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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) PROGRAM

Designed for the Registered Nurse (RN, RN-BSN, MSN) & Advance Practice Nurse (APRN)

Full-time and Part-time Programs of Study

Online Format (1 to 3 on-campus visits/semester)

Seamless entry/exit points throughout the program:

- ADN-BSN-MSN-DNP
- BSN-MSN-DNP
- MSN (non-FNP)-Post Master's (FNP)- DNP
- Post Master's (FNP)-DNP

Awarding of BSN degree upon completion of the RN-BSN Completion Program of Study

This online program allows registered nurses at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's level to advance their education by earning the degree and seeking eligibility, if needed, to take the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam. Please visit our website frequently for access to the admission application and additional information regarding the various programs of study. This program has been approved by the MS Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

VISION

Robert E. Smith School of Nursing...Transforming healthcare in the Mississippi Delta and beyond...one exceptional nurse at a time!

MISSION

The mission of the Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing is to transform healthcare in the Mississippi Delta and beyond by preparing graduates to be nurse leaders at the baccalaureate, master, and doctoral levels through excellence in education, evidence-based research, interprofessional practice, and multidimensional partnerships in a diverse society.

APPLICATION PROCESS

While the application deadline is April 1st, you may apply to the Graduate Nursing Program anytime throughout the year. Once your file folder is complete, you will be notified and an interview scheduled.

ACCREDITATION

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing will seek accreditation by The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036, (202)887-6791.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Delta State University is committed to a policy of equal employment and educational opportunity. Delta State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the University.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

FULL-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDY OPTIONS:

RN – DNP: 4 Years (8-9 Semesters); 95 Credit Hours

BSN – DNP: 3 Years (6 Semesters); 64 Credit Hours

Post Master's (Non-FNP) – DNP: 3 Years (6 Semesters); 53-64 Credit Hours

Post Master's (FNP) – DNP: 1 year (3 Semesters); 31 Credit Hours

PART-TIME OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS: Non-FNP

720 clinical hours with preceptor

420 doctoral level clinical hours (scholarly project)

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS: FNP

420 doctoral level clinical hours (scholarly project)

General Requirements for Students of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing:

- Each student will be required to submit a completed health and immunization form provided by the School of Nursing, evidence of personal health insurance and malpractice insurance, and current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare provider certification after being accepted for admission.
- Applicants must comply with Mississippi legislative statutes and regulations regarding criminal background checks by having fingerprints taken at an approved health care agency (not a police or sheriff's department) and a criminal background check completed. Any cost of this requirement will be the student's responsibility.
- Applicants who want to receive credit for prior nursing course(s) taken at another institution must submit a written request with supporting documentation and credit be negotiated before admission to the School of Nursing and not after the student is enrolled.
- Proof of total clinical hours completed while enrolled in an FNP program [**Post Master's FNP students ONLY**]

All students must have computer and Internet access.

BSN (Post RN) Admission Requirements

[See Full-time Plan of Study on Page 4]

1. Apply to Delta State University and meet admission requirements as outlined in the Delta State University Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins.
2. Meet admission requirements to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing RN-DNP Program as follows by April 01:
 - GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale upon entry into the program with an overall 3.2 GPA upon completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.
 - A grade of "C" or better in all non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses.
 - Completion of a Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program application.
 - Completion of an advanced role in nursing statement as noted in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program Application.
 - Three current (< 1 year) letters of professional/academic reference. At least one reference must be academic in nature.
 - A copy of a current unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice in the state in which the student will perform clinical.
 - A combined verbal and quantitative score ≥ 800 (≥ 280 on new test) and analytic score of ≥ 3.5 on the Graduate Record Exam by completion of the BSN degree requirements [score must have been obtained in the past 5 years].
 - At least one year of continuous clinical nursing experience with patient contact as a Registered Nurse within the past three years by completion of the BSN degree requirements.
 - Submission of a resume`
 - Completion of an interview with the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing faculty members prior to admission with a score of 50 or better (application packet must be complete before an interview is scheduled).
 - Writing sample may be required during interview.
 - A grade of "C" or better on a graduate level pathophysiology course either by completion of the BSN degree requirements or prior to enrolling in all other graduate level courses.

