Nursing BSN to DNP

Degree Requirements: 77 Credit Hours (> 95% Online)

Programs Available
Post BSN to DNP with "Opt-Out" option; Post-MSN Certificate

Total Credits: 43 credits for Adult/Gerontology Acute Care NP, Adult/Gerontology Primary Care NP, FNP or PMHNP; additional 34 credits for DNP.

*For students who choose to opt out at the MSN, their credits will be 43 for Adult/Gerontology Acute Care NP, Adult/Gerontology Primary Care NP, FNP or PMHNP.

Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor’s degree in the proposed field of study (BSN) or its equivalent from a college accredited by the appropriate accrediting association. BSN program must include a Healthy Assessment course.
2. Current Georgia RN license. Out-of-state students must obtain a Georgia RN license.
3. One year of full time clinical nursing employment prior to entering the nurse practitioner health assessment course. Proof of full time clinical nursing employment may be required.
   a. If you are applying for the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care NP track, one year of critical care nursing employment.
4. Prerequisite undergraduate statistics course or a statistically oriented methodology course, with a grade of C or better.
5. Submission/completion of documentation:
   a. College of Graduate Studies application
   b. Georgia Southern Health Services form
   c. School of Nursing Student Health Appraisal forms
   d. Proof of current malpractice liability insurance
   e. Proof of American Heart Association BLS certification
   f. Three letters of professional recommendations. A phone interview may be necessary.

Specific Admission Policies

Must gain Regular Degree-Seeking Status admission to the BSN to DNP program to be eligible to enroll in graduate nursing courses. Non-degree students are not permitted to enroll in graduate nursing courses with the exception of students formally admitted to the Post-MSN Certificate option or with prior approval from the Graduate Program Director. The Graduate Program Director will make an admission decision recommendation following a review of the applicant’s credentials. Admission decisions are made on a case by case basis.

1. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
2. All international applicants whose native language is not English and/or who do not have an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, are required to submit official TOEFL scores taken within two years immediately preceding the requested semester of admission. An official copy of the test score, sent by the testing agency to the Office of Graduate Admissions is required before any action is taken on an application. All international students must comply with all graduate school requirements.
3. Students must attend an annual, mandatory graduate intensive prior to enrolling in classes.
4. Criminal background and/or drug testing may be requested by clinical agencies. Cost and scheduling is the student’s responsibility.
5. All applicants will be required to complete all clinical practicums with a qualified preceptor within 250 miles of Georgia Southern University.

Progression Requirements

1. Program progression: in accordance with College of Graduate Studies’ policies.
2. Clinical course progression: If a student is required to repeat any course with both a didactic and clinical component, then the student will be required to complete both courses.
3. Any student who withdraws from a course or program must meet with the Graduate Program Director to determine their revised program of study. The student may be required to complete a one hour independent study (didactic or clinical) or repeat a previous course(s).
4. All students enrolled in graduate nursing programs are required to attend a MANDATORY annual intensive prior to each Fall cycle of course work. Students assume responsibility for all scheduling and costs related to intensive attendance.

All graduate nursing programs must be completed within a seven year time period. Students who “opt-out” of the BSN to DNP with an MSN have two academic years to reapply to the program to complete the DNP

Required Credits

Major: Nursing, Post BSN to DNP Total, 77 Hours

MSN Opt-Out option concentration: Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP), 43 Hours

(585 didactic hours and 720 clinical hours)
Emphasis Courses: Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner 17

NURS 9140  PC I - Adult and Gerontology 3
NURS 9740  PC I - Adult and Gerontology Clinical 2
NURS 9141  PC II - Adult and Gerontology 3
NURS 9741  PC II - Adult and Gerontology Clinical 2
NURS 9142  PC III - Adult and Gerontology 3
NURS 9742  PC III - Adult and Gerontology Clinical 2
NURS 9713  Capstone Practice and Professional Issues 2

Emphasis Courses: Family Nurse Practitioner 17

NURS 9120  PC II - Pediatrics 3
NURS 9720  PC II - Pediatric Clinical 2
NURS 9121  PC I - Women's Health 3
NURS 9721  PC I - Women's Health Clinical 2
NURS 9122  PC III - Adult and Gerontology 3
NURS 9722  PC III - Adult and Gerontology Clinical 2
NURS 9713  Capstone Practice and Professional Issues 2

Emphasis Courses: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 17

NURS 9150  Psychiatric Mental Health I 3
NURS 9750  Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical I 2
NURS 9151  Psychiatric Mental Health II 3
NURS 9751  Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical II 2
NURS 9152  Psychiatric Mental Health III 2
NURS 9752  Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical III 2
NURS 9713  Capstone Practice and Professional Issues 2
NURS 9153  Vulnerable Populations 1

Students may "Opt Out" at this time to receive the M.S.N.

Doctoral Core 34

NURS 9111  Biomedical Ethics 2
NURS 9113  Biometrics 3
NURS 9114  Outcomes Management 2
NURS 9115  Scholarly Writing at the Graduate Level 1
NURS 9116  Population Focused Collaborative Initiative 3
NURS 9112  Role Transition for DNP Prepared APRN's 2
NURS 9116  Population Focused Collaborative Initiative 3
NURS 9117  Leadership and Management in Practice Transformation 3
NURS 9118  Independent Study - Graduate 3
NURS 9119  Special Topics - Graduate 3
Elective 1 3
Elective 2 3
Elective 3 3

Total Credit Hours 43-77

Other Program Requirements

• Students who complete the graduate core, practice core, and specialty core and elect the MSN opt-out option degree from Georgia Southern University have two (2) years from the date of their MSN final transcript to re-apply to the DNP program to obtain their doctoral degree without penalty. After successfully completing the additional five (5) semesters of course work, students would obtain the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree.

• Students who opt out are eligible to sit for certification.

• Students who opt out with a MSN are eligible to sit for certification.

• See academic standards and regulations in the graduate section for information on Program of Study and comprehensive examination procedures.

• Students must meet the progression policies of College of Graduate Studies and the BSN to DNP or Post MSN DNP Program.

• Students who opt out are eligible to sit for certification.