DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Program Pathways

MSN-DNP: Healthcare Leadership Track

The MSN-DNP. Healthcare Leadership track consists of 34 units over 6 semesters, including: 5 Graduate core courses (12 units), 3 Healthcare Leadership specialty courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), and 1 Graduate Elective (3 units).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses		
GNSG 7002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
GNSG 7006	Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3
GNSG 7010	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
GNSG 7023	Quality and Safety	2
GNSG 7080	Context of Practice, Populations, and Outcomes Management	2
Healthcare Leadership Specialty Courses		
GNSG 7081	Economics and Finance in Healthcare	3
GNSG 7082	Foundations of Genetics and Genomics in Clinical Practice	3
GNSG 7083	A Culture of Belonging and Inclusion	3
DNP Project Courses		
GNSG 7050A	DNP Project Planning and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050B	DNP Project Proposal and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050C	DNP Project Implementation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050D	DNP Project Evaluation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050E	DNP Project Dissemination and Integrative Application	2
Graduate Elective		**3**
Total Units		**34**

BSN-DNP: CNS Track

The BSN-DNP. Adult-Gerontology CNS and BSN-DNP. Pediatric CNS tracks consist of 11 Graduate core courses (27 units), 4 APRN core courses (9 units), 3 Healthcare Leadership specialty courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), 8 CNS-specialty courses (21 units, which includes 12 units/500 clinical practicum hours).

The BSN-DNP. Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty track consists of 11 Graduate core courses (27 units, 4 APRN core courses (9 units), 3 Healthcare Leadership specialty courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), and 11 CNS-specialty courses (24 units, which includes 12 units/580 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses		
GNSG 6003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
GNSG 6009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
GNSG 6021	Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2
GNSG 6023	Planning and Management of Evidence-Based Initiatives	2
GNSG 6030	Educating Nurses for Radical Transformation	3
GNSG 6088	Healthcare Leadership and Innovation	3
GNSG 7002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
GNSG 7006	Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3
GNSG 7010	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
GNSG 7023	Quality and Safety	2
GNSG 7080	Context of Practice, Populations, and Outcomes Management	2
APRN Core Courses		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
Healthcare Leadership Core Courses		
GNSG 7081	Economics and Finance in Healthcare	3
GNSG 7082	Foundations of Genetics and Genomics in Clinical Practice	3
GNSG 7083	A Culture of Belonging and Inclusion	3
DNP Project Courses		
GNSG 7050A	DNP Project Planning and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050B	DNP Project Proposal and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050C	DNP Project Implementation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050D	DNP Project Evaluation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050E	DNP Project Dissemination and Integrative Application	2
CNS-Specialty Didactic and Practicum Courses		**21-24**
BSN-DNP: Adult Gerontology CNS		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum	
BSN-DNP: Pediatric CNS		
GNSG 6015	Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatrics	
GNSG 6035	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6045	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6055	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6065 (A,B,C,D,E)	Pediatric CNS Role Practicum	
BSN-DNP: Adult Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6016	Advanced Health Assessment: Women's Health	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6036	Women's Health CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	

GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum	
GNSG 6066 (A,B		
Total Units		**76-79**

MSN-DNP: CNS Track

Students who have already completed an MSN degree may apply for the MSN-DNP. CNS track.

An individualized gap analysis of previous academic credit will be conducted for each applicant to determine courses needed to fulfill the requirements at PLNU.

- Any CNS applicant may submit prior course syllabi to be reviewed for course equivalency.
- Any applicant who has taken 3 Ps (Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology) in the last 5 years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course ids determined to be an equivalent course taken within the last 5 years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived. (Note: Determination of equivalency does not necessarily mean that PLNU transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses may not appear on the PLNU transcript.)
- At a minimum, a total of 500 direct patient care clinical hours are to be included in the past APN graduate education program and post-graduate certificate program, specifically to meet the end-of-program hours for the new CNS role and/or new population.

Code	Title	Units
APRN Core Prerequisite Courses		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
Total Units		**9**

The MSN-DNP. CNS track consists of 5 Graduate core courses (12 units), 3 Healthcare Leadership specialty courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), 8 CNS-specialty courses (21 units, which includes 12 units/500 clinical practicum hours).

The MSN-DNP. Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty track consists of 5 Graduate core courses (12 units), 3 Healthcare Leadership specialty courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), and 11 CNS-specialty courses (24 units, which includes 12 units/580 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses		
GNSG 7002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
GNSG 7006	Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3
GNSG 7010	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
GNSG 7023	Quality and Safety	2
GNSG 7080	Context of Practice, Populations, and Outcomes Management	2
Healthcare Leadership Core Courses		
GNSG 7081	Economics and Finance in Healthcare	3

Code	Title	Units
GNSG 7082	Foundations of Genetics and Genomics in Clinical Practice	3
GNSG 7083	A Culture of Belonging and Inclusion	3
DNP Project Courses		
GNSG 7050A	DNP Project Planning and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050B	DNP Project Proposal and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050C	DNP Project Implementation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050D	DNP Project Evaluation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050E	DNP Project Dissemination and Integrative Application	2
CNS-Specialty Didactic and Practicum Courses		**21-24**
MSN-DNP: Adult Gerontology CNS		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum	
MSN-DNP: Pediatric CNS		
GNSG 6015	Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatrics	
GNSG 6035	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6045	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6055	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6065 (A,B,C,D,E)	Pediatric CNS Role Practicum	
MSN-DNP: Adult Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6016	Advanced Health Assessment: Women's Health	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6036	Women's Health CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III	
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum	
GNSG 6066 (A,B	(12 units required)	
Total Units		**52-55**

