

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING (MS)**

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The School of Nursing offers a Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Nursing and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The following Nursing emphases options Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care (AGACNP), Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care/ Family (AGACNP/FNP), Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) or Nurse Educator.

## **DOCTOR of NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)**

Colorado State University-Pueblo is offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice approved by the Higher Learning Commission October 26, 2018.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is designed to prepare nurses for the highest level of clinical practice in the profession of nursing. Graduates are prepared to create and lead new models of health care delivery for communities locally, across the nation and around the world. The DNP program is innovative, inter-/intra-professional and focuses on evidence-based health care. The program maximizes the use of hybrid delivery methods for enhanced learning and increased course accessibility. (To read more about the DNP, visit the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website: [www.aacn.nche.org](http://www.aacn.nche.org))

The School of Nursing offers the DNP in the following emphasis areas:

- Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
- Adult/Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP/FNP)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
- MS (Nursing) to DNP Population Health

Graduate programs are delivered using a hybrid format (on/off campus and on-line). In order to register for graduate nursing courses students must have unconditional acceptance into the nursing program, university and follow the degree plan, or register by permission of the graduate nursing program coordinator.

### **Seeking Candidacy for the DNP from:**

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
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## **School of Nursing Mission**

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent, and caring nurses to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.

## **Program Outcomes**

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
  - Complete the program within one and one-half times the length of the program
  - Express satisfaction with the program
  - Pass national certification exam the first time
  - Be employed in role-related professional practice within six months to one year
2. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates' job performance.

## **DNP Graduate Student Learning Outcomes**

At the completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice
2. Conduct scholarly inquiry to influence health outcomes of individuals, aggregates and populations
3. Organize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
4. Assume a leadership role in transforming health care systems, policies and standards of care

The School of Nursing offers the DNP for the:

- Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse
- Master-prepared nurse practitioner who is certified in adult/geriatric acute care, family or psychiatric-mental health
- Post-master's registered nurse

Some states require a specific master's degree to practice as a nurse practitioner; therefore, a concurrent Master of Science with a major in Nursing will be awarded with completion of the DNP.

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements.

## **BSN-DNP Degree Plans**

### ***Adult/Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner Emphasis (AGACNP/FNP)***

This program prepares students to provide evidence-based, safe, quality patient-centered care in a variety of chronic, acute, and emergent care settings. Students will also be prepared for primary

care practice across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination and Family Nurse Practitioner certification examination. The following courses are required:

***Fall (Year 1)***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG.504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG.505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG.507	Advanced Practice Roles	2
NSG.508	Advanced Practice Theory	3

***Spring***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2
NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
NSG 712	Advanced Evidence Based Practice	3

***Summer***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3

***Fall (Year 2)***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4

***Spring***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 610	Diagnostic Reasoning	2
NSG 613L	Acute Care Skills Lab I	2
NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4

***Summer***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 641	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 641L	AGACNP Practicum I	1
NSG 661	Family I	2
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG 801	DNP Seminar	1

***Fall (Year 3)***

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 642	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	3
NSG 662	Family II	2
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG 802	DNP Project Practicum I	3

### *Spring*

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 663	Family III	2
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG 803	DNP Project Practicum II	3

### *Summer*

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 664	Family IV	1
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG 804	DNP Project Practicum III	2

### *Fall (Year 4)*

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 665	Family V	1
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG 805	DNP Project Practicum IV	3

### *Spring*

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 807L	Final DNP Practicum AGACNP/FNP	10

### *Summer, if needed*

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NSG 636L	Family Practicum	1-13*
NSG.810L	DNP Project Practicum	1

<b>Total Lab Hours</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Total AGACNP Practicum Hours</b>	<b>585</b>
<b>Total FNP Practicum Hours...</b>	<b>585</b>
<b>Total DNP Practicum Hours</b>	<b>540</b>
<b><u>Total Practicum Hours</u></b>	<b>1710</b>
<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>104</b>

- \* Family Nurse Practitioner students must complete a total of 13 semester hours of Family Practicum, the recommended sequence to graduate in eleven semesters is: Summer (Year 2) NSG 638L – 1 semester hours, /Fall (Year 3) NSG 638L – 2 semester hours /Spring (Year 3) NSG 638L – 2 semester hours, /Summer (Year 3) NSG 638 – 1 semester hours. /Fall (Year 4) NSG 638L-2 semester hours/Spring (Year 4) NSG 807-4 semester hours. Students are required to take a minimum of 1 semester hour of Family Practicum starting summer of Year 2, a change to the degree plan must be approved by the Graduate Nursing Program Coordinator.