Winona State University-Department of Graduate Nursing Three-Year Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Plan of Study Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS) Program

This three-year plan of study* is intended for Registered Nurses (RNs) with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) who are seeking a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and certification as an AGCNS.

Year One			
Summer	Fall	Spring	
STAT 601 Statistical Methods	NURS 708 Professionalism in Advanced	NURS 771 Research and Evidence-based	
for Health Care Research (3)	Nursing Roles (3)	Practice for Advanced Nursing (4)	
	NURS 606 Nursing Information	NURS 703 Epidemiological Approaches	
	Management & Decision Making (3)	to Population Health (3)	
	NURS 618 Advanced Pathophysiology	NURS 612 Advanced Health Promotion	
	(4)	(3)	
		NURS 613 Advanced Health Promotion	
		Clinical (1)	
3	10	11 (1 clinical)	24
Year Two			
Summer	Fall	Spring	
NURS 608 Organizational and	NURS 604 Health Policy and Quality	NURS 617 Advanced Clinical	
Systems Leadership (3)	Health Care Delivery (3)	Pharmacology (3)	
	NURS 619 Advanced Health	NURS 620 AGCNS Role Foundations	
	Assessment (3)	Seminar (3)	
	NURS 780 DNP Project I – Clinical (3)	NURS 781 DNP Project II - Clinical (2)	
	Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
3	12 (5 clinical)	11 (2 clinical)	26
Year Three			
Summer	Fall	Spring	
NURS 782 DNP Project III –	NURS 624 AGCNS Role Development	NURS 630 AGCNS Role Synthesis	
Clinical (2)	Seminar (3)	Seminar (3)	
	NURS 625 AGCNS Role Development	NURS 631 AGCNS Role Synthesis Clinical	
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	Clinical (4)	(4)	
	Elective (3)	Elective (3)	

TOTAL: 72 credits; 1 clinical credit = 60 hours (6 clinical scholarship credits = 360 hours, 8 direct role clinical credits = 480 hours; 4 indirect role clinical credits = 240 hours; 1080 total clinical hours)

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^{*}Your official plan of study will be set up with your advisor upon admittance into the program.