Winona State University-Department of Graduate Nursing
Two-Year Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Plan of Study
For Current Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)

This plan of study* is for students with a master's in nursing (MSN) and CNS certification who are seeking a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

Year 1

Summer	Fall	Spring	Credit total
	NURS 703 Epidemiological Approaches to Population Health (3)	NURS 780 DNP Project I - Clinical (3) (*2 clinical scholarship*)	
	NURS 771 Research and Evidence-based Practice for Advanced Nursing (4)	Elective (3)	
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	9	6 (*2 clinical*)	15

Year 2

Summer	Fall	Spring	Credit total
NURS 781 DNP Project II - Clinical (2) (*2 clinical scholarship*)	NURS 782 DNP Project III - Clinical (2) (*2 clinical scholarship*)	Elective (3)	
Elective (3)	Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
5 (*2 clinical*)	5 (*2 clinical*)	6	16

TOTAL: 31 credits; 1 clinical credit = 60 hours *(6 clinical scholarship credits = 360 hours)*

Graduates of a DNP program are required to complete 72 credits and 1,000 clinical hours. Previous master's-level coursework and clinical experience will be assessed to determine eligibility for meeting these requirements.

Applicants must provide evidence of holding at least a master's in nursing, along with the following required coursework. Upon admission, students are required to submit the syllabi for each of the courses to the program faculty for review. If this content has not been covered, these courses will need to be taken:

- **STAT 601:** Statistical Methods for Health Care Professionals (3)
- **NURS 606**: Nursing Information Management & Decision Making (3)
- **NURS 608**: Organizational & Systems Leadership (3)
- **NURS 612:** Advanced Health Promotion (3)
- **NURS 617**: Advanced Clinical Pharmacology (3) (within 3 years of graduation in some states for credentialing)
- **NURS 618:** Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
- **NURS 619**: Advanced Health Assessment (3) *(3 clinical)*

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