Advanced Nursing Practice (Neonatal Nurse Practitioner), DNP

ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Neonatal Nurse Practitioner)
This DNP program is designed for nurses seeking to become advanced practical nurses as neonatal nurse practitioners.

Providing a foundation for this specialty are graduate courses in application of 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.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt is made to arrange this in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas, and sites are available for these experiences.

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 completing 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 applicants must have 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 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 of 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.

**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: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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