

Winona State University – Department of Graduate Nursing
Post-Master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Plan of Study:
For Current Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP)

This plan of study is for students with a master’s in nursing (MSN) and PMHNP 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)	DNP Elective (3)	
	DNP Elective (2)		
	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)	DNP Elective (3)	
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	DNP Elective (3)		
2 (2 clinical)	8 (2 clinical)	6	16

Program Total: 31 credits; 1 clinical credit = 60 hours (6 clinical scholarship credits = 360 hours)

1000 total clinical hours required for a DNP. This plan of study includes 360 hours. An additional 640 hours may be counted from your MS program. If you have not completed 640 hours in your MS program, additional clinical hours will be needed to reach 1000 total hours. 72 credits are required to graduate from a DNP program. You must complete 31 of these credits at Winona State University. The remaining 41 credits may come from your previous MS program with approval from your advisor.

Refer to your Degree Audit for your official plan of study approved by your advisor.

Applicants will need to show evidence of PMHNP certification and completion of a master’s in nursing. There must also be evidence of the following course content from the master’s program. Students must submit syllabi of these courses to PMHNP faculty immediately upon admission for review. Otherwise, these courses will need to be taken:

- **STAT 601:** Statistical Methods for Health Care Research (3)
- **NURS 606:** Nursing Information Management & Decision Making (3)
- **NURS 608:** Organizational & Systems Leadership (3)