

## Nursing

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, (202) 887-8476 and by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, 222 S. Prospect Ave., Suite 304, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 (847-692-7050) and is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing (4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN CO2, Tallahassee, FL 32399, 850-245-4125).

The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences also offers a Ph.D. in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as well as selected continuing education courses.

### Master of Science in Nursing

The College offers a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. This degree is typically completed curriculum, as part of the post-BSN-TO-DNP curriculum, to prepare qualified professional nurses for advanced nursing roles in the care of adults, children, and families; as well as a separate program of study to prepare qualified professional nurses to function as nurse educators for teaching positions in colleges, universities, and clinical practice settings. The program offers clinical majors in adult-gerontology primary care advanced practice nursing (AGNP), pediatric primary care advanced practice nursing (PNP), family health advanced practice nursing (FNP), psychiatric-mental health advanced practice nursing (PMHNP), and nurse anesthetist (AN), and tracks for the Nurse Executive (NE) and Nurse Educator. The design of the program allows for the development of the nurse practitioner role, the nurse anesthetist role or nurse educator role.

Throughout the curriculum, students are guided in the process of self-development to pursue excellence in professional and scholarly endeavors. The program allows flexibility within the basic curricular structure through individualized learning experiences, electives, a thesis, masters paper, research project or translational research and the opportunity to investigate an area of interest in advanced study.

The curriculum model is structured so that students will complete the program in 6 semesters (2 years) only with credits varying from 6-11 credit hours per semester. Courses are offered online and/or on ground allowing students flexibility.

Graduates of these programs are eligible to sit for national certification examinations in their respective specialties and apply for APRN licensure (APRN roles) as/if appropriate.

### Program Objectives

The objectives of the MSN program are to prepare graduates as:

1. Leaders, educators, and change agents in the delivery of high-quality, accessible, culturally competent healthcare in local and global societies.
2. Professional advanced practice nurses who use communication, interprofessional collaboration, and synthesis of evidence-based practice, scholarship, and research in the delivery of health care for local and global societies.

3. Facilitators and leaders of interprofessional health care teams who use an understanding of organizational systems and the environment and are able to integrate care services and health care policy across local and global societies.

4. Critical thinkers who actively and skillfully utilize ethical principles into the translation of evidence into safe, affordable, accessible, innovative, quality care.

5. Advanced practice nurses who deliver patient and family centered holistic care using knowledge of basic sciences including genetics/genomics, preventive health, and advances in health technology

6. Advanced practice nurses who analyze, influence, and develop health policy that promotes access and delivery of high quality healthcare to diverse populations.

### Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
STA 3145	STA X014
CHM 1033/L	CHM X033
PCB 2099/L	BSC X085C
ZOO 3731/L	BSC X086C
MCB 2000/L	MCB X010C
DEP 2000	DEP X004
PSY 2012	PSY X012
HUN 2201	HUN X201

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://www.flvc.org>. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

### Program Policies

Nursing majors are responsible for transportation expenses related to clinical experiences. They are required to carry health and accident insurance. To safeguard the health of clients, nursing students are required to submit proof of immunizations upon entry into the nursing program. Students must submit proof of basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (American Heart Association) prior to entering clinical courses in the nursing major. This CPR certification must cover the period of enrollment in the major.

The College reserves the right to terminate a student from the nursing program for reasons related to the inability to safely carry out professional responsibilities.

### Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

#### **STEP 1 – Submit an application to Nursing CAS (the Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs)**

1. Complete an online application via Nursing CAS <http://www.nursingcas.org> and pay the appropriate fee to Nursing CAS.
2. Complete the required FIU supplemental application and pay the \$30 fee.
3. Send official transcripts from **ALL SCHOOLS attended** (all Associates & Bachelors degree coursework) to Nursing CAS for upload and

verification. **EXCEPTION:** Foreign transcripts, along with their official evaluations (grades, credits, and GPA in U.S. terms), should be sent directly to the college at the following address: Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences, AHC-3, Room 121, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL, 33199.

4. Upload all required supplemental items including three (3) professional nursing references, professional CV, copy of an active Florida RN License, and Personal Statement to Nursing CAS.

#### **STEP 2 – Professional Interview**

1. Following a review of all completed applications a select number of applicants will be offered the opportunity to participate in a panel interview.
2. Interview candidates may be instructed to bring an additional set of official transcripts to their interview appointment.

### Anesthesia Nursing Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

1. Complete two applications as indicated and return to the appropriate offices:
  - a. Complete a FIU graduate admissions application online available at <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>
  - b. Complete an online application via Nursing CAS <http://www.nursingcas.org> and pay the appropriate fee to Nursing CAS
2. Request an official transcript of records from each college or university attended for undergraduate and graduate work. A transcript must be sent to Florida International University OneStop, 11200 SW 8 street, SASC First Floor, Miami, Florida 33199 and to the Anesthesiology Nursing program as described in the program application package.
3. Applicants to the Anesthesiology Nursing program are reviewed by the program Admissions Committee and selected applicants are invited for interview. The program Admissions Committee makes final recommendations for admission.

**NOTE:** The programs, policies, requirements, and regulations listed in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to serve the needs of the University's and College's various publics and to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, the Legislature, and other regulatory and accrediting agencies. Changes may be made without advance notice. Please refer to the General Information section for the University's policies, requirements, and regulations. Please refer to the College's website for updated information in nursing.

### Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

#### **Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
- UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
- Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
- Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
- Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with MSN Committee.

### Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
- Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
- Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
- Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
- With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

### Curriculum

#### MSN Level Course Requirements

##### Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

##### Advanced Practice Nursing Core: (13 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

##### Clinical Education Seminar (1)

NGR 6743	Clinical Education Seminar	1
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##### Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing: (15 credits)

NGR 6201C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing I	3
NGR 6201L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6202C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing II	3
NGR 6202L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice II	3

NGR 6209	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing	3
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##### Role Development: (4 credits)

##### Advanced Practice Nurse

NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice	4
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## Master of Science in Nursing – Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

### Admission Requirements

- Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
- UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
- Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
- Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
- Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with MSN Committee.

### Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
- Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
- Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
- Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
- With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades. Electives may be taken as pass/fail subject to the approval of the advisor.

### Curriculum

#### MSN Level Course Requirements

##### Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

**Advanced Practice Nursing Core (ACNP): (13 credits)**

NGR 6002C	Advanced Client Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

**Clinical Education Seminar (1)**

NGR 6743	Clinical Education Seminar	1
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**Advanced Child Health Nursing: (15 credits)**

NGR 6301C	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6302	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6337	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing	3

**Role Development: (4 credits)****Advanced Practice Nurse**

NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
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**Master of Science in Nursing –Family Nurse Practitioner****Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with MSN Committee.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Successful completion of 49-52 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate

School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.

4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

**Curriculum****MSN Level Course Requirements****Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)**

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

**Advanced Practice Nursing Core (FNP): (13 credits)**

NGR 6002C	Advanced Client Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

**Clinical Education Seminar (1)**

NGR 6743	Clinical Education Seminar	1
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**Advanced Family Health Nursing: (19 credits)**

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice I	4
NGR 6602C	Advanced Family Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6602L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice II	4
NGR 6748	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Family Nursing Practice	3

**Role Development: (4 credits)****Advanced Practice Nurse**

NGR 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice	4
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**Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner****Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing

Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.

6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with MSN Committee.

### Graduation Requirements

1. Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

### Curriculum

#### MSN Level Course Requirements

##### Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

##### Advanced Practice Nursing Core (APNP): (11 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Client Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6743	Clinical Education Seminar	1

##### Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: (18 credits)

NGR 6503	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6503L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6504C	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6504L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 6560	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Decision Making	3

##### Role Development: (4 credits)

##### Advanced Practice Nurse

NGR 6505L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice	4
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### Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Educator Track

#### Curriculum – Total 36 credits

#### MSN Level Common Core Requirements - Graduate Nursing Core: (12 credits)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NGR 6910C	Research Project	3

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Core • Direct Care Core Courses (9 credits)

NGR 5035	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of ANP	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacological Concepts in ANP	3

#### Nursing Educator Course Requirements (15 credits)

NGR 6713	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
NGR 6715	Instructional Technology in Nursing and Health Sciences	3
NGR 6714C	Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nursing	3
NGR 6708C	Classroom Teaching Strategies for Nursing	3
NGR 6718	Testing and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3

### Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Executive Track

*Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Nurse Executive Track.*

#### Admission Requirements

The applicant must:

1. Have completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing which is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Applicants with a baccalaureate degree from nursing programs without NLNAC or CCNE accreditation will be considered on an individual basis. RN applicants (with a baccalaureate degree in another field) to the MSN program must have completed a non-nursing baccalaureate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from a nationally accredited college or university.
2. Have evidence of a current RN licensure in Florida.
3. Have completed introductory courses in statistics (3 credits), and basic health assessment (3 credits). RN applicants with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a baccalaureate degree in another field who are applying to the MSN program must have completed a non-nursing baccalaureate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from a nationally accredited college or university. These RN applicants must have completed undergraduate courses with a grade of "C" or higher: 4 credits each of human anatomy & lab, human physiology & lab, microbiology & lab, and survey of chemistry & lab; and 3 credits each of human growth & development, statistics, psychology, principles of nutrition, and ethics.
5. Submit evidence of basic computer application (word processing) skills.
6. Have a faculty interview.
7. Provide the following:
  - a. Statement of philosophy of nursing and professional goals.

- b. Letters of reference from: 1) a previous nursing faculty; 2) a current immediate supervisor; and 3) a co-worker.
8. For international students (graduates of foreign nursing schools) only:
- a. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 550 or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Minimum required scores is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS.
- b. CGFNS certification or Florida RN license.
9. The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies; therefore, this information will be required at the time of application. Applicants are required to submit to criminal background checks and drug testing. Expenses associated with background checks and drug testing (including repeat testing) are the responsibility of the student. Findings may affect a student's ability to be admitted, to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/ certification.

### Degree Requirements

- Completion of 43 semester credits. Minimum of 36-40 credits in nursing and 3-6 credits of non-nursing electives. The non-nursing electives are restricted to supporting courses for the specialty area.
- Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits). Students electing a master's paper or research project must complete an additional three hours of cognate course(s).
- Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
- Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
- With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades. Electives may be taken as pass/fail subject to the approval of the advisor.

