

# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE)

## BSN-DNP Programs

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is a terminal degree in nursing that prepares Registered Nurses (RNs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to practice at the highest level of the profession. The BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner track prepares students to take the appropriate certification exam at completion of the program of study.

## Application Deadlines

Applicants for the Doctor of Nursing Practice are considered for admission for the fall semester only, and all required application materials must be received in the Graduate School by May 1 or until all seats are filled.

Date	Event
May 1 or until all seats are filled	Fall Admission

Applications completed after May 1 will be considered for admission if seats remain available. If no seats are available, the application will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

## Admission Requirements and Application Materials required for the BSN-DNP Program in Family Nurse Practitioner

Graduate Admissions  
Jacksonville State University  
700 Pelham Road North  
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

The DNP nursing admissions subcommittee shall review and evaluate each candidate for admission to the DNP nursing program. Applications are processed through JSU's graduate studies office. Guidelines for evaluating applicants for the DNP program assure consistency in the process. Admission to the DNP program is competitive and admission requirements may exceed graduate studies minimum requirements. A maximum number of admissions will be determined annually by the graduate council.

### Admission Criteria to the BSN-DNP Nursing Programs:

- Each applicant must satisfy minimum requirements for admission to graduate studies.
- A completed graduate studies application.
- Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the University.)
- Official transcript with cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the baccalaureate nursing program or the last 60 hours of baccalaureate nursing program (the higher of the two).
- Undergraduate science courses satisfy a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from an institutionally accredited institution certified by a National Accreditation Agency.
- Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the student's current state of clinical practice.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Favorable recommendation from the DNP admissions committee.

The DNP program does not accept transfer credits from other institutions; accordingly, 100% of the credits for the DNP degree will be earned at JSU.

## Graduation Requirements

- Completion of courses required for the selected pathway: 69 credit hours must be completed for the BSN-DNP.
- Completion of supervised academic program practice hours: 1330 hours must be completed for the BSN-DNP.
- Satisfactory completion of DNP project and paper.
- Satisfactory completion of professional electronic portfolio.
- Satisfactory completion of comprehensive exam for the BSN-DNP specialty tracks.

## Progression and Retention

In accordance with the University policy, graduate students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all graduate courses attempted. A student whose GPA falls below the required minimum of 3.0 will be placed on academic probation and will receive notification from the Graduate School of the requirements to reestablish good standing. Any student who does not attain good standing, as specified in their notification letter, will be dropped from graduate studies.

- A grade of "C" or below will not be permitted to count toward the graduate or doctoral level degree or certificate programs.
- Only one "C" grade or lower is permitted to be re-taken in the graduate or doctoral level degree or certificate program.
- A grade of "C" or below in any graduate nursing programs must be repeated. A student must achieve an "A" or "B" in the repeated course. The course may only be repeated once. A student's progression in the program will be impacted. If the student is unsuccessful after the re-take, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- If a student earns a grade of "C" or below in any coursework in any graduate nursing program, the student should consult their academic advisor and the Dean of the Graduate School for advisement.
- Should a student earn more than 3 semester hours of a C grade, the student will be ineligible to continue in the graduate nursing program and should consult the graduate catalog for guidance.
- Failure to resolve an incomplete within the established time frame will result in an inability to progress in the program. Registration for the upcoming semester will not be allowed until the incomplete is resolved. Review the graduate catalog for processing instructions and deadlines.

DNP. All graduate coursework and degree requirements toward a doctoral degree (including credit transferred from another university) must be completed within a period of seven calendar years, which would include the summer term. Any exceptions will be made by the Dean of the Graduate School, upon written request of the student.

## Minimum Requirements for the BSN-DNP program in Family Nurse Practitioner

An individual plan of study is provided from the Director of Online and Graduate Academic Services at time of admission.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NU 607	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NU 613	Physio-Pathological Basis of Advanced Nursing	3
NU 620	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
FNP 668	Advanced Family NP I	3
FNP 669	Advanced Family NP Practicum NP I (120 Practicum Hours)	1
FNP 671	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention & Issues for FNP	2
FNP 672	Advanced Family NP II	3
FNP 673	Advanced Family NP Practicum II (210 Practicum Hours)	3
FNP 674	Advanced Family NP III	3
FNP 675	Advanced Family NP Practicum III (250 Practicum Hours) (210 Clinical Paracticum Hours )	3
FNP 676	Advanced Family NP IV	3
FNP 677	Advanced Family NP Practicum IV (250 Practicum Hours) (210 Clinical Paracticum Hours )	3
NU 702	BSN-DNP Online Orientation	0
NU 707	Scientific Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NU 708	Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NU 710	Health Care Policy and Finance	3
NU 711	Biostatistics and Translating Evidence	3
NU 712	Clinical Prevention and Population Health	3
NU 713	Organizational and Systems Leadership for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NU 715	Innovative Leadership and Collaboration in Healthcare	3
NU 716	Interprofessional Health Care and Informatics	3
FNP 796	FNP Project Planning and Development	3
FNP 797	FNP Residency I (210 Clinical Residency Hours) (210 Clinical Practicum Hours )	3
FNP 798	FNP Residency II (210 Clinical Residency Hours) (210 Clinical Practicum Hours )	3
FNP 799	FNP Residency III (210 Clinical Residency Hours) (210 Specialty Clinical Hours )	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>69</b>

**69 Doctoral Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## Graduation

All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.