiatric Mental Health NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pmhnp/>)

Total Hours	75-89
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Post-Master's APRN to DNP Track (no APRN role change)

Students must meet admissions requirements specific to this advanced track.

Code	Title	Hours
	Post-Master's DNP Advanced Practice Nursing Core (p. 2)	30
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency	7

Students must be admitted to one of the following concentrations:²

Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/agacnp/>)

Family NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/fnp/>)

Neonatal NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/nnp/>)

Pediatric NP - Primary Care Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-pc/>)

Pediatric NP - Acute Care / Primary Care Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pnp-acpc/>)

Psychiatric Mental Health NP Conc. (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/pmhnpr/>)

Total Hours 37

Advanced Practice Nursing Core

Code	Title	Hours
NUR 5201	Introduction to Statistical Methods	2
NUR 5209	Theoretical Concepts for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2
NUR 5211	Servant Leadership and Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 5280	Health Informatics and Innovations in Technology	2
NUR 5312	The Roles and Business of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	3
NUR 5314	Scientific Inquiry	3
NUR 5332	Advanced Human Pathophysiology	3
NUR 5349	Global Healthcare and Missions	3
NUR 5351	Advanced Pharmacology ¹	3
NUR 5354	Advanced Health Assessment/Promotion/Disease Prevention ¹	3
NUR 6110	Data Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	1
NUR 6272	Applied Ethics for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 6373	Clinical Epidemiology	3

NUR 6316	Transforming Health Care Organizations and Changing Outcomes	3
NUR 6375	Translational Science	3
NUR 6377	Policy and Implications for Health	3

DNP Project

NUR 63C1	DNP Project I	3
NUR 61C2	DNP Project II	1
NUR 62C3	DNP Project III	2

Total Hours 47

Post-Master's DNP Advanced Practice Nursing Core

Code	Title	Hours
NUR 5209	Theoretical Concepts for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2
NUR 5211	Servant Leadership and Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 5280	Health Informatics and Innovations in Technology	2
NUR 5349	Global Healthcare and Missions	3
NUR 6110	Data Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	1
NUR 6272	Applied Ethics for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 6316	Transforming Health Care Organizations and Changing Outcomes	3
NUR 6373	Clinical Epidemiology	3
NUR 6377	Policy and Implications for Health	3
NUR 6375	Translational Science	3
DNP Project		
NUR 63C1	DNP Project I	3
NUR 61C2	DNP Project II	1
NUR 62C3	DNP Project III	2
Total Hours		30

¹ The 6 hr. of the typical 47-hr. Advanced Practice Nursing Core (BSN to DNP) (p. 2) are replaced by Neonatal Nurse Practitioner courses as follows:

- Instead of NUR 5351 Advanced Pharmacology, Neonatal NP students complete NUR 5361 Advanced Newborn/Infant Pharmacotherapeutics
- Instead of NUR 5354 Advanced Health Assessment/Promotion/Disease Prevention, Neonatal NP students complete NUR 5163 Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant Practicum and NUR 5262 Advanced Assessment and Diagnostics of the Newborn/Infant

These courses are listed in the concentration requirements section on the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/louise-herrington-school-nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-nupr/nnp/>) concentration.

² Post-Master's DNP students must be admitted to the concentration matching their current APRN role but do not complete the typical concentration coursework that would be required by the BSN to DNP track.