PROGRAM POLICIES

- Complete 80-credit curriculum.
- Students must maintain a valid license as a registered nurse in the State of Maryland or a compact state. If a clinical site is in a non-compact state, additional R.N. licensure for that state is necessary.
- Students must maintain current clinical and health requirements.
- Complete a D.N.P. project and 1,000 clinical hours, including 400 hours in SU’s D.N.P. Practicum, reflecting at least two different areas of focus and with advisor’s approval.
- Graduates are eligible to take the certification exams offered by the American Nurses’ Credentialing Center and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Graduate Nursing Program Grading Policy: A grade of B is required in courses for the program not listed here. The program allows one C/C+ if it is earned from one of these courses: NURS 515, 525, 526, 542, 544, 560, 561, 571, 580, 742, 744, 755, 815 or 858. Only one course may be repeated during the program to earn a higher grade. The exception are the following courses, which result in dismissal from the graduate program without possibility of repeating if a grade of C/C+ or lower is earned: NURS 880, 881, 882, 883 and 884.

- Students can transfer no more than one-third of the total number of program credits. All transferred credits must have a grade of B or better.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Course No. & Title #Credits Grade Term

Courses Offered During Fall Semesters

FINA535* - Health Care Finance 3 ___ ___
NURS515 - Epidemiology 3 ___ ___
NURS525 - Informatics 3 ___ ___
NURS542 - Qualitative Research 3 ___ ___
NURS552 - Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3 ___ ___
NURS561 - Health Care Management 3 ___ ___
NURS742 - Quality Improvement in Healthcare 3 ___ ___
NURS744 - Evidence-Based Practice 3 ___ ___
NURS750 - Adult Health Care 6 ___ ___
NURS858 - Population Health and Clinical Prevention Services 3 ___ ___
NURS881 - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Project 1: Topic Exploration and Identification 1 ___ ___
NURS883 - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Project 3: Implementation 1 ___ ___

Courses Offered During Spring Semesters

MATH502 - Applied Statistics 3 ___ ___
NURS510 - Advanced Health Assessment (Didactic) 3 ___ ___
NURS522 - Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 3 ___ ___
NURS525 - Health Care Systems 3 ___ ___
NURS544 - Quantitative Research 3 ___ ___
NURS5716 - Family Nursing 4 ___ ___
NURS751 - Women’s Health Care Management 3 ___ ___
NURS752 - Children’s Health Care Management 3 ___ ___
NURS755 - Issues in Advanced Nursing 3 ___ ___
NURS815 - Genetics and Genomics in Healthcare 3 ___ ___
NURS882 - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Project 2: Proposal Development 1 ___ ___
NURS884 - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Project 4: Evaluation and Dissemination 1 ___ ___
POSC540* - Public Administration 3 ___ ___

* May be offered as NURS 580: Special Topics

Courses Offered During Summer Term

NURS749 - Advanced Health Assessment (Practicum) 2 ___ ___

Courses That Can Be Taken Any Time

Approved Elective (interdisciplinary — not NURS)
NURS880* - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Practicum 1-3 ___ ___
NURS880* - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Practicum 1-3 ___ ___
NURS880* - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Practicum (if needed) 1-3 ___ ___
NURS880* - D.N.P. Evidence-Based Practicum (if needed) 1-3 ___ ___

* A minimum of four credits of Practicum are required, with 400 hours. This course can be taken for variable 1-3 credits (100-400 hours) in at least 2 different areas of focus and with advisor’s approval.