The College of Health and Human Services provides quality education for professional practice in a variety of areas associated with health and human services. The college aspires to the highest standards of educational excellence blending a professional perspective with a liberal arts and science foundation.

The College is committed to the development of students who are knowledgeable, caring, responsive and self-directed. The college aspires to produce graduates who are self-directed individuals able to meet the health and human caring needs of diverse and complex society through change, advocacy and leadership within their communities.

The Master of Science in Nursing Program is designed to provide graduates of baccalaureate programs in nursing the opportunity to develop the advanced knowledge and clinical skills required for leadership positions in nursing. The program prepares clinical nurse specialists in Adult Health and Maternal-Infant Health, Nursing Informatics Specialists, and Family Nurse Practitioners. Students are accepted for admission to the MSN tracks every semester. Fall admission is recommended for students who wish to pursue full-time study.

MSN Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the MSN program, the student will be able to:

1. Incorporate advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines into evidenced-based practice as an advanced practice nurse;
2. Integrate evidence-based decisions into advanced practice in a specialized area of nursing;
3. Evaluate research and current evidence for the purpose of selectively integrating research findings in nursing practice;
4. Integrate leadership, management, and teaching strategies into advanced practice;
5. Evaluate the impact of health policy on healthcare for identification of areas needing improvement and development of appropriate strategies; and
6. Assume responsibility for contributing to the advancement of nursing as a profession.

Accreditation

The School of Nursing MSN Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA, 30326.

Prerequisite Requirements

Candidates for admission must hold the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing

Application Deadlines:

May 1 for Fall Semester
October 1 for Spring Semester
March 1 for Summer Semester

Unconditional Admission

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited university and a nationally accredited nursing program (NLNAC or CCNE). Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.
2. Overall undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major.
3. Score of 396 or higher on the Miller’s Analogy Test (MAT) or score of 286 on Graduate Record Exam (850 on the old exam) (verbal plus quantitative). GRE or MAT required.
5. Undergraduate health assessment course or the equivalent.
6. Two letters of professional reference.
7. Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse is required for the Family Nurse Practitioner track.

Conditional Admission
1. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited university and a nationally accredited nursing program (NLNAC or CCNE). Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.
2. Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major or score of 380 on the MAT or score of 277 on the GRE (650 on the old exam) (verbal plus quantitative). GRE or MAT required.
3. One or more years of clinical experience as an RN; or graduate study without a graduate degree in nursing or another discipline, and a graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Undergraduate health assessment course or the equivalent.
6. Two letters of professional reference.
7. Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse is required for the Family Nurse Practitioner track.

A student admitted conditionally to the graduate nursing program must clear conditional admission after nine semester hours. The student must attain an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students not satisfying conditional admission requirements will be dropped from the program for one calendar year, after which time the student may petition for readmission. To facilitate success in the program, a student admitted under conditional status should pursue a part-time course of study.

Admission Requirements for Post-Masters Certificate Option
1. Graduate of nationally accredited MSN Program (NLNAC or CCNE).
2. Current RN licensure in the state in which the student plans to have clinical experiences.
3. Two letters of professional reference.
4. Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse.

Curriculum

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST ADULT HEALTH TRACK
Minimum Total Hours: 39

Students may choose one of two role options (Functional minor):

1. Educator
2. Administrator

A minimum of 39 semester hours is required for completion of the program.

Required Core Courses (13 sh)

Nursing Core Courses
- NSG 6604 2 Theories in Nursing
- NSG 6605 2 Healthcare Economics
- NSG 6660 2 Foundations of Advanced Practice

Research Courses
- NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
- NSG 6692 2 Data Analysis Techniques in Research
- NSG 6696 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
- NSG 6697 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional
- NSG 6695 1-4 Thesis

Nursing Specialty Courses (20 sh)

Select One of the Following Series

Nurse Educator Series
- NSG 6614 2 Role of the Nurse Educator
- NSG 6615 3 Nursing Education Internship

