BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING TO DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE ENTRY OPTION 3

Course Delivery
The Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) to Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is designed for the RN who desires to become an APRN. Students complete the program in 3 years: 2 years of the program as part-time study, taking 1 course per 8-week session and a third year as full-time study, taking 2 courses per 8 week session. When students are in the third year of the program, they may need to reduce work hours to accommodate completion of the clinical scholarly project (510 residency hours) and/or specialty clinical practicum (510 hours).

The Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions programs blend three instructional strategies to produce an engaged learning curriculum. The first strategy is immersion: our programs include face-to-face meetings conducted at the Irvine campus or regional locations 3-4 day sessions. Immersion sessions are conducted 3-4 times during the program: at the beginning, middle and at the end of the program. During these immersion sessions, students may receive orientation instruction; learn advanced practice clinical skills, work as teams with peers and mentors, participate in demonstrations, exercises, assessments or evaluations, complete hands-on skills training in a simulation center using standardized patients, manikins, or three-dimensional gaming, and/or present their work on scholarship projects to peers, faculty, and community members. The second strategy is practicum experience: our programs include supervised clinical practice residencies conducted where the student lives or works. The third is self-directed study: all courses include online lectures, discussions, social networking, demonstrations, tutorials, readings, and/or other homework. Many courses may include additional real-time instruction via web conference, phone conference, and/or live chat sessions.

Attendance: Students may be dismissed from the program at the Dean’s discretion due to absence from required meetings.

Admission to the Program
Admission into the BSN to DNP is once a year in January (Spring I).

2018-2019 Application Deadlines: BSN-DNP
Priority application deadline for Spring I, 2019 admission is October 30, 2018.
Final completed application deadline for Spring I, 2019 admission is December 1, 2018.

2019-2020 Application Deadlines: BSN-DNP
Priority application deadline for Spring I, 2020 admission is October 30, 2019.
Final completed application deadline for Spring I, 2020 admission is December 1, 2019.

Admission Requirements
1. Admission to the BSN to DNP program is granted to individuals who apply and meet the standards for admission to a graduate program.
2. Complete a Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions application available online at https://www.brandman.edu/nursing-health-professions.
3. Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or a National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) accredited program. Applicants who have a Bachelors in something else and have completed either a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nursing, or the equivalent of the BSN in the first year of a Masters Entry Nursing Program, passed the NCLEX and are licensed, may be considered for admission.
4. Official transcripts from all regionally accredited institutions where baccalaureate and/or post-baccalaureate coursework was completed or attempted.
5. *Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Analytical Writing Score (minimum score of **4.0) from the General Test. Request that scores be sent electronically to Brandman University. See web site http://www.ets.org/gre if an applicant scores a 3.0 to 3.9 on GRE Analytical Writing, the applicant may retake the test to achieve a 4.0 or submit two academic writing samples to the Office of Admission for review by the program director and Dean (or Dean’s designee) for consideration. See web site http://www.ets.org/gre
6. Current and detailed resume or curriculum vita.
7. Self-evaluation and goal statement.
8. Three on-line forms (preferred) or letters recommendations.
9. Unencumbered RN license from the state where you plan to do your clinical hours, or date for NCLEX scheduled before classes start. NCLEX must be passed for enrollment with application for license pending. The NCLEX must be passed by the end of the first session of enrollment to continue in the program.
10. Personal interview with specialty Program Director.

* Not required if you have a Masters degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.

CertifiedBackground.com (http://CertifiedBackground.com)
All requirements are due by the end of the first session unless otherwise indicated and/or required by a student’s clinical practicum or Clinical Scholarly Project (CSP) site.

1. Proof of unencumbered RN or APRN licensure in the state where the student will be completing clinical practicum and/or CSP residency hours;
2. Proof of a current (within one year prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours):
   - 2-step TB skin test OR
   - past 2-step TB skin test, along with a current 1 step TB OR
   - QuantiFERON Gold Blood test, which must be renewed
   - annually OR
   - negative chest X-ray accompanied by a signed provider checklist
Students will choose one of the following specialties:

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Family/Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner

Students graduating from this program will be eligible to take the national certification examination of their chosen specialty offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP) and/or the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) to apply for licensure as an APRN in the state where they plan to practice.

