

# Nursing

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
Doctor of Nursing Practice, January 31 for BSN to DNP fall admission. BSN to DNP requires a March interview.
- **Credential Offered:**  
D.N.P - FNP
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 105

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## Program Description

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, a clinical doctorate, is offered in the Family Nurse Practitioner specialty. The program includes advanced nursing courses, support courses, clinical practica and clinical disquisition.

Guidelines provided by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) are utilized in the curriculum. The graduate nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited nursing program.
  2. Undergraduate coursework in research and health assessment.
  3. Current unencumbered RN licensure
  4. Completed application to the Graduate School.
    - a. Three references: two from professional colleagues that address clinical competence and potential for graduate education, and one other reference.
    - b. Written narrative of professional experience and future goals.
  5. Interviews required for applicants on either the first or second Friday and Saturday of March. Dates will be determined by the NDSU School of Nursing and will be posted on their website.
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1. Family Nurse Practitioner/Doctor of Nursing Practice: A minimum of 86 (DNP) semester credits.
  2. A maximum of nine graduate semester credits (with a grade of B or better) completed within seven years previous to admission, may be transferred from other regionally accredited colleges or universities with the consent of the student's supervisory committee.
  3. Clinical Dissertation

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Course Requirements</b>		
NURS 801	Theoretical Perspectives of the Discipline	3
NURS 802	Ethics and Health Policy in Nursing	2
NURS 804	Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 806	Health Care Delivery Systems, Financing and Informatics	3
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Requirements (DNP)</b>		
NURS 715	Advanced Community Assessment	
NURS 810	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	
NURS 812	Advanced Health Assessment	
NURS 812P	Assessment Practicum	
NURS 814	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan I	
NURS 816	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan II	
NURS 820	Advanced Practice Roles	

NURS 830	Clinical Applications
NURS 831	Advanced Pharmacology I
NURS 832	Advanced Pharmacology II
NURS 833	Family Primary Care I:Assessment and Management
NURS 833P	Family Primary Care:Residency I
NURS 834	Family Primary Care II:Assessment and Management
NURS 834P	Family Primary Care:Residency II
NURS 835	Family Primary Care III: Assessment and Management
NURS 835P	Practicum IV: FNP Role Integration
NURS 836P	Practicum V: FNP Role Integration
NURS 850P	Family Primary Care: Specialty Practicum
NURS 880	Interprofessional Collaborative Practice
STAT 725	Applied Statistics
NURS 899S	Clinical Dissertation
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>86</b>

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North Dakota State University, 2008

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