### Curriculum

#### MSN Level Course Requirements

##### Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

##### Advanced Practice Nursing Core (NE): (9 credits)

NGR 5720C	Org Dynamics of Nursing Systems	3
NGR 6726C	Nursing Management and CQI	3

##### Nurse Executive: (8 credits)

NGR 5723C	Advanced Nursing Administration I	4
NGR 6724C	Advanced Nursing Administration II	4

##### Nursing Administration: (7 credits)

NGR 6712C	Advanced Nursing Administration III	4
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NGR 6727	Issues & Strategies of Nursing Administration	3
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##### Nursing Education: (7 credits)

NGR 6710	Role Synthesis in Nursing Education	4
NGR 6713	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3

##### Nurse Executive: (10 credits)

NGR 6712L	Role Synthesis in Nursing Administration	4
HSA 6176	Financing and Reimbursement of Health Systems	3
PHC 6443	Ethical Issues	3

##### Research: (6 credits)

##### Master's Thesis Option

NGR 6970	MSN Thesis I	3
NGR 6971	MSN Thesis II	3

OR

##### Master's Paper Option

NGR 6970	MSN Thesis I (Research Paper)	3
Elective		3

OR

##### Master's Project Option

NGR 6910C	Research Project	3
Elective		3

### Combined BSN/MSN for Foreign-Educated Physician Degree Pathway Track

**Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Foreign-Educated Physician Track.**

#### Admission Requirements

The Combined BSN/MSN track is a pathway for foreign-educated physicians (FEPs) from culturally diverse backgrounds to:

- obtain the BSN degree
- become Registered Nurses (RNs)
- attain the MSN degree
- become eligible to take the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice (APRN) national certification exam

The combined BSN/MSN track is an accelerated program that builds upon the knowledge and skills of the social and physical sciences from a prior BS degree. It is comprised of **63** upper division credits and 44-48 graduate credits, totaling 106 to 110 credit hours. Admission to the MSN component is contingent upon meeting the MSN admission requirements.

To be admitted to the BSN/MSN track, students must:

- Have completed a medical degree from an accredited non-US university;
- Have transcripts evaluated by Josef Silny & Associates or by an equivalent transcript evaluation company;
- Obtain a TOEFL score of 550;
- Meet nursing entry requirements for computation and reading skills;
- Meet the admission criteria to be admitted to the University and to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; and
- Successfully complete the following nursing prerequisites (with grade of 'C' or above): statistics,

- human growth & development across the life span, human nutrition, anatomy & physiology, microbiology, chemistry. Transcripts will be evaluated by NWCNHS.
7. The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies; therefore, this information will be required at the time of application. Applicants are required to submit to criminal background checks and drug testing. Expenses associated with background checks and drug testing (including repeat testing) are the responsibility of the student. Findings may affect a student's ability to be admitted, to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/ certification.

To advance to the MSN component of this track, (Semesters V-VIII), students must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above for Semesters I to IV; and
2. Be licensed as a registered nurse (RN) by the end of Semester V.

### Degree Conferrals

Students enrolled in the MSN component must apply to graduate with the BSN during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of semester VI; BSN degree will be posted at the end of semester VI. Students will graduate with the MSN at the end of semester VIII.

### BSN Stop-out Options

1. Low GPA Stop-out Option: Students with <3.2 cumulative GPA for Semesters I to IV will take NUR 4636C (Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing, 4 credits) and NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in Semester V. BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester V or semester VI depending on availability of NUR 4945L. Students must apply for graduation of the BSN component by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester they intend to graduate.
2. Failure to Pass NCLEX Stop-out Option: Students not passing NCLEX-RN by the end of Semester V will take NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in Semester VI. BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester VI. Students must apply for graduation of the BSN component by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester they intend to graduate.
3. Stop out students will graduate with BSN and will be discontinued from the combined BSN-MSN track.

### Curriculum

#### Semester I – 18 (15 UG/3 Grad)

NUR 3029	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
NUR 3029C	Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory	2
NUR 3029L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical	3
NUR 3066C	Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3119	Professional Nursing: Concepts and Issues	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement)	3

#### Semester II – 15 (12 UG/3 Grad)

NUR 3226	Nursing Care of Adults I	3
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NUR 3226L	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3
NUR 3227	Nursing Care of Adults II	3
NUR 3227L	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3
NUR 3685L	Integrative Nursing Care I	0
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement)	3

#### Semester III – 14 (11 UG/3 Grad)

NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NUR 3535L	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4686L	Integrative Nursing Care II	0
NUR 4286	Nursing Care of Older Adults	2
NUR 3821	Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues	3
NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN)	3

#### Semester IV – 17 (17 UG)

NUR 4455	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing	3
NUR 4455L	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4355	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing	3
NUR 4355L	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4667	Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – GL	3
NUR 4940	Senior Clinical Synthesis	2

**Low GPA Stop-out Option:** Students with <3.2 cumulative GPA for Semesters I to IV will take NUR 4636C (Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing, 4 credits) and NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in Semester V or VI, and end with a BSN degree.