Post BSN Admission Requirements

[See Full-time Plan of Study on Page 5 and Part-time Plan of Study on Page 6]

1. Apply to Delta State University Graduate School and meet admission requirements as outlined in the Delta State University Graduate Bulletin.
2. Meet admission requirements to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Graduate Program as follows by April 01:
 - Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.2
 - A grade of "C" or better on an introductory course in statistics.
 - Completion of a Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program application.
 - Completion of an advanced role in nursing statement as noted in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program Application.
 - Three current (< 1 year) letters of professional/academic reference. At least one reference must be academic in nature.
 - A copy of a current unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice in the state in which the student will perform clinical.
 - A combined verbal and quantitative score ≥ 800 (≥ 280 on new test) and analytic score of ≥ 3.5 on the Graduate Record Exam [score must have been obtained in the past 5 years].
 - At least one year of continuous clinical nursing experience with patient contact as an RN within the past three years.
 - Submission of a resume`
 - Completion of an interview with the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing faculty members prior to admission with a score of 50 or better (application packet must be complete before an interview is scheduled)
 - Writing sample may be required during interview.
 - A grade of "C" or better on a graduate level pathophysiology course prior to enrolling in all other graduate level courses.

Post MSN (Non-FNP & FNP) Admission Requirements

[See Full-time Plan of Study and Part-time Plan of Study on Page 7]

1. Apply to Delta State University Graduate School and meet admission requirements as outlined in the Delta State University Graduate Bulletin.
2. Meet admission requirements to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Graduate Program as follows by April 01:
 - Master of Science degree in Nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.2
 - A grade of "C" or better on an introductory course in statistics.
 - Completion of a Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program application.
 - Completion of an advanced role in nursing statement as noted in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Doctoral Program Application.
 - Three current (< 1 year) letters of professional/academic reference. At least one reference must be academic in nature.
 - A copy of a current unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice in the state in which the student will perform clinical.
 - A copy of current national family practitioner certification (ANCC & AANP) [FNP only]
 - A combined verbal and quantitative score >800 (≥ 280 on new test) and analytic score of ≥ 3.5 on the Graduate Record Exam [score must have been obtained in the past five years].
 - At least one year of continuous clinical nursing experience with patient contact as an RN or advanced practice nurse within the past three years.
 - Submission of a resume`
 - Completion of an interview with the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing faculty members prior to admission with a score of 50 or better (application packet must be complete before an interview is scheduled)
 - Writing sample may be required during interview.
 - A grade of "C" or better on a graduate level pathophysiology course prior to enrolling in all other graduate level courses.

****Exception to the noted admission requirements may be considered by the Graduate Nursing program Committee**

RN – DNP PROGRAM OF STUDY (Full-time)**TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS: 95**

Semester	Course	Credit Hrs.
Fall I	NUR 311 Comprehensive Health Assessment	2.5
	NUR 331 Comprehensive Health Assessment Practicum	.5
	NUR 312 Basic Pathophysiology	3
	NUR 358 Transition to Professional Nursing	6
	NUR 403 Community Health Nursing	2.5
	NUR 443 Community Health Nursing Practicum	1.5
	Total Semester Hours	16
Spring I	NUR 309 Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
	NUR 314 Health Policy and Ethical Decision Making	3
	NUR 320 Nursing Informatics	3
	NUR 402 Management of Client Care	3
	NUR 442 Management of Client Care Practicum	3
	NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology (may be taken in spring or summer semester)	0/3
	Total Semester Hours	15/18
Summer I & II	NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology	3
	Total Semester Hours	3
Fall II	NUR 701 Advanced Theory and Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 710 Epidemiology/Population Health	3
	NUR 706 Evidence Based Nursing Practice: Theory, Design & Methods	3
	Total Semester Hours	9
Spring II	NUR 708 Advanced Statistics for Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 704 Health Care Policy and Economics in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 720 Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Semester Hours	9
Fall III	NUR 602 Advanced Health Assessment	3
	NUR 625 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (120 clinical hours with preceptor)	2
	NUR 624 Differential Diagnosis in Primary Care	2
	NUR 787 Scholarly Project Development (120 doctoral-level clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	9
Spring III	NUR 630 Family Nurse Practice I	3
	NUR 631 Family Nurse Practice I Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 605 Advanced Pharmacology	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60 doctoral-level clinical hours)	1
	Total Semester Hours	10
Fall IV	NUR 634 Family Nurse Practice II	3
	NUR 635 Family Nurse Practice II Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 724 Information Management and Decision Support in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 722 Business Management and Quality Care in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (120 doctoral-level clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	14
Spring IV	NUR 638 Family Nurse Practice III	2
	NUR 639 Family Nurse Practice III Practicum (240 clinical hours with preceptor)	4
	NUR 680 Family Nurse Practitioner Review Course	2
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (120 doctoral-level clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	10