OR

Nurse Administrator Series
- NSG 6616 2 Role of the Nursing Administrator
- NSG 6617 3 Nursing Administration Internship

Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)
- NSG 6655 1 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP) TRACK
Minimum Total Hours: 47

Required Core Courses (13 sh)

Nursing Core Courses
- NSG 6604 2 Theories in Nursing
- NSG 6605 2 Healthcare Economics
- NSG 6660 2 Foundations of Advanced Practice
- NSG 6659* 1 Adaptation to FNP Role

(FNP-PM certificate students only)

Research Courses
- NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
- NSG 6692 2 Data Analysis Techniques in Research
- NSG 6696 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
- NSG 6697 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II
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*The FNP Certificate for nurses holding the MSN requires 34 hours and includes all FNP nursing specialty and role courses.

**NOTE:** 1. Requirements for the MSN degree must be satisfied within five years of the initial enrollment for that degree.

**NOTE 2.** A grade of "D" is not acceptable for meeting requirements for a subsequent course.

### NURSING INFORMATICS SPECIALIST TRACK

**Minimum Total Hours: 34**

#### Required Core Courses (13 sh)

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### Elective (3 sh)

Any 5000/6000 Approved Elective

### Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)

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**Requirements for Students in Clinical Courses**

All students must maintain RN licensure, current CPR certification, professional liability insurance, proof of annual physical examination and negative drug screen and a clear background check when enrolled in clinical nursing courses. Professional liability insurance is available through the School of Nursing. Students are responsible for their own medical care if needed in the clinical setting. Students are also responsible for personal transportation costs incurred during the program.

Students must meet Communicable Disease Center (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.

**Laboratory Fees for the MSN Program:**

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**Note:** Fees subject to change annually

### Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted. Unconditionally admitted graduate students must apply for admission to candidacy after completing nine semester hours of requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. The Admission to Candidacy form must be completed within the first 18 semester hours of the program. If the Admission to Candidacy form is not completed by the conclusion of 18 semester hours, a hold will be placed on the student’s registration until Admission to Candidacy process is completed.

### Degree Requirements

A student completing the coursework with a 3.0 or better GPA, fulfilling candidacy requirements, and successfully completing the required comprehensive examination will be awarded the degree.

### Transfer Credit

A maximum of six semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher education with a "B" grade or better may be applied toward the degree. These courses must be comparable to Troy University courses and must be reviewed by the graduate nursing faculty who will make a recommendation to the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and the Graduate Dean. For students completing the Master of Science in Nursing, all transfer credits used to satisfy degree requirements may not exceed five years at the time of the degree completion.
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a terminal degree and prepares the graduate to provide the most advanced level of nursing care for individuals, families and communities. The objectives for the program are consistent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) specifications for practice doctoral programs in nursing in accordance with The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice. Fall admission is recommended for students who wish to pursue full-time study.

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice the graduate will be able to:

1. Evaluate advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines for advanced practice nursing at the highest level.
2. Design quality, cost-effective and innovative nursing care models based on the knowledge of interrelationships among nursing, organizational, political, and economic sciences.
3. Incorporate systems engineering concepts to prevent and solve complex health care delivery problems.
4. Translate research to transform nursing practice and support evidence-based nursing practice for diverse patient populations and organizations.
5. Provide leadership in the integration of technology and information systems for quality improvements in patient care and healthcare systems.
6. Develop effective practice standards for managing ethical issues inherent in patient care, health care organizations and research.
7. Initiate changes in health care systems through the design and implementation of health policies that strengthen the health care delivery system.
8. Evaluate system responses to health and illness as a basis for clinical prevention and population health services in rural and urban settings within a global market.
9. Demonstrate role competencies in a specialized area of advanced practice nursing as a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Accreditation

The School of Nursing DNP Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA, 30326.

Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice

Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) students will be admitted only under unconditional admission status. Conditional admission is not available for DNP applicants.