#### Semester V – 13 (4 UG/10 Grad)

NUR 4636C	Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing	4
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN)	3
NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN)	4
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing (MSN Requirement)	3

**Failure to Pass NCLEX Stop-out Option:** Students must pass the NCLEX during semester V. Students not passing the NCLEX-RN by the end of the semester V will take NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in semester VI and will be eligible for a BSN degree at the end of semester VI. (+4 UG credits for Stop Out Students only)

#### Semester VI

NGR 6201C, or 6301C, or 6601C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing I	3-4
NGR 6201L, or 6301L, or 6601L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice I*	3-4
NGR 5XXX	Elective	3

*Students must apply for graduation from the BSN by 4<sup>th</sup> week of semester VI.*

#### Semester VII

NGR 6202C, or 6302C, or 6602C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing II	3-4
NGR 6202L, or 6302L, or 6602L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice II*	3-4
NGR 6910C	Research Project	3

**Semester VIII**

NGR 6209, or 6337, or 6748	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child or Family Health Nursing	3
NGR 6700L, or 6337L, or 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult- Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice*	4

*Eligible to take APRN National Certification Exam after completion of semester VIII.*

*Students must apply for graduation from MSN at the beginning of semester VIII.*

\*All students must have a majority of APRN preceptors in all NP practicum courses.

**Repeating Nursing Courses and Dismissal**

A grade of "C" or higher in all NUR courses and a grade of "B" or higher in all NGR courses is necessary for continuing in the combined BSN/MSN track. A course in the BSN/MSN track can be repeated only once. If a student fails the same NUR course twice, or two NUR clinical and/or clinical-related courses, or two NGR courses, he/she will be dismissed from the BSN/MSN for FEP track.

**RN-BSN-MSN**

The RN-BSN-MSN requires a minimum of 120 credits for completion of the BSN portion. In addition to 60 transferable lower division credits, the degree requirements include a 24 credit nursing core, a 30 credit clinical proficiency evaluation (completed by equivalency exams), 4 credits of human anatomy & lab, human physiology & lab, microbiology & lab, and survey of chemistry & lab; and 3 credits each of human growth & development, statistics, psychology, principles of nutrition, ethics, and intercultural communication. No more than six (6) transferable credits from other nursing baccalaureate programs will be accepted for the BSN portion of the program of study.

Each applicant's educational record is individually evaluated by the nursing unit. To progress through the curriculum, the RN must successfully complete prerequisite, corequisite and required courses for the curriculum plan in effect at the time of admission.

Students must complete the University Core Curriculum, and Equivalency Exams and be admitted to the MSN Program prior to enrollment in Level III courses. Applicants must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA to be admitted to the MSN Program and must meet admission criteria for the FIU Graduate School and MSN Program. Students must be admitted to the MSN program prior to taking Pathophysiological Basis of ANP, Culture & Advanced Nursing Practice, and Advanced Client Assessment courses.

RNs must have one year clinical nursing experience and obtain professional liability insurance prior to registering for NUR 4636C and/or NUR 4945L.

**Admission Requirements**

Degree seeking applicants with fewer than 60 semester hours of transfer credit must satisfy the same admission requirements as beginning freshmen. Visit the information website for this program at <http://rn2bsn.fiu.edu> for program information.

For admission to the RN-BSN-MSN track a student must:

1. Unencumbered Florida Registered Nurse License,
2. Cumulative GPA (no prerequisite grade below a C) from an ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, formerly NLNAC) accredited ASN or Diploma Nursing program. You may verify your nursing program's accreditation at the following link: [http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprogram/s/pro\\_gramsearch.htm](http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprogram/s/pro_gramsearch.htm),
3. Minimum 60 transferable lower division college credits,
4. Meet a) Florida mandated Gordon Rule requirements; b) University Core Curriculum requirements; and c) University foreign language requirement. These requirements can be met with an Associate in Arts (AA) from a Florida College System or non-nursing Bachelor's degree in another field from an accredited institution.
5. Applicants with foreign degrees that have Florida RN licensure can apply if degree earned is evaluated to be equivalent to a Bachelor's degree or Doctorate in Medicine degree at an accredited U.S. institution,
6. RN-BSN applicants who have taken BSN courses at another accredited institution and are requesting a transfer into the NWCHNS RN-BSN track must have all coursework evaluated by FIU Nursing Faculty to determine course equivalency and are allowed a maximum of 6 transfer upper division Nursing credits and,
7. Approved transferred nursing coursework must be completed within 5 years of enrollment at the time of admission.
8. See Generic BSN for program policies related to background checks, immunizations, health requirements, and CPR.

**Advanced Placement of RNs**

Advanced placement in both nursing and non-nursing courses is facilitated by earning credits through examination, i.e., challenge or equivalency exams such as CLEP or Excelsior College examinations (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, Adult Health Nursing, and Maternal-Child Nursing) with a grade of "C" or higher.

RNs who are admitted to the MSN program complete three graduate level courses (Advanced Client Assessment, Pathophysiological Basis of ANP and Culture & Advanced Nursing Practice) while taking BSN courses. Applicants admitted to the MSN program will substitute graduate nursing practicum credits for NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum. Students who are not admitted to the MSN program will complete NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care and NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum for the BSN degree.

**Curriculum****RN Baccalaureate Level Course Requirements: (10)**

**(For RN with BS/BA in another field)**

NUR 3119 Professional Nursing: Concepts and Issues



NUR 3668	Nursing Leadership in Global Health Care	3
NUR 4636C	Care of Families: Community Health Nursing	4
<b>Level I:</b>		
NUR 3821	Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues	3
NUR 3066C	Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3226*	Nursing Care of Adults I	3
NUR 3226L*	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3
NUR 3227*	Nursing Care of Adults II	3
NUR 3227L*	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3
NUR 3535*	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NUR 3535L*	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4355*	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing	3
NUR 4355L*	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4455*	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing	3
NUR 4455L*	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical	3
<b>Level II**:</b>		
COM 3461	Intercultural/Interracial Communication or GL Elective	3
NUR 3666	Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care	3
<b>Level III:</b>		
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of ANP	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Level IV:</b>		
NUR 4636C	Care of Families: Community Health Nursing	4
NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3

\*E.E. = Equivalency Exam

\*\*Students must apply to the MSN program at this point; Applicants must have a 3.2 GPA to be admitted to the MSN program.

