Doctor of Nursing Practice

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN NURSING

Overview of Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree (Post-BSN to DNP) for Primary Care Practitioner Role

The nurse practitioner tracks prepare nurses to provide primary care for adolescents through older adults (AGNP) or to provide primary care for individuals and families throughout the lifespan (FNP). The graduate program is specifically designed to be relevant and responsive to the needs of practicing professional nurses who wish to formally advance their knowledge and skills and seek an advanced nursing role.

Why earn the DNP at Viterbo University?

Viterbo features:
• small and personal classes.
• student-centered faculty who are well-prepared in their respective nursing roles and teaching.
• a schedule designed for working professionals in a blended online/on-campus delivery.
• a new School of Nursing building with cutting-edge technology and friendly, learner-centered spaces.

Features of the Curriculum
• lifespan or adult-gerontology primary care focus
• newly revised curriculum to reflect the latest nurse practitioner competencies
• includes simulated learning opportunities
• closely supervised clinical practicums to assist in learning
• the opportunity to learn alongside currently practicing NPs in certain classes
• expertly mentored DNP project, preferably aligned with an institution’s strategic plan

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## Plan of Study

The Post-BSN to DNP program is designed to be completed in four years in a blended online/on-campus delivery.

### Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

Graduates will be prepared to manage health and illness states of varying complexity in adolescents, adults, and aged individuals and to promote optimum health-related quality of life. The provision of high quality, cost effective primary health care to patients/families/aggregates in a variety of settings is emphasized.

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| Information Technology and Scholarly Activities (3)  
Nursing Research for Evidence-based Practice (3) | Pharmacotherapeutics (3)  
Ethical and Theoretical Thinking (totally online) (2)  
Advanced Nursing Role Development (2) | Management of Health Problems I:  
Adult-Gerontology (3)  
Clinical Practicum I: AGNP (4) (240)  
Clinical Seminar I: AGNP (2) | DNP Clinical Practicum (4) (240)  
DNP Project/Seminar* (3) |
| Advanced Pathophysiology (3)  
Epidemiology and Population Health (totally online) (3) | Advanced Health Assessment (4)  
Outcome Management and Quality Improvement (totally online) (2)  
Geriatric Special Topics 2 (totally online) (2) | Management of Health Problems II:  
Adult-Gerontology (3)  
Clinical Practicum II: AGNP (4) (240)  
Clinical Seminar II: AGNP (1)  
DNP Essentials Synthesis Seminar (must successfully complete pre-certification exam at this point)* (1) | DNP Clinical Practicum (5) (300)  
DNP Project/Seminar* (3) |

Total = 66 credits (1,020 clinical hours)  
*Selected Saturdays and online

### Family Nurse Practitioner

Graduates will be prepared to manage health and illness states of varying complexity in persons across the lifespan and to promote optimum health-related quality of life. The provision of high quality, cost effective primary health care to patients/families/aggregates in a variety of settings is emphasized.

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| Information Technology and Scholarly Technology (3)  
Nursing Research for Evidence-based Practice (3) | Pharmacotherapeutics (3)  
Ethical and Theoretical Thinking (totally online) (2)  
Advanced Nursing Role Development (2) | Management of Family Health II (2)  
Management of Health Problems I:  
Adult-Gerontology (3)  
Clinical Practicum I: FNP (4) (240)  
Clinical Seminar I: FNP (2) | DNP Clinical Practicum (4) (240)  
DNP Project/Seminar* (3) |
| Pathophysiology (3)  
Epidemiology and Population Health (totally online) (3) | Advanced Health Assessment (4)  
Outcome Management and Quality Improvement (totally online) (2)  
Management of Family Health I (2) | Management of Health Problems II:  
Adult-Gerontology (3)  
Clinical Practicum II: FNP (4) (240)  
Clinical Seminar II: FNP (1)  
DNP Essentials Synthesis Seminar (must successfully complete pre-certification exam at this point)* (1) | DNP Clinical Practicum (5) (300)  
DNP Project/Seminar* (3) |

Total = 68 credits (1,020 clinical hours)  
*Selected Saturdays and online