

Advanced Nursing Practice (Neonatal Nurse Practitioner), DNP

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ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Program description

Degree awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Neonatal Nurse Practitioner)

The neonatal nurse practitioner concentration of the DNP program is an advanced nursing practice degree. This program prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered care to neonates, infants and children within traditional, nontraditional and culturally diverse families.

Core courses focus on theory to advanced practice, application of evidence to advanced practice, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment. Advanced neonatal nursing theory and clinical courses focus on the development of a framework for developmentally supportive, family-centered, culturally appropriate advanced nursing practice with infants, children and families. Practicing faculty with clinical experience teach the specialty coursework and clinical experiences, enriching learning.

In addition to advanced nursing specialty-focused outcomes, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program engages students to meet doctoral-level competencies in systems-level thinking, complexity science, quality and safety, evidence-based practice, and the development of a doctoral project within a partner organization to improve outcomes at the patient, provider or health care system level. Students are educated as leaders at the highest level of nursing practice to translate research into practice, lead in multidisciplinary teams, and engage in health care policy and advocacy to improve patient outcomes.

This is a hybrid program, a blend of in-person and online learning. Students are required to travel to campus for orientation once and for immersions two or three times per semester.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged for students residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Students should expect to travel throughout Maricopa County and, in some cases, surrounding counties to complete their assigned clinical placement.

Students residing outside of Maricopa County are responsible for identifying the required number of clinical sites in their area of residence and for identifying preceptors and sites willing to accommodate

clinical rotations. Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation must approve these sites before students start any clinical experience; the Doctor of Nursing Practice program office does not guarantee a clinical placement site for any student outside Maricopa County. If, during the program, faculty determine that the student needs additional supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student must complete clinical experiences in the Phoenix area.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program offers clinical rotations in health profession shortage areas throughout the state, in both urban underserved and rural areas, providing students with multicultural experiences to enhance professional development.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member, ASU is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual state authorization reciprocity agreement member states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards. California is not a state authorization reciprocity agreement member, and the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state public institutions. ASU may offer educational activities in California. There are some exceptions for specific programs at Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation; these are noted on the [ASU state authorization](#) website.

Arizona State University Doctor of Nursing Practice programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Degree requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 707)

Required Core (21 credit hours)

DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)

DNP 605 Advanced Health Assessment Across Lifespan (3)

DNP 608 Applied Pharmacotherapeutics Across Lifespan (3)

DNP 609 Advanced Practice Nursing Role (1)

DNP 704 Principles of Evidenced-Based Care in Advanced Practice (4)

DNP 705 Healthcare Outcomes Management (3)

DNP 708 Systems Thinking in a Complex Healthcare Environment (3)

Concentration (34 credit hours)

DNP 653 Advanced Development and Family Health Promotion: Neonatal Theory I (3)

DNP 654 Neonatal Practicum I (3)

DNP 655 Management of Common Neonatal Problems (3)
DNP 656 Neonatal Practicum II (5)
DNP 657 Management of Complex Problems in Neonates (3)
DNP 658 Neonatal Practicum III: Management of Complex Problems in Neonates (5)
DNP 712 Clinical Residency and Management (12)

Other Requirement (20 credit hours)

DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
DNP 679 Biostatistics: Principals of Statistical Inference (3)
DNP 703 Innovation in Communication: Scholarly and Professional Writing (2)
DNP 709 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Healthcare Practice (3)
DNP 711 Healthcare Policy and Innovation (3)
DNP 715 Dynamics and Principles of Information in Health Care (3)

Electives and Research (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

DNP 707 Disseminating Evidence to Advance Best Practice in Health Care and Health Policy (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students who complete a nurse practitioner doctoral program. This program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

For electives or research, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this program.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three online recommendations and one self-evaluation
4. satisfactory completion of the analytical writing section of the GRE
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency, per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

The three online recommendations should be from individuals knowledgeable about the applicant's academic and nursing leadership potential; the self-evaluation is completed by the applicant.

A current unencumbered license is required. If clinical practice will occur outside Arizona, the student must have a current unencumbered license in the state where clinical practice will be conducted. If clinical practice will occur within Arizona, the student must have a current unencumbered Arizona license to practice as a registered nurse.

An interview with a representative of the specialty area is required.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Career opportunities

Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates are prepared to practice at the most advanced level of nursing.

Graduates of the neonatal nurse practitioner concentration of the Doctor of Nursing Practice in advanced nursing practice have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients in an acute care setting. This broad base of clinical expertise enables them to participate effectively and lead within clinical, community and academic arenas.

Career examples:

- business owner

- community advocate
- nurse practitioner
- professor

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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