See University catalog/nursing advisor for pre-and-co-requisite courses.

## Master of Science in Nursing –Direct Care Leadership Track

This track is not a direct admission program, but planned to be awarded to Doctorate in Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthetist (DNP-NA) students as they progress through their DNP-NA program of study in recognition of meeting certain content milestones.

The Direct Care Leadership track is designed to recognize RN's preparation for leadership roles in advanced nursing clinical practice. The program includes coursework in the following areas: Graduate Nursing Core, Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Core, and Functional Role -Direct Care Leadership.

### Graduate Core – 12 credits

*Theoretical Underpinning and Research Process – 6 credits*

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations of Adv Practice NSG	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods	3

*Applications of Research and Evidence-Based Clinical Practice – 6 credits*

NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3

### APN Core – 10 credits

NGR 6172	Pharmacological Concepts in Adv. Practice Nursing	3
NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3

### Functional Role - Direct Care Leadership – 13 credits

*Direct Care – 6 credits*

NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 7716	Fundamentals of Clinical Education	3
NGR 6497	Advanced Anesthesia Life Support (BCLS/ACLS/PALS)	1

*Professional Aspects of Practice – 7 credits*

NGR 6493	Technology & Equipment in Anesthesiology Nursing	2
NGR 6492	Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthetist Practice	2
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3

### Degree Requirements (MSN-Direct Care Leadership)

The Master of Science – Direct Care Leadership requires successful completion of 35 semester credits in the post-BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist program, as outlined in the plan of study. DNP-NA students will be expected to progress in their plan of study and demonstrate satisfactory attainment of course objectives and program competencies. All course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "B" or "Pass" for non-letter grade courses. Conferral of the MSN-Direct Care Leadership occurs en-route to DNP-Nurse Anesthetist degree. Completion of the MSN-Direct Care Leadership alone DOES NOT prepare students to meet educational eligibility requirements to sit for the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetist (NBCRNA) national certification exam (NCE) at the MSN level.

## Ph.D. in Nursing

The Ph.D. in Nursing program is designed to prepare its graduates for leadership roles and research careers in academia, the health care industry, as well as government and private organizations focused on health care. The program purpose is to develop individuals who will be leaders in generating and applying the science needed to guide nursing practice, and who have the knowledge and skills to direct and guide application of other evidence-based health care findings to improve the health of people from diverse cultures. Students in the program will pursue individualized courses of study under the mentorship of research active faculty. A major program emphasis is the preparation of Ph.D. educated minority nursing leaders and focused research on health issues for minority and underserved populations. There are two tracks in the PhD in Nursing, MSN to PhD and BSN to PhD.

### Admission Requirements MSN to PhD Track

A prospective student must meet all admission requirements stipulated in the University's Graduate Policies and Procedures. Additional requirements are as follows:

1. A master's degree in nursing from an accredited institution.
2. A master's program grade point average (GPA) of 3.3/4.0 or higher.
3. (Verbal and Quantitative) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
4. Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references.
5. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Minimum required scores is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS.
6. A statement of the applicant's goals for pursuing the PhD degree in nursing. This statement must be typed, double-spaced, in a narrative format of no more than 500 words, using Times New Roman or Arial 12 Font.
7. Current Registered Nurse (RN) licensure or RN licensure with Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (APRN) certification in the State of Florida if applicable. The license must remain current throughout the program. Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in Florida is waived for international students.
8. Current professional liability insurance. The graduate student must maintain liability insurance throughout the program.
9. A satisfactory interview by members of the College's Doctoral Program Admissions Committee. The Committee will examine the credentials of all applicants.

#### Admission Requirements BSN to Ph.D. Track

Prospective student must meet all admissions requirements stipulated in the University's Graduate Policies and Procedures. Additional requirements are as follows:

1. An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Evidence of scholarship in nursing science, for example: Term paper/special project report; research report; published article or manuscript submitted for publication
4. Demonstrated computer proficiency in word processing and electronic library searches
5. Applicants, whose native language is not English, must take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and obtain a minimum of 80 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper based version).
6. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admissions into the Ph.D. in Nursing Program.
7. Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references.
8. A statement of the applicant's goals for pursuing the Ph.D. degree in nursing. This statement must be typed, double-spaced, in a narrative format of no

more than 500 words, using Times New Roman or Arial 12 Font.

9. Current Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the State of Florida. License must remain current throughout the program.
10. Current professional liability insurance. The graduate student must maintain liability insurance throughout the program.
11. A satisfactory interview by members of the College's Doctoral Program Admissions Committee. The Committee will examine the credentials of all applicants.

#### Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

1. Complete two on-line applications as indicated include all identified supporting documents to these.
  - a. Complete a graduate admissions application online available at <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>
  - b. Complete the FIU NWCNHS-PhD Application for Admission via NursingCAS (The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs) at <https://nursingcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.
2. Request an official transcript of records from each college or university attended for undergraduate and graduate work. Transcripts must be sent to both 1) FIU, Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 659004, Miami, Florida 33265-9004 and 2) uploaded to your NursingCAS profile.
3. Submit the required documents (transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores if applicable, letters of recommendation, statement of goals, RN licensure, liability insurance) for admission evaluation. The application and required documents do not have to be sent to the University Graduate Admissions Office or the College Admissions Office as one package; however, all required documents MUST be received on or before the deadline date.
4. The application file must be complete before the College's Doctoral Program Committee will consider the applicant for admission. The application and supporting documents must be received on or before June 1 for Fall admission. If the application and supporting documents are not received by the appropriate deadline, the application will be considered for admission for the following term.

#### General Degree Requirements

1. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A cumulative GPA of less than 3.0 will place the student on probation for one semester, and she/he may be subject to dismissal if the 3.0 GPA requirement is not met after the probationary period.
2. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. With the exception of doctoral dissertation courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.

3. Student is expected to complete the dissertation five (5) years from the date of advancement to candidacy (i.e., successful completion of written and oral examinations, favorable recommendation of supervisory/guidance committee, and an approved dissertation proposal).
4. All requirements must be completed within nine years of first enrollment in the doctoral program.

### Curriculum MSN to PhD Track: (60 Credits)

The MSN to PhD track requires completion of 60 credit hours of coursework and dissertation credits. The program can be completed in 4 years of full-time study.

The track requires completion of the following courses:

A research sequence (1 course on knowledge development, 2 courses in research methods and design, 2 courses in statistics, and 2 courses on grantsmanship); research in health care for multicultural, diverse and vulnerable populations; academic, health care and political systems: function, structure, leadership and survival; accessing, managing, and packaging information; and a minimum of 2 cognate courses in a specific knowledge area.

#### Core Knowledge: (12)

NGR 6123	Knowledge Development in Nursing Science	3
NGR 7736	Academic, Health Care, and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival	3
NGR 7830	Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations	3
NGR 7873	Accessing, Managing and Packaging Information	3

#### Research Methods and Design: (9)

NGR 6800	Advanced Nursing Research Methods I: Design and Sampling	3
NGR 6801	Advanced Nursing Research Methods II: Measurement and Dissemination	3
NGR 6815	Qualitative Methods	3

#### Statistics: (6)

NGR 6851	Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice II	3
NGR 6857	Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice III	3

#### Grantsmanship: (6)

NGR 6917	Grantsmanship I	3
NGR 6918	Grantsmanship II	3

#### Cognate Electives: (6)

(Electives by advisement)

NGR 6850	Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice I	3
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(recommended if no Stats taken in the last 3 years)

#### Candidacy Examination (3-9)

NGR 7982	Candidacy Examination	3-9
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#### Dissertation: (18)

NGR 7980	Dissertation I	3-18
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### Curriculum BSN to PhD Track (Minimum of 94 credits)

The BSN to PhD track builds on student's general nursing knowledge and skills at the baccalaureate level and provides a course of study for advanced nursing practice at the master's level. The curriculum includes master's level courses designed to prepare students for advanced practice roles and provide the foundation from which students can engage in a program of intellectual inquiry at the doctoral level. If a student in the BSN- PhD track desires specialty certification (e.g., adult nurse practitioner), all required course work and clinical practice must be completed for that clinical specialty. Students on this track will receive the MSN degree upon completion of their required courses as outlined on their individual plan of study. The program can be completed in 4 ½ - 5 years of full-time study.

The BSN- PhD in Nursing track requires a minimum of 91 credits, including 6 credits of MSN core, 9 credits of APN (Advanced Practice Nursing) core; 12-16 credits of nursing specialty; 4 credits of role development; 12 credits of core knowledge (scientific inquiry & nursing science, cultural competence in research), 6 credits of statistics, 9 credits of advanced research methods, 6 credits of grantsmanship, 6 credits of cognate electives, and a minimum of 18 credit hours of dissertation.

#### MSN Core: (6)

NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

#### APN Core: (10)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of ANP	3
NGR 6192	Pharmacological Concepts in ANP	3

#### Clinical Nursing Specialty/EDU/ADM: (12)

AGPCNP/PPCNP/PMHNP/ADM clinical track courses. Note: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Nurse Anesthesia tracks require greater than 12 clinical track credits to meet accreditation and certification requirements for clinical contact hours.

#### Role Development: (4)

NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice	4
	<b>or</b>	
NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
	<b>or</b>	
NGR 6505L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice	4
	<b>or</b>	
NGR 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice	4

#### Core Knowledge: (12)

NGR 6123	Knowledge Development in Nursing Science	3
NGR 7736	Academic, Health Care, and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival	3
NGR 7830	Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations	3
NGR 7873	Accessing, Managing and Packaging Information	3

#### Statistics: (6)

NGR 6851	Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice II	3
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NGR 6857 Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice III 3

**Research Methods and Design: (9)**

NGR 6800 Advanced Nursing Research Methods I 3  
 NGR 6801 Advanced Nursing Research Methods II 3  
 NGR 6815 Qualitative Methods 3

**Grantsmanship: (6)**

NGR 6917 Grantsmanship I 3  
 NGR 6918 Grantsmanship II 3

**Cognate Electives: (6)**

(Electives by advisement)

NGR 6850 Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice I (recommended if not Stats taken in the last 3 years) 3