Admission to the program will be limited to number of available spaces. To be considered for unconditional admission to the DNP program the applicant must:

1. Hold a BSN or MSN degree from a nationally-accredited program (NLNAC or CCNE)
2. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) on all nursing coursework if post-baccalaureate applicant or on all graduate coursework if post-masters applicant.
3. Submit official transcripts for all post-secondary academic study
4. Earn a minimum GRE score of 290 (150-verbal, 140-quantitative).  Note: This requirement is waived for post-MSN applicants
5. Possess a current unencumbered license as a registered nurse in Alabama or in the state where clinical practice will occur
6. Submit two letters of professional reference that address academic ability, professional competence, and leadership potential in nursing.
7. Complete a successful interview by the Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee
8. Submit a 800 to 1000 word essay describing professional goals and how completion of the DNP program will enhance future roles and practice.
9. Submit a Resume that includes education, work experience in nursing, research experiences, publications, presentations, community service, professional memberships and service.
10. Possess a valid certification in advanced practice nursing (CNS or FNP only) from a nationally recognized credentialing body or be eligible to take a nationally recognized certification exam.

Note: This requirement applies only to post-MSN applicants.

11. Submit documentation of academic clinical hours.

Note: This requirement applies only to post-MSN applicants.

Curriculum

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Post Baccalaureate Program

Clinical Nurse Specialist
Minimum Total Hours: 65

Student enrolled in this program may choose from two role options:
1. Educator
2. Administrator

Advanced Nursing Core: (17 sh)

NSG 6604 2 Theories in Nursing
NSG 8801 3 Healthcare Informatics & Data Management
NSG 8804 3 Policy & Politics in Healthcare
NSG 8805 3 Principles of Epidemiology
NSG 8822 2 Leadership in Organizations & Systems
NSG 8824 2 Bioethical Issues in Healthcare
NSG 8826 2 Diversity & Social Issues in Healthcare

Advanced Nursing Specialty Courses: (20 sh)

NSG 6612 3 Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship
NSG 6649 3 Advanced Pharmacology
NSG 6671 3 Advanced Pathophysiology

Clinical Focus

Adult Health Nursing Focus

NSG 6620 2 Advanced Acute Care Nursing of Adults
NSG 6621 3 Preceptorship in Advanced Acute Care Nursing
NSG 6622 2 Advanced Long Term Nursing Care of Adults
NSG 6623 3 Preceptorship in Advanced Long Term Nursing Care

Scholarly Inquiry Methods for Evidence-based Practice (12 sh)

NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
NSG 8802 3 Applied Biostatistics
NSG 8812 3 Foundations of Evidence-based Practice
NSG 8815 3 Evaluation Methods for Improvement of Clinical Outcomes
Select one Advanced Nursing Role Series (5 sh)

Educator Role
- NSG 6614 2 Role of the Nurse Educator
- NSG 6615 3 Nursing Education Internship

OR

Administrator Role
- NSG 6616 2 Role of the Nursing Administrator
- NSG 6617 3 Nursing Administrator Internship

Practice Residency (8-12 sh)
- NSG 8810 1 DNP Residency I: Project Identification
- NSG 8820 1 DNP Residency II: Project Development
- NSG 8830 3-5 DNP Residency III: Project Implementation
- NSG 8840 3-5 DNP Residency IV: Project Evaluation

Synthesis and Evaluation (3 sh)
- NSG 8850 3 DNP Residency Project Dissemination

Total Hours: 65-69

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Post Baccalaureate Program
Family Nurse Practitioner
Minimum Total Hours: 70

Advanced Nursing Core (17 sh)
- NSG 6604 2 Theories in Nursing
- NSG 8801 3 Healthcare Informatics & Data Management
- NSG 8804 3 Policy & Politics in Healthcare
- NSG 8805 3 Principles of Epidemiology
- NSG 8822 2 Leadership in Organizations & Systems
- NSG 8824 2 Bioethical Issues in Healthcare
- NSG 8826 2 Diversity & Social Issues in Healthcare

