NURSING PRACTICE: ADULT/GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, DNP

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext) and policies (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
No	No	No	Yes	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	68 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	34 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	A student may not receive more than one grade below a B (or a U grade) in any 12 month period.
Assessments and Examinations	Students must complete a scholarly project, which represents the culmination of a student's doctoral education. This project is a paper of publishable quality. Students must deliver an oral presentation to faculty, students, and the community.
Language Requirements	No language requirements.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	DNP students are not required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

For students with a master's degree in nursing, a personalized program plan will be developed and some of the following courses may be satisfied with previous master's coursework.

Code	Title	Credits
NURSING 601	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
NURSING 702	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Diverse Communities	3
NURSING 703	Health Care and Public Policy	3
NURSING 704	Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing I	3
NURSING 706	Nursing Research	3
NURSING 708	Ethics for Advanced Practice in Health Care	2
NURSING 722	Advanced Practice Nursing Theory: Adults and Older Adults	3
NURSING 726	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice I	3
NURSING 727	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice II	3
NURSING 728	Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development I	3
NURSING 729	Advanced Practice Clinical Application and Role Development II	3
NURSING 761	Health Program Planning, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement	3
NURSING 764	Nursing and Health Informatics	3
NURSING 772	Leadership and Organizational Decision-Making in Health Care	3
NURSING 806	Evaluation and Application of Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURSING 811	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURSING 826	Foundations for APN Clinical Practice III	3
NURSING 828	Clinical Leadership III	3

NURSING 829	Clinical Leadership IV	3
NURSING 906	Scholarly Project [1]	6
Nursing Elective		3
Total Credits		**68**

[1] Six total credits required; 10 credit maximum. Taken for two credits per term (other credit amounts allowed only via faculty approval).

Three-Year Program Plan

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 704	3	NURSING 601	3	NURSING 708	2
NURSING 706	3	NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	3	NURSING 764	3
NURSING 722	3	NURSING 703	3		
NURSING 811	3	NURSING 806	3		
	12		**12**		**5**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 702	3	NURSING 727	3	NURSING 772	3
NURSING 726	3	NURSING 729	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 728	3	NURSING 761	3		
	9		**9**		**5**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURSING 826	3	NURSING 829	3
NURSING 828	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 906	2	Elective (can be taken any term)[1]	3
	8		**8**

Total Credits 68

[1] See pre-approved elective options. Additional options may be approved by program director.

Four-Year Program Plan

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 704	3	NURSING 703	3	NURSING 708	2
NURSING 706	3	NURSING 806	3		
NURSING 722	3	Elective (can be taken any term)[1]	3		
	9		**9**		**2**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 702	3	NURSING 601	3	NURSING 764	3
NURSING 811	3	NURSING/ PHM PRAC 605	3		
	6		**6**		**3**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURSING 726	3	NURSING 727	3	NURSING 772	3
NURSING 728	3	NURSING 729	3	NURSING 906	2
		NURSING 761	3		
	6		**9**		**5**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURSING 826	3	NURSING 829	3
NURSING 828	3	NURSING 906	2
NURSING 906	2		
	8		**5**

Total Credits 68

[1] See pre-approved elective options. Additional options may be approved by program director.

Pre-approved Elective Options

Code	Title	Credits
COUN PSY 650	Theory and Practice in Interviewing	3
NURSING 657	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3
NURSING/ PHM PRAC 674	Seminars in Interprofessional Mental Health Care	2
NURSING/ MEDICINE/ POP HLTH 705	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Clinical Research Evidence	2
NURSING/ PHM PRAC/ SOC WORK 746	Interdisciplinary Care of Children with Special Health Care Needs	3
NURSING/LAW 768	Health Justice Clinic	1-7
NURSING 785	Foundations of Curriculum Development and Evaluation for Healthcare Professions	3
NURSING 786	Teaching and Learning Strategies for the Classroom and Online Environments in Healthcare Professions	3
NURSING 787	Teaching and Learning in Healthcare Professions Practicum	3
NURSING 847	Health Policy Practicum	3
OTM 753	Healthcare Operations Management	3
POP HLTH 650	Special Topics	1-6
POP HLTH/ SOC 797	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
POP HLTH 915	International Health Systems and Policy	2
PUBLHLTH/ NURSING/ PHARMACY/ PHY ASST/ PHY THER 758	Interprofessional Public Health Leadership	1
PUBLHLTH 780	Evidence-Based Decision-Making	3
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	2