**Candidacy Examination (3-9)**

NGR 7982 Candidacy Examination 3-9

**Dissertation (18)**

NGR 7980 Dissertation I 3-18

**Examinations**

A student must successfully complete the following written examination and oral defenses in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. degree in Nursing:

1. Candidacy Examination: The purpose of the Candidacy Examination is to demonstrate the student's ability to 1) synthesize knowledge in the student's research (substantive and methods) and cognate areas; 2) visualize the long-term development of a program of research in the defined area; and 3) place the planned Dissertation research in the context of that program of research and the area of knowledge. Upon successfully passing the written and oral Candidacy Examination and completing all required coursework, the student is admitted to Dissertation Candidacy. The Candidacy Examination is held after completion of course work requirements as represented in the student's Plan of Study, and prior to the Defense of the Dissertation Proposal.
2. Dissertation Proposal Defense: The proposal defense must be completed after the student has identified the major substantive and methodological issues of the research problem and the proposal is written in excellent form. The Proposal should consist of:
  - a) An introduction to research problem, with a statement of the research question or hypothesis;
  - b) A review of relevant literature sufficient to provide context for the research problem as well as a review of literature focused on the specific question to be examined;
  - c) A description of the research methods to be utilized in answering the research question, including a complete definition of the data to be collected and extant data bases that could be used; and
  - d) A list of references.

The proposal oral defense must be successfully completed and approved by the Dissertation Committee prior to the defense of the dissertation.

3. Dissertation Defense: All Committee members must preliminarily approve the Dissertation document before the student can apply for Dissertation Defense.

By their signatures, Committee members certify that the Dissertation is ready for Defense.

The student should consult with his/her Chairperson on the format and the time parameters of the oral Defense. After the Committee determines that the Defense was successful, the student should obtain signatures of all Committee members on the required form. Students should become familiar with the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences Ph.D. in Nursing Policies and Procedures at <http://cnhs.fiu.edu> and the University Graduate School's regulations and deadlines at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a program of graduate doctoral study for the registered nurse with specialty preparation in advanced practice nursing. The DNP program of study includes or builds upon the clinical specialization to include study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in health care delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice and education. The goals of the DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced practice nursing with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education. The DNP is offered as a MSN-to-DNP track or as a Dual Degree MSN + DNP option for adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, family health nurse practitioner, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, and clinical specialty areas.

**Admission Requirements (Post -MSN-to-DNP track)**

Admission to the DNP Program is competitive and is based on evaluations of the applicant's abilities, past performance, recommendations and match of FIU's DNP Program goals with the applicant's professional practice goals. In addition to the general FIU graduate admission requirements, applicants to the DNP Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed Master's degree in Advanced Practice Nursing specialty role (e.g. ANP, PNP, FNP, CRNA, CNM, CNS, etc.) from an accredited institution with minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25;  
**Or**  
 Completed Master's Degree in Nursing and a completed Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing specialty role (e.g. ANP, PNP, FNP, CRNA, CNM, CNS, etc.)
2. Current licensure with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty Certification;
4. Completion CNHS DNP Program Application;

5. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in DNP program;
6. Three (3) professional recommendations describing the applicant's ability to be successful in a DNP program;
7. Curriculum Vitae;
8. Successful personal Interview with DNP admissions committee;

### Degree Requirements (Post MSN-to-DNP track)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program requires completion of a minimum of 36 credits (beyond a Master of Science in Nursing) and a DNP Scholarly Project. DNP students will be expected to progress in their plan of study and demonstrate satisfactory attainment of course objectives and terminal program competencies. All course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "B" or "Pass" for non-letter grade courses. Clinical performance in residency/preceptorship experiences must be evaluated at a satisfactory level and completed with a grade of "Pass." The DNP Scholarly Project must be approved by the DNP Scholarly Project Team. A successful public presentation and defense of the DNP Scholarly Project is also required.

#### Doctoral Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7871	Health Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum (60 Clinical hours)	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

### Admission Requirements (BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist)

Admission to the **BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist** is competitive and is based on evaluations of the applicant's abilities, past performance, recommendations and match of FIU's DNP program goals with the applicant's professional practice goals. In addition to the general FIU graduate admission requirements, applicants to the DNP-NA Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University, the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Department of Nurse Anesthetist Practice (DNAP).
2. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited nursing program and from an accredited institution.
3. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for upper division coursework (UG 60).

4. Official GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical); NOTE: There is no minimum GRE score recommended for this program.
5. Current State of Florida RN license. Out of state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
6. Completion NWCHNS DNAP Program Application.
7. Essay (500 words)
8. Three professional recommendations.
9. Curriculum Vitae.
10. Successful personal interview with DNAP admissions committee.

### Degree Requirements (BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist)

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthetist requires the completion of all required courses and clinical experience requirements and a Quality Improvement Project. DNP-NA students will be expected to progress in their plan of study and demonstrate satisfactory attainment of course objectives and terminal program competencies. All course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "B" or "Pass" for non-letter grade courses. Clinical performance in residency must be evaluated at a satisfactory level and completed with a minimum letter grade of "B." The Quality Improvement Project must be approved by the DNP Project Committee. A successful public presentation and defense of the DNP Project is also required.

