

Doctoral

Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Specialization

- Family Nurse Practitioner

Course Format

- Part-time blended/hybrid
- Full-time blended/hybrid

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization at SIUE

The family nurse practitioner DNP specialization program provides students with the required clinical competencies and theoretical foundation to deliver quality primary care for patients and their families with advanced skills in evidence-based practice, leadership, policy, finance, informatics and genomics/ethics. Upon program completion, graduates are eligible to take the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exams offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

The FNP DNP specialization program format is blended/hybrid, meaning classes are offered primarily online, but the learning will be supported by four on-campus immersion experiences scheduled at important points throughout the program. This offering provides students with the best of both worlds; the flexibility of online learning with the personal nature of knowing and directly interacting with nursing faculty. There are also open lab opportunities for students who desire to come on campus for one-on-one help with clinical skills.

Career Opportunities

Family nurse practitioners (FNPs) are anticipated to be in high demand with the new revisions to health care funding. FNPs work in diverse settings including office practices, community health centers, urgent care clinics, college campuses, worksite employee health centers, nursing homes, managed care organizations and hospitals. FNPs also work for healthcare technology companies, perform healthcare research, teach in schools and universities, and serve in government agencies (e.g., health departments, the military, etc.) In addition to working directly with patients, FNPs are qualified for leadership roles in healthcare settings.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- Submit three (3) reference forms (one (1) of which should be from your current manager and two (2) others preferably from nurses holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field), and complete the Goals Statement in the application.
- Bachelor of science in nursing from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited program. Graduates from non-NLNAC or CCNE accredited programs will be considered under certain circumstances. Please contact the School of Nursing for more information.
- Current unencumbered RN licenses in the state where you plan to complete your practicum experience. Due to the required clinical assignments, nurse anesthesia students must possess Unencumbered Illinois and Missouri RN licenses.
 1. NP, NE and HCNA students, please note that if you live anywhere in or around St. Louis metro area, we strongly encourage you to hold an active Illinois and Missouri license.
 2. If a student participates in any clinical practicum in a state in which they are not licensed, the student will be referred to the appropriate Student Affairs Committee Honor Board for a Level 4 violation of the Academic Integrity Statement.
- Minimum undergraduate nursing grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Preferred minimum undergraduate science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Preferred minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Evidence of completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or better.

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Full-Time Sample Curriculum

(Part-Time Sample Curriculum Available Upon Request)

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------|---|---|
| Fall | NURS 514 Advanced Human Physiology | 4 | NURS 513 Advanced Health Assessment and Practicum | 3 |
| | NURS 515 Advanced Human Pathophysiology | 4 | NURS 520 Diagnostic Tests and Interpretations and Procedures | 3 |
| | NURS 600 Theory Guided Practice | 3 | NURS 620 Healthcare Informatics | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 11 | Total Credits | 9 |
| Spring | PAPA 561 Bio Stats/Epi Course | 3 | NURS 605 Health Policy and Finance | 3 |
| | NURS 516 Pharmacology for APNs | 3 | NURS 571 Advanced Management of Adult Health in Primary Care 1 and Practicum | 4 |
| | NURS 601 Ethics Studies for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 | NURS 697a Doctoral Project Design and Management I | 1 |
| | Total Credits | 9 | NURS 697b Doctoral Project Design and Management II | 1 |
| | | | Total Credits | 9 |
| Summer | NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice | 3 | NURS 573 Advanced Management of Women's Health and Practicum | 3 |
| | NURS 695a Introduction to DNP Projects | 1 | NURS 697c Doctoral Project Design and Management III | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 4 | Total Credits | 6 |
| Year 3 | | | | |
| Fall | NURS 572 Advanced Management of Adult Health in Primary Care II and Practicum | 4 | | |
| | NURS 576 Advanced Management of Pediatric Client and Practicum | 4 | | |
| | NURS 697d Doctoral Project Design and Management IV | 1 | | |
| | Total Credits | 9 | | |
| Spring | NURS 677 Advanced Practicum and Role Synthesis | 5 | | |
| | NURS 691 Organizational and Systems Leadership in Health Care | 3 | | |
| | NURS 697e Doctoral Project Design and Management V | 1 | | |
| | Total Credits | 9 | | |
| Total Hours 66 | | | | |

Admission Requirements, Cont.

- Completion of a minimum of one (1) year of professional nursing practice experience prior to enrollment in the first specialization clinical course.
- Successful completion of a drug screen and a criminal background check, as specified by the School of Nursing, to be performed after initial acceptance to the program.
- Successful completion of an application interview.

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at graduateadmissions@siue.edu.

Applicants may follow up with the graduate nursing advisor to check on status of the application.

Application Deadline

Priority deadline is February 1 for the class entering in the fall.

Graduation Requirements

Doctoral students in the School of Nursing's family nurse practitioner option must complete all courses with a GPA of 3.0/4.0, which includes successful completion of all clinical practicum experiences. Family nurse practitioner students must also successfully complete a DNP project.

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