

Post-BSN Programs

Hybrid

Components of this program are delivered on campus and online.

The accredited Doctor of Nursing Practice degree prepares nurses at the highest level of practice for the current healthcare environment. The DNP curriculum provides a strong scientific foundation for practice; flexibility and emphasis on evidence-based practice, leadership, and organizational analysis; and completion of a unique DNP project.

Upon earning the DNP degree, graduates are eligible to sit for the national board certification examination in their specialty area. Certification is required by each state and gives the credential necessary to function in the advanced practice role.



Become a UCF nurse practitioner

Program Descriptions

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced primary care practice, focusing on patients 13 years and older** in primary care and home care settings.

AGPCNPs diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. Their services include, but are not limited to: ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

Family Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Family Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced primary care practice across the lifespan** — from children to adults.

FNPs diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. Their services include, but are not limited to: ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

UCF's hybrid Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP curriculum prepares nurses for **advanced practice in acute care, focusing on patients 18 years and older**.

The **AGACNP** cares for adult or gerontology patients with medically-complex, stable and unstable acute, critical, and chronic illnesses across care settings ranging from hospitals to sub-acute, ambulatory care, clinic, and home care environments. The AGACNP provides a spectrum of care from disease prevention to acute and critical care management.

Program Details

Start Fall term only

Deadline Feb. 1

Format Cohort, full-time or part-time

Schedule Hybrid classes; Clinical hours located within UCF service area

Length 9 or 12 semesters

Credit hours 72

Clinical hours 1,080

Starting in year two, eight of the remaining courses will include clinical components.

Tuition \$369.65 per credit hour (in-state)
\$1,194.05 per credit hour (out-of-state)

Graduate students may incur other fees, such as Material and Supply Fee, Equipment Fee and Online Course Proctoring Fee, etc.

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Curriculum & Requirements

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Core Courses (3 Hybrid^ / 5 Online)

- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning
- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Lab ^
- Pathophysiological Bases for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Health Promotion
- Theory for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice ^
- Research Methods
- Advanced Skills for the Management of Illness and Injuries ^

Track Specific Courses Taught in Hybrid Format

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Adult I Primary Care
- Adult I Primary Care Clinical
- Adult II Clinical for APNs
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Women's Health for APNs
- Advanced Practice Practicum

Family Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Adult I Primary Care
- Adult I Clinical for APNs
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Pediatric Primary Care
- Pediatric Primary Care Clinical
- Women's Health for APNs
- Women's Health for APNs Clinical
- Advanced Practice Practicum

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner DNP

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I
- Diagnostics and Skills for Care of the Critically Ill
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II Clinical
- Critical Care Pharmacology
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III Clinical
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum

DNP Courses Taught Online*

*Compact intensives are incorporated twice a year on campus

- Nursing Environment Management
- Advanced Clinical Management for Advanced Practice Nursing
- Epidemiology Principles in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Leadership and Economics in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Innovative Technologies in Healthcare
- Concepts, Measurement, and Data Management
- Evidence-Based Practice Development for DNP
- Healthcare Systems and Policy
- DNP Project I, DNP Project II, and DNP Project III

Application Requirements

1. Request Official Transcripts

If you are not a UCF graduate, official transcripts from each college or university attended must be sent in a **sealed envelope** directly to:

University of Central Florida
College of Graduate Studies
P.O. Box 160112
Orlando, FL 32816-0112

or electronically to:
gradadmissions@ucf.edu

2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

The BSN must be earned from an regionally accredited institution and the nursing program must also be accredited by the CCNE or ACEN. Nurses with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing are eligible to apply for the DNP program but must complete 9 credit hours of prerequisite courses, in addition to their DNP plan of study.

3. Undergraduate Statistics Course

4. Competitive GRE Score (within last five years)

5. RN License in the State of Florida

6. Written Essay

Write an essay in 500-words or less, double-spaced using 12-pt. Times New Roman font and 1-inch margins. Address the following: Describe how earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice in the track to which you applied will help you achieve your personal and professional goals; Explain those personal and professional experiences that have helped prepare you for doctoral study and your readiness for doctoral study at this time; The final DNP project focuses on implementation of an evidence-based change that impacts healthcare outcomes through direct or indirect care from a systems or population/aggregate focus. Describe an area of interest you believe could be improved through such a project. ****It is advantageous to discuss your essay with a DNP advisor prior to submitting your application.****

7. Curriculum Vitae

CV must reflect prior education, recent clinical accomplishments, any recent scholarly work (publications and presentations), awards, additional certifications, and activities with professional organizations. For recent graduates, this can include accomplishments as a student.

8. Three Professional Recommendations

9. Potential Interview