#### Doctoral Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7871	Health Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum (60 Clinical hours)	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Core: (16 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

#### Nurse Anesthetist: (50 credits)

NGR 6421	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6400	Chemistry and Physics of Anesthesiology Nursing	3
NGR 6493	Technology in Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6460	Pharmacology of Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6431L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical	

	Residency I	1
NGR 6422	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing II	2
NGR 6404	Advanced Bioscience for Anesthesiology Nursing I	3
NGR 6461	Pharmacology of Anesthesiology Nursing II	2
NGR 6490	Regional Anesthesia	2
NGR 6432L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency II	2
NGR 6423	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing III	2
NGR 6433L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency III	3
NGR 6424	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing IV	1
NGR 6405	Advanced Bioscience for Anesthesiology Nursing II	3
NGR 6434L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency IV	4
NGR 6435L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency V	4
NGR 6436L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency VI	4
NGR 6437L	Anesthesiology Nursing Clinical Residency VII	4
NGR 6492	Professional Aspects of Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6491	Advanced Anesthesiology Nursing Seminar	3

**NOTE:** The programs, policies, requirements, and regulations listed in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to serve the needs of the University's and College's various publics and to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, the Legislature, and other regulatory and accrediting agencies. Changes may be made without advance notice. Please refer to the General Information section for the University's policies, requirements, and regulations. Please refer to the College's website for updated information in nursing.

The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies; therefore, this information will be required at the time of application. Applicants are required to submit to criminal background checks and drug testing. Expenses associated with background checks and drug testing (including repeat testing) are the responsibility of the student. Findings may affect a student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/ certification.

### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)

The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing

practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. The goals of the Post-BSN-to-DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education.

#### Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae
7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in The Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
9. Curriculum Vitae.
10. Successful personal Interview with The Post-BSN-to-DNP admissions committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:

1. Maintain good academic standing as defined in the FIU Student Handbook
2. Current licensure with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty National Board Certification in the specialty of conferred MSN (i.e., AGNP, FNP, PNP, PMHNP)

#### Curriculum

##### Doctor of Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3

NGR 7871	Healthcare Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

**Advanced Practice Nursing Core (14 credits)**

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6743	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Education Seminar	1

**Graduate Nursing Core (8 credits)**

NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NGR 6703	Role Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse	2

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (19 credits)**

NGR 6201C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing I	3
NGR 6201L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6202C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing II	3
NGR 6202L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6209	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing	3
NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice	4

**Post-BSN-to-DNP (Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP) Requirements**

1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.
3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B- or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

**Post-BSN-to-DNP (Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)**

The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as a Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. The goals of Post-BSN-to-DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education.

**Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level).
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae
7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
9. Curriculum Vitae.
10. Successful personal Interview with Post-BSN-to-DNP admissions committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:

1. Maintain good academic standing as defined in the FIU Student Handbook

2. Current licensure with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty National Board Certification in the specialty of conferred MSN (i.e., AGNP, FNP, PNP, PMHNP)

### Curriculum

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7871	Healthcare Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Core (14 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6743	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Education Seminar	1

#### Graduate Nursing Core (8 credits)

NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NGR 6703	Role Development of the Advanced Practiced Nurse	2

#### Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (19 credits)

NGR 6301C	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6302C	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
NGR 6337	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing	3

#### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP) Requirements

1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.

3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B- or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

#### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Family Nurse Practitioner- MSN/DNP)

The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The goals of the Post-BSN-to-DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education.

#### Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae



7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
9. Curriculum Vitae.
10. Successful personal Interview with Post-BSN-to-DNP admissions committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:

1. Maintain good academic standing as defined in the FIU Student Handbook
2. Current licensure with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty National Board certification in the specialty of conferred MSN (i.e., AGNP, FNP, PNP, PMHNP)

### Curriculum

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice Core(36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7871	Healthcare Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Core (14 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5064C	Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6743	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Education Seminar	1

#### Graduate Nursing Core (8 credits)

NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NGR 6703	Role Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse	2

#### Family Nurse Practitioner (23 credits)

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice I	4
NGR 6602C	Advanced Family Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6602L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice II	4
NGR 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice	4
NGR 6748	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Family Nursing Practice	3

### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Family Nurse Practitioner- MSN/DNP) Requirements

1. Successful completion of 63 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.
3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B- or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)

The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The goals of the Post-BSN-to-DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education.

#### Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
4. Current State of Florida RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.

5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae
7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in The Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
9. Curriculum Vitae.
10. Successful personal Interview with The Post-BSN-to-DNP admissions committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:

1. Maintain good academic standing as defined in the FIU Student Handbook
2. Current licensure with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty National Board Certification in the specialty of conferred MSN (i.e., AGNP, FNP, PNP, PMHNP)

### Curriculum

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)

NGR 7121	Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7769	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NGR 7891	Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7871	Healthcare Informatics	3
NGR 7854	Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice	3
NGR 7892L	Health Policy Practicum	3
NGR 7733	Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems	3
NGR 7853	Translational Research	3
NGR 7940C	DNP Project I	4
NGR 7941C	DNP Project II	4
NGR 7942C	DNP Project III	4

#### Advanced Practice Nursing Core (14 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 6743	Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Education Seminar	1

#### Graduate Nursing Core (8 credits)

NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NGR 6703	Role Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse	2

#### Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (19credits)

NGR 6503	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6503L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6504C	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6504L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6505L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice	4
NGR 6560	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Decision Making	3

#### Post-BSN-to-DNP (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP) Requirements

1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.
3. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
4. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B- or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.