BSN-DNP: FNP Track

The BSN-DNP. FNP track consists of 10 Graduate core courses (24 units), 4 APRN core courses (9 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), 12 FNP-specialty courses (33 units, which includes 16 units/750 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses		
GNSG 6003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
GNSG 6009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
GNSG 6021	Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2
GNSG 6023	Planning and Management of Evidence-Based Initiatives	2
GNSG 6088	Healthcare Leadership and Innovation	3
GNSG 7002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
GNSG 7006	Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3
GNSG 7010	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
GNSG 7023	Quality and Safety	2

GNSG 7080	Context of Practice, Populations, and Outcomes Management	2
APRN Core Courses		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
DNP Project Courses		
GNSG 7050A	DNP Project Planning and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050B	DNP Project Proposal and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050C	DNP Project Implementation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050D	DNP Project Evaluation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050E	DNP Project Dissemination and Integrative Application	2
FNP-Specialty Courses		
GNSG 7030 and GNSG 7030L	Introduction to Advanced Practice Nursing and Diagnostic Reasoning and Diagnostic Reasoning and Procedures Practicum	4
GNSG 7031 and GNSG 7031L	Health Management I: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions and Primary Care and Health Management I Practicum: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions and Primary Care	6
GNSG 7032 and GNSG 7032L	Health Management II: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care and Health Management II Practicum: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7033 and GNSG 7033L	Health Management III: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management III Practicum: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7034 and GNSG 7034L	Health Management IV: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management IV Practicum: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7035 and GNSG 7035L	Health Management V: Clinical Immersion Seminar and Health Management V Practicum: Clinical Immersion	4
GNSG 7036	Entry to the Advanced Practice Role	1
Total Units		**76**

MSN-DNP: FNP Track

Students who have already completed their MSN degree may apply for the MSN-DNP. FNP Track.

An individualized gap analysis of previous academic credit will be conducted for each applicant to determine courses needed to fulfill the requirements at PLNU.

- Any FNP applicant who is not a nationally-certified Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) currently in clinical practice, may submit prior course syllabi to be reviewed for course equivalency.
- A non-APN applicant who has taken Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology in the last 5 years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course is determined

to be an equivalent course taken within the last 5 years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived. (Note: Determination of equivalency does not necessarily mean that PLNU transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses may not appear on the PLNU transcript.)

- At a minimum, a total of 750 direct patient care clinical hours are to be included in the past APN graduate education program and post-graduate certificate program, specifically to meet the end-of-program hours for the new NP role and/or new population (National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 2022, Criterion III.N).

Code	Title	Units
APRN Core Prerequisite Courses		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
Total Units		**9**

The MSN-DNP. FNP track consists of 5 Graduate core courses (12 units), 5 DNP project courses (10 units/500 clinical hours), 12 FNP-specialty courses (33 units, which includes 16 units/750 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses		
GNSG 7002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
GNSG 7006	Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3
GNSG 7010	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
GNSG 7023	Quality and Safety	2
GNSG 7080	Context of Practice, Populations, and Outcomes Management	2
DNP Project Courses		
GNSG 7050A	DNP Project Planning and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050B	DNP Project Proposal and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050C	DNP Project Implementation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050D	DNP Project Evaluation and Integrative Application	2
GNSG 7050E	DNP Project Dissemination and Integrative Application	2
FNP Specialty and Practicum Courses		
GNSG 7030 and GNSG 7030L	Introduction to Advanced Practice Nursing and Diagnostic Reasoning and Diagnostic Reasoning and Procedures Practicum	4
GNSG 7031 and GNSG 7031L	Health Management I: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions and Primary Care and Health Management I Practicum: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions and Primary Care	6
GNSG 7032 and GNSG 7032L	Health Management II: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care and Health Management II Practicum: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7033 and GNSG 7033L	Health Management III: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management III Practicum: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care	6

GNSG 7034 and GNSG 7034L	Health Management IV: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management IV Practicum: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7035 and GNSG 7035L	Health Management V: Clinical Immersion Seminar and Health Management V Practicum: Clinical Immersion	4
GNSG 7036	Entry to the Advanced Practice Role	1
Total Units		**55**

Early Entry into Graduate Studies - See Undergraduate Catalog (https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/son/tug-nursing/nursing-bsn/)

This track will allow eligible PLNU traditional BSN students to take a graduate course in each semester following completion of junior-level courses. Students will simultaneously start graduate-level courses while completing their BSN degree. After a minimum of 1-year clinical experience as a licensed, registered nurse, individualized advising will facilitate the graduate student's decision regarding specialty track. The following courses are included in this early entry track.

Code	Title	Units
NSG 5002	Applied Statistics in Health Science	2
NSG 5003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NSG 5009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2

Total DNP (MSN-DNP: Healthcare Leadership) Units: 34
Total DNP (BSN-DNP: CNS) Units: 76-79
Total DNP (MSN-DNP: CNS) Units: 52-64
Total DNP (BSN-DNP: FNP) Units: 76
Total DNP (MSN-DNP: FNP) Units: 55-64
Minimum Required Clinical Hours for All DNP Tracks: 1,000