FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (DNP)

The Family Nurse Practitioner track of the DNP program is designed to prepare graduates to conduct advanced health assessments and histories, develop evidence-based treatment plans for acute and chronic disease management across the lifespan, manage overall patient care across the lifespan, and provide leadership in advanced nursing practice.

Curriculum

Credit Hours
72 credit hours

Courses

Core Courses
- Theories and Concepts for Advanced Clinical Practice
- Research for Advanced Clinical Practice
- Population-focused Health
- Social Justice and Ethics in Health Care
- Leadership and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice
- Statistics for Health and Biological Sciences
- Health Care Policy and Economics
- Evidence Translation for Advanced Clinical Practice
- DNP Project

Role (NP) Courses
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
- Basic Diagnostics for Advanced Practice

Population (Family) Courses
- Management of Common Adult Health Problems
- Management of Complex Adult Health Problems
- Family-focused Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Child & Family Health
- Childbearing & Family
- Suturing and Acute Wound Management

Practicums
- Primary Health Care Practicum
- Pediatric-focused Nurse Practitioner Practicum

Clinical Experiences
All DNP students are required to complete practicums that focus on acquiring the advanced skills and knowledge to meet FNP competencies. Faculty design all clinical rotations and secure placements for students. Loyola maintains academic-practice partnerships throughout the Chicago metropolitan area with a focus on working with and in underserved communities.

An RN license and a minimum of 2,000 hours of recent RN clinical practice experience is required before beginning the first practicum.

Learning Outcomes

PROGRAM GOAL
The goal of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is to prepare nurses to assume advanced roles in direct care and systems leadership domains at the highest level of nursing to improve health care outcomes through practice-based scholarship.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
At the completion of the DNP program, the graduate has the knowledge and skills to:

- Apply integrated scientific, knowledge and clinical judgements at the highest level of professional nursing practice.
- Evaluate health care delivery approaches and healthcare systems, with an emphasis on quality and safety.
- Apply best evidence in approaches to client and system-centered practices.
- Apply analytic approaches and information technology in the delivery and improvement of client-centered health care and health care systems.
- Employ ethics, leadership, and advocacy concepts to advance healthcare quality and equity for individuals, systems and populations.
- Implement intraprofessional and interprofessional leadership and collaboration competencies and methods, at the highest level of professional nursing practice in advancing health and health outcomes.