School of Nursing

MSN-to-DNP – Nursing Practice (Population Health Leadership) - Doctor of Nursing Practice

Degree Plan for Students Admitted in Fall 2027

YEAR 1

Fall 2027		**Credits**
NURS 6115	Advanced Nursing Knowledge & the DNP Role	3
NURS 6120	Quality Improvement in Healthcare	3
NURS 6305	Introduction to the DNP Project	1
Total		7

Spring 2028		**Credits**
NURS 6135	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development	3
NURS 6125	Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 6991	DNP Project Development	2
Total		8

Summer 2028		**Credits**
NURS 6266	Strategic & Financial Decision-Making in HC Systems	3
NURS 6270	Clinical Data Management and Analysis	2
NURS 6991	DNP Project Development	2
Total		7

YEAR 2

Fall 2028		**Credits**
NURS 5120	Nursing Informatics	3
NURS 6112	Population Health Leadership & Epidemiologic Decision Making	3
NURS 6991	DNP Project Development	2
Total		8

Spring 2029		**Credits**
NURS 6250	Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 6260	Population Health and the Environment	3
Total		6

Degree Plan Summary

Total Number of Credits	36 credits
NMSU General Catalog	NURS Course Descriptions and Learning Objectives

The DNP degree requires 1000 hours of supervised clinical practicum at the graduate level. MSN-DNP students may be required to complete additional credit hours of clinical practicum in NURS 6990 to reach a total of 1000 hours depending on the number of clinical hours completed in their MSN program. The number of required hours will be determined during the first advising session with the MSN-DNP Program Director. One (1) credit in a clinical course = 64 hours of clinical practicum.

DNP Project

Project Credits (NURS 6305 and 6991)	Minimum of 4 credits
DNP Project Leadership Hours (NURS 6991)	Minimum of 3 credits
Credit-to Hour Ratios	64 hours/credit=192 hours of DNP Project Leadership Hours
Total DNP Hours	*Minimum of 1000 hours*

Notes: Students will continue to enroll in NURS 6991 DNP Project Development until the DNP Project final deliverables are approved by the DNP Project Committee.