- 720 clinical hours with preceptor; 420 doctoral level clinical hours – scholarly project: Total Clinical Hours = 1140
- Total Semester/Semester Hours RN-DNP = 8-9 Semesters/95 Semester Hours (31 undergraduate hours/64 graduate hours)
- A total of seven hours will be required for completion of the Scholarly Project Development/Scholarly Project – students will select # hours per semester based on the progression of their project

BSN/POST-MASTER'S (Non-FNP) – DNP PROGRAM OF STUDY (Full-time)****TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS: BSN = 64 / Post-Master's Non-FNP = 53-64**

Semester	Course	Credit Hrs.
Summer I & II	NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology (may be taken in spring or summer semester)	3
	Total Semester Hours	3
Fall I	NUR 701 Advanced Theory and Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 710 Epidemiology/Population Health	3
	NUR 706 Evidence Based Nursing Practice: Theory, Design & Methods	3
	Total Semester Hours	9
Spring I	NUR 708 Advanced Statistics for Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 704 Health Care Policy and Economics in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 720 Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Semester Hours	9
Fall II	NUR 602 Advanced Health Assessment	3
	NUR 625 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (120 clinical hours with preceptor)	2
	NUR 624 Differential Diagnosis in Primary Care	2
	NUR 787 Scholarly Project Development (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	9
Spring II	NUR 630 Family Nurse Practice I	3
	NUR 631 Family Nurse Practice I Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 605 Advanced Pharmacology	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60 doctoral clinical hours)	1
	Total Semester Hours	10
Fall III	NUR 634 Family Nurse Practice II	3
	NUR 635 Family Nurse Practice II Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 724 Information Management and Decision Support in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 722 Business Management and Quality Care in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	14
Spring III	NUR 638 Family Nurse Practice III	2
	NUR 639 Family Nurse Practice III Practicum (240 clinical hours with preceptor)	4
	NUR 680 Family Nurse Practitioner Review Course	2
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	10

- 720 clinical hours with preceptor; 420 doctoral level clinical hours – scholarly project: Total Clinical Hours = 1140
- Total Semester/Semester Hours BSN-DNP = 6 Semesters/64 Semester Hours
- Total Semester/Semester Hours Post-Master's (Non-FNP) = 53 - 64 hours (11 hours available to transfer)
- **Non-FNP students may be able to transfer the following courses upon approval from COAP:
 - NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology
 - NUR 602/NUR 625 Advanced Health Assessment
 - NUR 605 Advanced Pharmacology
- A total of seven hours will be required for completion of the Scholarly Project Development/Scholarly Project – students will select # hours per semester based on the progression of their project

BSN/POST-MASTER'S (Non-FNP) – DNP PROGRAM OF STUDY (Part-time)****TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS: BSN = 64 / Post-Master's Non-FNP = 53-64**

Semester	Course	Credit Hrs.
Summer I & II	NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology (make be taken in spring or summer semester)	3
	Total Semester Hours	3
Fall I	NUR 701 Advanced Theory and Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 710 Epidemiology/Population Health	3
	Total Semester Hours	6
Spring I	NUR 704 Health Care Policy and Economics in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 720 Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Semester Hours	6
Fall II	NUR 706 Evidence Based Nursing Practice: Theory, Design & Methods	3
	NUR 724 Information Management and Decision Support in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 787 Scholarly Project Development (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	8
Spring II	NUR 708 Advanced Statistics for Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	4-6
Fall III	NUR 602 Advanced Health Assessment	3
	NUR 625 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (120 clinical hours with preceptor)	2
	NUR 624 Differential Diagnosis in Primary Care	2
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	8-10
Spring III	NUR 630 Family Nurse Practice I	3
	NUR 631 Family Nurse Practice I Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 605 Advanced Pharmacology	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	10-12
Fall IV	NUR 634 Family Nurse Practice II	3
	NUR 635 Family Nurse Practice II Practicum (180 clinical hours with preceptor)	3
	NUR 722 Business Management and Quality Care in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	10-12
Spring IV	NUR 638 Family Nurse Practice III	2
	NUR 639 Family Nurse Practice III Practicum (240 clinical hours with preceptor)	4
	NUR 680 Family Nurse Practitioner Review Course	2
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	9-11

