

NURSING PRACTICE (D.N.P.) - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care	3
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics ¹	3
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management	3
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care	3
Total Hours		27

¹ NURS 832 requires a graduate level Biostatistics course as a pre-requisite. HLTH 501 will meet this requirement, if needed.

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Practice Core Courses		
NURS 711	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
NURS 712	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners ¹	3
NURS 713	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners	3
Total Hours		9

¹ Practicum hours required

Code	Title	Hours
Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration		
NURS 733	Women's Health	3
NURS 734	Family Nursing I: Acute Health	3
NURS 735	Infant and Children's Health	3
NURS 737	Family Nursing II: Chronic Health	3
NURS 740	Family Nurse Practitioner I ^{1,2}	1
NURS 741	Family Nurse Practitioner I ^{1,2}	1
NURS 742	Nursing Seminar: Issues in Global Health	2
NURS 743	Family Nurse Practitioner II ¹	2
NURS 744	Family Nurse Practitioner II ¹	2
NURS 820	Comprehensive Exam ³	0
NURS 838	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum III (280 practicum hrs.) ¹	5
Total Hours		25

¹ Practicum hours required

² Required one-week residential intensive for online students

³ The Comprehensive Exam must be taken after completing all courses except for the Project & Practicum courses (NURS 840, NURS 841, NURS 842, NURS 843, NURS 844, NURS 947, NURS 948, NURS 949, and NURS 950).

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Course		
Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		3

¹ Choose NURS 750 or one 700-900 level course.

Code	Title	Hours
Gate Courses		
NURS 731	School of Nursing Gate 1 DNP-FNP	0
NURS 738	School of Nursing Gate 2 DNP-FNP	0
NURS 739	School of Nursing Gate 3 DNP-FNP	0
NURS 827	School of Nursing Gate 4 DNP-FNP	0
NURS 828	School of Nursing DNP Practicum Gate	0
Total Hours		0

Code	Title	Hours
Project & Practicum Courses		
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I ^{1,2}	2
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II ^{1,2}	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III ^{1,2}	2
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV ^{1,2}	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V ^{1,2,3}	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning	1
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I ⁴	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II ⁴	1
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense	1
Total Hours		14

¹ Practicum hours required

² Course offered synchronous distant format (NURS 840, NURS 841, NURS 842, NURS 843 & NURS 844)

³ NURS 844 may be repeated in order to allow the student more time to complete the capstone project. Students are able to re-enroll with approval of Nursing Department and enrollment must not exceed four times

⁴ NURS 948 and NURS 949 may each be repeated twice to allow additional time, if needed, for the scholarly project.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 78 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA

- No grades lower than B may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam
- Successful completion of 1,232 Practicum hours
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Code	Title	Hours
Optional Nurse Educator Elective Sequence		
NURS 764	Learning Theories and Teaching Methods for Nurse Educators ¹	3
NURS 765	Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation for Nurse Educators ¹	3
NURS 766	Advanced Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators ¹	3
NURS 767	Transition to the Nurse Educator Role ¹	3
Total Hours		12

Notes: The Nurse Educator Elective Sequence was developed to include the National League of Nursing (NLN) core nurse educator curriculum requirements for Nurse Educators. Please see NLN website for Nurse Educator certification requirements.

¹ Course offered in online format (NURS 764, NURS 765, NURS 766 & NURS 767)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 711	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
NURS 715	Theoretical Application for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
NURS 712	Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Practitioners	3
NURS 713	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Practitioners	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care	3
Hours		9
Third Semester		
NURS 716	Applications of Evidence-Based Care	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 732	Interprofessional Collaboration and Outcomes Management for Quality in Health Care	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
NURS 734	Family Nursing I: Acute Health	3
NURS 735	Infant and Children's Health	3

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 740	Family Nurse Practitioner I ¹	1
NURS 741	Family Nurse Practitioner I ¹	1
Hours		8
Fifth Semester		
NURS 733	Women's Health	3
NURS 737	Family Nursing II: Chronic Health	3
NURS 743	Family Nurse Practitioner II	2
NURS 744	Family Nurse Practitioner II	2
Hours		10
Sixth Semester		
NURS 742	Nursing Seminar: Issues in Global Health	2
NURS 820	Comprehensive Exam ²	0
NURS 836	Translational Research in Health Care	3
NURS 838	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum III	5
Hours		10
Third Year		
Seventh Semester		
NURS 832	Clinical Prevention and Biostatistics ³	3
NURS 834	Health Care Operations and Financial Management	3
NURS 840	DNP Practicum I	2
NURS 947	Scholarly Project Planning	1
Hours		9
Eighth Semester		
NURS 841	DNP Practicum II	2
NURS 842	DNP Practicum III	2
NURS 948	Scholarly Project I	1
NURS 949	Scholarly Project II	1
Elective ⁴		3
Hours		9
Ninth Semester		
NURS 843	DNP Practicum IV	2
NURS 844	DNP Practicum V	2
NURS 950	Scholarly Project Defense	1
Hours		5
Total Hours		78

¹ Required one week residential intensive for online students

² The comprehensive exam must be taken after completing all courses except for the Proposal Development and Practicum courses (NURS 839, NURS 840, NURS 841, NURS 842, NURS 843, & NURS 844)

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