BSN TO DNP NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a *practice doctorate* that prepares clinical scholars recognized for outstanding leadership and innovative evidence-based patient/population centered outcomes. The program focuses on interprofessional collaboration and developing competencies in practice, leadership, and quality improvement and safety that lead to enhanced outcomes important to patients, families, providers, and organizations.

The BSN to DNP curriculum is in line with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties' (NONPF) and American Association of Colleges of Nurses (AACN) commitment to move all entry-level nurse practitioner education to the DNP degree by 2025. The program is an integration of the objectives and learning opportunities required for attainment of doctoral level core and population-focused competencies.

The **Neonatal Nurse Practitioner** pathway is designed to prepare skilled Nurse Practitioners to provide care for low and high-risk neonates and their families in a variety of settings. Graduates of this program are registered nurses with advanced education who are able to assess, make diagnoses, manage health care, prescribe medicines and evaluate care for patients.

The NP pathway offers 4-year part-time and 3-year full-time options to fit the schedules of working nurses. Many classes are offered online but there are on-campus learning requirements in some classes. On-campus learning consists of standardized patient visits, labs with clinical skills and physical assessments, and objective structured clinical exams. For additional information about this program, please contact nursing@ouhsc.edu.

Post-Graduate Certificate tracks are available. For additional information, please review our Post-Graduate Certificate page.

The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner curriculum prepares graduates to apply for and sit for the National Certification Corporation Neonatal Nurse Practitioner certification exam.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Admission Requirements

Clinical Rotations will be performed in the state of Oklahoma. Due to federal regulations from the Department of Education, the College of Nursing currently accepts applications for its online doctoral degree programs from residents of the states participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). A list of participating states can be found at: http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions (http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions/). Applicants are encouraged to check with their local State Boards of Nursing regarding any specific professional licensure requirements prior to applying or enrolling.

Curriculum

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The BSN-DNP program is 73 semester credit hours and 1088 clinical/practicum hours.

The Post-Graduate certificate program has 33 semester credit hours and 768 clinical/practicum hours.

Programs can be completed in 3-4 years for the BSN-DNP option and 2 years for the Post-Graduate Certificate option.

Code	Title	Hours
Fall - Year 1		
NURS 8003	Background & Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
PATH 5503	Applied Principles of Pathology	3
NURS 8123	Information Systems and Technologies for Health Care Transformation	3
NURS 7413	Advanced Neonatal Physical Assessment & Diagnostic Reasoning (64 clinical hours)	3
Spring - Year 1		
NURS 8423	Evidence-based Practice and Translational Science in Nursing	3
NURS 7414	Pathophysiology for Neonatal APRNs	4
NURS 8313	Economics and Finance in Health Care	3
NURS 7423	Pharmacology for Neonatal Advanced Practice Nurses	3
Summer - Year 1		
NURS 8333	Healthcare Quality for Improved Outcomes	3
NURS 8443	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Nursing	3
Fall - Year 2		
BSE 5163	Biostatistical Methods I	3
or NURS 6123	Applied Statistics I	
NURS 8113	Research Methods	3
NURS 7433	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Theory I	3
NURS 7443	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum I (192 practicum hours)	3
Spring - Year 2		
BSE 5113	Principles of Epidemiology	3
NURS 7453	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Theory II	3
NURS 7463	Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum II (192 practicum hours)	3
NURS 8730	Practice Inquiry I (64 practicum hours)	1-5
Summer - Year 2		
NURS 8712	Roles and Responsibilities of the Doctor of Nursing Practices	2
BMSC 5102	Fundamentals of Scientific Writing	2
Fall - Year 3		
NURS 8740	Practice Inquiry II (128 practicum hours)	1-5

NURS 7465	Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Practicum III (320 practicum hours)	5
NURS 7473	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Theory III	3
Spring - Year 3		
NURS 8800	Practice Inquiry III (128 practicum hours)	1-5
NURS 8323	Health Policy Local to Global	3

Prerequisites

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Code	Title	Hours
Research Methodology		
General Statistics		

Prerequisite Requirements

- Successful completion of a Bachelor or Master of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA from the last 60 hours.
- Current United States license to practice as a Registered Nurse in state where clinical rotations are completed.

Program Objectives

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be prepared to:

- Integrate theories from nursing and support sciences to guide practice and role development
- Use evidence-based and best practice literature to propose and initiate change.
- Use political acumen to influence health care policy in the promotion of safe, ethical health care delivery.
- Deliver a broad array of evidence-based, patient-centered nursing interventions to culturally diverse or at-risk individuals and populations in a specialized area of practice.
- Demonstrate expertise in a specialized area of clinical, teaching, and management/administrative practice and/or initial competence in a functional role (advanced practice registered nurse [APRN], educator and administrator).
- Employ leadership and management skills in decision making to improve nursing care delivery and the care environment.
- Collaborate with the interprofessional teams to improve nursing care and health care services.
- Contribute to knowledge dissemination through scholarly activities and communication.
- Use critical synthesis to effectively manage resources and systems.
- Demonstrate competency in information analysis, management, and technology consistent with role preparation.
- Engage in lifelong learning and professional development.