- 720 clinical hours with preceptor; 420 doctoral level clinical hours – scholarly project: Total Clinical Hours = 1140
- Total Semester/Semester Hours BSN-DNP = 9 Semesters/64 Semester Hours
- Total Semester/Semester Hours Post-Master's (Non-FNP) = 53 - 64 hours (11 hours available to transfer)
- **Non-FNP students may be able to transfer the following courses upon approval from COAP:
 - NUR 603 Advanced Pathophysiology
 - NUR 602/NUR 625 Advanced Health Assessment
 - NUR 605 Advanced Pharmacology
- A total of seven hours will be required for completion of the Scholarly Project Development/Scholarly Project – students will select # hours per semester based on the progression of their project

POST-MASTER'S FNP – DNP (Full-time)**TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS: 31**

Semester	Course	Credit Hrs.
Fall I	NUR 701 Advanced Theory and Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 710 Epidemiology/Population Health	3
	NUR 706 Evidence Based Nursing Practice: Theory, Design & Methods	3
	NUR 787 Scholarly Project Development (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	11
Spring I	NUR 704 Health Care Policy and Economics in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 708 Advanced Statistics for Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 720 Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral level clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	10-12
Fall II	NUR 724 Information Management and Decision Support in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 722 Business Management and Quality Care in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral level clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	7-9

- 420 doctoral level clinical hours – scholarly project – required regardless of number of clinical hours obtained in Master's program.
- Total Semester/Semester Hours Post-Master's FNP-DNP = 3 semesters/31 semester hours
- A total of seven hours will be required for completion of the Scholarly Project Development/Scholarly Project – students will select # hours per semester based on the progression of their project
- Additional clinical hours may be required if total clinical hours in FNP program was less than 580

POST-MASTER'S FNP – DNP (Part-time)**TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS: 31**

Semester	Course	Credit Hrs.
Fall I	NUR 701 Advanced Theory and Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 710 Epidemiology/Population Health	3
	Total Semester Hours	6
Spring I	NUR 704 Health Care Policy and Economics in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 720 Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
	Total Semester Hours	6
Fall II	NUR 706 Evidence Based Nursing Practice: Theory, Design & Methods	3
	NUR 787 Scholarly Project Development (120 doctoral clinical hours)	2
	Total Semester Hours	5
Spring II	NUR 708 Advanced Statistics for Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral level clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	4-6
Fall III	NUR 724 Information Management and Decision Support in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 722 Business Management and Quality Care in Clinical Practice	3
	NUR 790 Scholarly Project (60/180 doctoral level clinical hours)	1-3
	Total Semester Hours	7-9

- 420 doctoral level clinical hours – scholarly project – required regardless of number of clinical hours obtained in a Master's program.
- Total Semester/Semester Hours Post-Master's FNP-DNP = 6 semesters/31 semester hours
- A total of seven hours will be required for completion of the Scholarly Project Development/Scholarly Project – students will select # hours per semester based on the progression of their project
- Additional clinical hours may be required if total clinical hours in FNP program was less than 580

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Offers quality education with a personal touch!

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - A Web Enhanced Program
Full-time Study - 5 semesters ▪ Part-time Study Available

RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM - An Online Program
Full-time Study- 2 Semesters ▪ Part-time Study Available ▪ Flexible Clinical Schedule

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - An Online Program
Non-traditional Class & Clinical Schedule
Full-time Study - 2 Years ▪ Part-time Study Available
Nurse Administrator ▪ Nurse Educator ▪ Nurse Practitioner ▪ Post Master's Options
Nurse Practitioner Track: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

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