

Doctor of Nursing Practice BSN to DNP Program

West Virginia Wesleyan College offers a BSN to DNP program in two concentrations: **Advanced Nursing Practice and Nursing Leadership**. Students in **Advanced Nursing Practice** may choose from the following concentrations:

- *Family Nurse Practitioner,*
- *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, or*
- *Nurse-Midwifery*

The DNP degree focuses on advancing professional nursing roles including preparing tomorrow's nurse leaders to drive reform in the health care system and advocate for the most vulnerable in the population. Our convenient online pedagogies with one-to-one attention allow you to refine skills in a specialized concentration of study.

Candidates for Admission

Program Policies: All applicants will be considered individually by the DNP Admission Committee. Once admitted, students must maintain an unencumbered WV RN license and a 3.0 GPA for all graduate work. Students will be admitted as a cohort group for Fall; admission is competitive to the program. Each applicant will:

- Be a graduate of an accredited B.S.N. (and when applicable, MSN) program. •
- Have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate (and when applicable, graduate) grade point on all previous college work. •
- Complete the WVWC Graduate Studies Admission Application.
- Provide a 300 – 500 word statement regarding a topic of interest for a DNP project. •
- Submit official undergraduate (and when applicable, graduate) transcript(s) and current vita/resume. •
- Submit three letters of professional reference, one of which is from a current supervisor or faculty member (employment or school-related).
- Submit validation of an unencumbered license to practice.
- Be interviewed by West Virginia Wesleyan College and Shenandoah University, if applicable. •
- Demonstrate proficiency in English if a non-native English speaker by submitting scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). •
- As a result of changes in higher education regulations, WVWC is unable to accept applicants to its online programs who reside in the following states:
Alabama, Tennessee, Washington, Louisiana, New York, California

Accreditation:

West Virginia Wesleyan College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 30 North LaSalle Street - Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (800) 621-7440. The School of Nursing is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>). Applying for accreditation does not guarantee accreditation will be granted.

Faculty

Professor and Director of the School of Nursing, and Graduate Programs

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Program of Study – Advanced Nursing Practice

Credit Hours – (FNP 73 -76 hours) (PMHNP 79 hours) (Nurse- Midwifery 72-75)

DNP Core Courses Total: 15 hours	NURS 565 Advanced Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice – 3 hours NURS 723 Health Disparities and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 755 Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice – 3 hours NURS 763 Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Practice – 3 hours NURS 765 Translating Evidence Into Practice – 3 hours
Advanced Practice Nursing Foundation Courses Total: 25 hours	NURS 525 Advanced Health Assessment – 4 hours NURS 551 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 552 Pharmacology and Drug Therapy for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 725 Emerging Diseases, Genetics, and Health Trends – 3 hours NURS 740 Resource Planning for the APN – 3 hours NURS 745 Focused Study: Health Care Issues – 3 hours NURS 775 Clinical Scholarship and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 778 Advanced Practice Leadership – 3 hours
Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coursework Total: 23 hours	NURS 520 Integrated Behavioral Health Care – 1 hour NURS 544 Primary Care of Families I (D) – 3 hours NURS 544L Primary Care of Families I Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 554 Primary Care of Families II (D) – 3 hours NURS 554L Primary Care of Families II Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 557 Primary Care of Families III (D) – 3 hours NURS 557L Primary Care of Families III Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 569 Advanced Practice Role Seminar – 1 hour
Or Substitute SU Course Work	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Course Work: 29 hours Nurse Midwifery Specialty Coursework: 22 hours
Practicum and Capstone Project Total: 10 – 13 hours	NURS 825 Advanced Practice Practicum- 6 – 9 hours NURS 840 Capstone Project I – 2 hours NURS 850 Capstone Project II – 2 hours
Program of Study - Nursing Leadership (63 - 69 hours)	
DNP Core Courses Total: 15 hours	NURS 565 Advanced Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice- 3 hours NURS 723 Health Disparities and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 755 Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice – 3 hours NURS 763 Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Practice – 3 hours NURS 765 Translating Evidence Into Practice – 3 hours
Nursing Leadership Foundation Courses Total: 18 hours	NURS 523 Human Diversity and Health Promotion – 3 hours NURS 551 Advanced Pathophysiology for APNs – 3 hours NURS 552 Pharmacology and Drug Therapy for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 745 Focused Study: Healthcare Issues – 3 hours NURS 775 Clinical Scholarship and Population-Based Outcomes – 3 hours NURS 778 Advanced Practice Leadership – 3 hours
Nursing Leadership Specialty Coursework Total: 14 hours	NURS 545 Management of Diverse Human Resources in Healthcare and Nursing – 3 hours NURS 546 Financial Management in Complex Health Systems – 3 hours NURS 730 Healthcare Policy, Ethics, and Law – 3 hours NURS 735 Theories of Leadership and Organizational Management – 3 hours NURS 776 Nursing Leadership Practicum – 2 hours
Nursing Leadership Practicum and Capstone Total: 16 – 22 hours	NURS 830 Nurse Leader Practicum I – 6-9 hours NURS 835 Nurse Leader Practicum II – 6-9 hours NURS 840 Capstone Project I – 2 hours NURS 850 Capstone Project II – 2 hours