

New Mexico State University
School of Nursing
MSN to DNP in Population Health Leadership
Full Time Degree Plan

Year	Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
Year 1	NURS 567 Nursing Informatics NURS 603 Introduction to Population Health NURS 651 Quality Improvement for Nurse Practitioners NURS 679 Introduction to the DNP Project	3 1 3 1	NURS 648 Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence NURS 653 Evidence Based Practice for Nurse Practitioners NURS 685 Epidemiology for Advanced Practice Nursing NURS 689 DNP Project Practicum	3 3 2 1-3	NURS 642 Strategic and Financial Planning for Clinical Programs NURS 622 Clinical Data Analysis NURS 686 DNP Project I NURS 689 DNP Project Practicum	3 2 1 1-3
	Subtotal	8	Subtotal	9-11	Subtotal	7-9
	Fall		Spring			
Year 2	NURS 649 Innovations and Health Care Organizations NURS 687 DNP Project II NURS 689 DNP Project Practicum	3 1 1-3	NURS 612 Healthcare Policy and Ethics NURS 657 Population Health and the Environment NURS 688 DNP Project III	3 3 1		
	Subtotal	5-7	Subtotal	7		
	DNP Project Practicum Hours = 192 (minimum of 3 credits x 64 hours/credit)				Grand Total	36-45

Notes:

- DNP Project is to be completed by Summer Year 2, otherwise student will need to enroll into NURS 699 Clinical Scholarly Project until project is defended and final paper is submitted. Student may take a maximum of 6 credits of NURS 689 DNP Project Practicum.
- The DNP degree requires a total of 1000 hours of supervised practicum hours in a student's Master's degree program and in the MSN to DNP program, which can include the DNP Project Practicum hours. Therefore, MSN to DNP students may be required to complete additional credit hours in a clinical or leadership practicum in NURS 698 to reach the 1000 hour DNP degree requirement.