All courses must be passed with a grade of “B-” or higher. Clinical practicum and residency courses are graded Pass/No Pass. A Pass is equivalent to a “B-” grade.

### Graduate Science Core

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<td>Transitions in Practice: The Advanced Practice Nurse as DNP *</td>
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### DNP Core Essentials Subtotal
15

### DNPU 700 - Healthcare Policy, Organization and Delivery

### DNPU 702 - Innovations in Technology and Information Access

### DNPU 703 - Leading Through Innovation

### DNPU 705 - Health Communication

### DNPU 706 - Transforming Health Care Through Outcomes Management

### DNPU 711 - Clinical Residency for BSN-DNP and Post-Masters adding a Specialty Clinical Scholarly Project

### DNPU 708 - Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly Project **

### DNPU 710 - Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking for Scholarship and Practice

### DNP Core Essentials Subtotal
24

### Advanced Practice Core

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<td>Synthesis of Advanced Practice Management, Role and EBP</td>
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### Advanced Practice Core Subtotal
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### Catalog Year

Students admitted to the Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions are admitted to the catalog year that is in effect the date when they begin the program (either Fall I, Spring I or Summer I).

### Transfer Credit

A maximum of 12 semester graduate credits may be transferred per the Transfer Credit policy (see Graduate Academic Policies and Procedures).

### Degree Requirements

To be awarded the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree, students must complete 73 credit hours, which requires clinical residency of 1020 precepted clinical practicum hours. This program is designed following the guidelines and DNP essentials as set forth by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2006) and the National Association of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (2013; 2014).

All students must take the following:

- Graduate Science Core Courses (15 credits)
- DNP Core Essentials (24 credits)
- Advanced Practice Core Courses (19 credits)
- Specialty Courses (15 credits)

Students will choose one of the following specialties:
**Specialty**

**Complete a Specialty**

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**Total Credits** 73

* Students in these courses are required to attend a face-to-face Immersion on the Irvine campus.

** If a student does not complete his/her clinical scholarly project during the core course sessions, s/he will be enrolled in a DNPU 799 Independent Practicum for DNP CSP Completion Independent Practicum for DNP CSP Completion (0 credits) and required to pay a Continuing Candidacy fee per session until the DNP CSP student receives a “P” in DNPU 708 Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly Project or until the student’s seven year program completion timeline has expired.

^ If a student does not complete the required 255 clinical hours during the initial NURU 604 Clinical Practicum: Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Cultures course session/s, s/he will be enrolled in a NURU 699 Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion (0 credits) and required to pay a Continuing Clinical fee per session until the student receives a “P” in NURU 604 Clinical Practicum: Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Cultures or until the student’s seven year program completion timeline has expired. Students may not progress to their specialty clinical practicum courses until all NURU 604 Clinical Practicum: Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Cultures required 255 clinical hours are completed, which may result in a program completion delay for up to one year.

**Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Specialty**

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<td>Management in Lifespan Psychiatric and Mental Health Care</td>
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<td>NURU 644</td>
<td>Complex and Chronic Problems in Psychiatric and Mental Health Care</td>
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**Total Credits** 15

* Students in these courses are required to attend a face-to-face Immersion on the Irvine campus.

** If a student does not complete the required 255 clinical hours during the initial specialty course clinical session/s (NURU 673 Practicum in Common and Acute Problems in Family/Across the Lifespan Care and NURU 675 Practicum in Complex and Chronic Problems in Family/Across the Lifespan Care), s/he will be enrolled in a NURU 699 Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion (0 credits) and required to pay a Continuing Clinical fee, per each course and session, until the student receives a "P" in the specialty clinical course or until the student’s seven year program completion timeline has expired.

**Family/Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Specialty**

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<td>NURU 674</td>
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<td>NURU 675</td>
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**Total Credits** 15

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** If a student does not complete the required 255 clinical hours during the initial specialty course clinical session/s (NURU 673 Practicum in Common and Acute Problems in Family/Across the Lifespan Care and NURU 675 Practicum in Complex and Chronic Problems in Family/Across the Lifespan Care), s/he will be enrolled in a NURU 699 Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion Independent Practicum for Clinical Hours completion (0 credits) and required to pay a Continuing Clinical fee, per each course and session, until the student receives a "P" in the specialty clinical course or until the student’s seven year program completion timeline has expired.