Advanced Nursing Specialty (24 sh)
- NSG 6612 3 Advanced Health Assessment
- NSG 6613 3 Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship for FNP
- NSG 6649 3 Advanced Pharmacology
- NSG 6671 3 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NSG 6665 3 Primary Care I
- NSG 6666 3 Primary Care I Preceptorship
- NSG 6667 3 Primary Care II
- NSG 6668 3 Primary Care II Preceptorship

Scholarly Inquiry Methods for Evidence-based Practice (12 sh)
- NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
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Advanced Nursing Roles (6 sh)
- NSG 6670 1 Role Synthesis Seminar
- NSG 6680 5 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship

Practice Residency (8-12 sh)
- NSG 8810 1 DNP Residency I: Project Identification
- NSG 8820 1 DNP Residency II: Project Development
- NSG 8830 3-5 DNP Residency III: Project Implementation
- NSG 8840 3-5 DNP Residency IV: Project Evaluation

Synthesis and Evaluation (3 sh)
- NSG 8850 3 DNP Residency Project Dissemination

Total Hours: 70-74

Requirements for Students in Clinical Courses

All students must maintain RN licensure, current CPR certification, professional liability insurance, proof of annual physical examination, negative drug screen and clear a background check when enrolled in clinical nursing courses. Professional liability insurance is available through the School of Nursing. Students are responsible for their own medical care if needed in the clinical setting. Students are also responsible for personal transportation costs incurred during the program.

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Laboratory Fees for the DNP Program:
- NSG 6618, 6696, 6697 $ 37.50
- NSG 6613, 6621, 6623, 6641, 6643, 6666, 6668 $ 67.50
- NSG 6615, 6617 $105.00
- NSG 6636, 6680 $180.00
- NSG 8810, 8820, 8830, 8840, 8850 $225.00
DNP Degree Plan

Unconditionally admitted graduate students may submit a Degree Plan after completing nine semester hours of coursework as outlined for the specific degree program. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required on all work attempted. The Degree Plan must be completed within the first 18 semester hours of the program or a hold will be placed on the student’s registration until the Degree Plan process is completed.

Progression

Students must achieve a grade of “B” or higher, in each 8000 level DNP course, in order to pass the course and progress to the next course(s) according to the semester planner. Students who achieve a grade of less than a B, in any 8000 level course, may not progress in the program until they repeat the course and achieve a grade of “B” or higher. A student can only repeat one 8000 level course once. A student can only repeat a maximum of two 8000 level DNP courses. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is necessary in order to progress in the DNP program, as well as to meet graduation requirements.

Competency Evaluations

Prior to completing NSG 8820: DNP Residency II, the student must complete the Initial Competency Evaluation by successfully defending the DNP Residency Project Proposal. Prior to completing NSG 8840: DNP Residency IV, the student must complete the Final Competency Evaluation by successfully defending the DNP Residency Project.

Admission to Doctoral Candidacy

DNP students submit a Degree Plan after completing at least nine semester hours of study and prior to completing sixteen hours to be admitted to doctoral candidacy.

Degree Requirements

Graduation from the DNP program requires completion of a prescribed plan of study. Consistent with recommendations from the AACN, the DNP program requires three academic years for post-baccalaureate and two years for post-master’s options. Therefore, the number of credits required for graduation from the DNP program will depend upon prior degree. All credits used to satisfy the degree requirements for the DNP must not exceed eight years at the time of degree completion.

Graduation requirements include:

- Completion of all prescribed coursework with a 3.0 GPA or better
- Submission of an approved comprehensive e-Portfolio
- Completion of a minimum of 1000 hours of graduate level clinical practice as part of a supervised academic program
- Successful completion of the Residency Synthesis Project

Residency Synthesis Project

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students will identify, develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate findings of a clinical project that has systems level impact for the improvement of healthcare outcomes for a population group within a specific nursing practice. Specific courses in the DNP curriculum guide the completion of this project.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of six semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher education with a "B" grade or bet-
Prerequisite Requirements

Candidates for admission must hold a baccalaureate degree in sport and fitness management or related field.

Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Management

Unconditional Admission

1. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.

2. Applicants must achieve a score of 385 or higher on the Miller Analogies Test or a score of 286 or higher on the Graduate Record Examination (850 on the old exam) (verbal and quantitative) or 380 on the GMAT.

3. Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 2.5 on a four-point scale.

Conditional Admission

1. Students not satisfying the unconditional admission requirements may be conditionally admitted to the program pending satisfactory completion of the first 12 semester hours with a 3.0 grade point average. Students with a baccalaureate degree from an unaccredited or otherwise accredited institution should see Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission.

2. Students not satisfying conditional admission requirements will be dropped from the program for one calendar year, after which time the student must petition for readmission.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of 12 semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher learning, with a grade of "B" or better, can be applied toward the degree. These courses must be comparable to Troy University’s courses and must be approved by the SFM graduate faculty.

Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted. Unconditionally admitted graduate students must apply for admission to candidacy after completing nine semester hours of requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. The Admission to Candidacy form must be completed within the first 18 semester hours of the program. If the Admission to Candidacy form is not completed by the conclusion of 18 semester hours, a hold will be placed on the student’s registration until Admission to Candidacy process is completed. A student will be admitted to candidacy the term following completion of 12 semester hours.

Degree Requirements

Successful completion of the courses listed below with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better and successful completion of the required comprehensive examination is necessary to fulfill requirements for the degree. If a student makes a “D” or “F” in a core or concentration course, the course must be retaken. If the student earns a “D” or “F” in an elective course, the course may be retaken, or another elective taken in its place. The student can satisfy the research component requirement by successfully completing SFM 6617 and SFM 6691 with a grade of “B” or better.

Curriculum

All courses offer three semester hours of credit except SFM 6625, 6626, 6627, 6680, 6681, and 6682.

SPORT AND FITNESS MANAGEMENT

Minimum Total Hours: 36

Students may choose one of two concentrations:

1. Athletic Administration
2. Coaching
3. Exercise Science

Required Core Courses: (18 sh)

- SFM 6600 3 Foundations of Sport & Fitness Management
- SFM 6604 3 Statistical Analysis and Interpretation
- SFM 6615 3 Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Sport
- SFM 6617 3 Research Methods I
- SFM 6673 3 Ethics in Sport
- SFM 6691 3 Research Methods II

Concentration Requirements (18 sh)

Select One of the Following Concentrations: Athletic Administration, Coaching, or Exercise Science

Athletic Administration Concentration

- SFM 6610 3 Physical Education, Sport & the Law
- SFM 6616 3 Sport Finance
- SFM 6632 3 Current Issues in Sport & Fitness Management
- SFM 6640 3 Sport Marketing
- SFM 6674 3 Entrepreneurship in Sport

Select one of the following:

- SFM 6672 3 Sport Psychology
- SFM 6680 3 Practicum in Sport & Fitness Management
- SFM 6642 3 Managing Sport & Physical Activity Organizations
- SFM 6644 3 Human Resource Management in Sport and Physical Activity
- SFM 6690 3 Internship in Sport & Fitness Management
- SFM 6695 3 Thesis

Coaching Concentration

- SFM 6602 3 Motor Skills & Human Performance
- SFM 6610 3 Physical Education, Sport and the Law
- SFM 6632 3 Current Issues in SFM
- SFM 6650 3 Sport Nutrition & Exercise Metabolism
- SFM 6670 3 Exercise Physiology
- SFM 6672 3 Sport Psychology

Exercise Science Concentration

- SFM 6620 3 Physical Fitness: A Critical Analysis
- SFM 6623 3 Biomechanics of Sport Techniques
- SFM 6650 3 Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism
- SFM 6670 3 Exercise Physiology
- SFM 6671 3 Advanced Exercise Physiology

Select one of the following:

- SFM 6690 3 Internship in Sport & Fitness Management
- SFM 6695 3 Thesis
TROY UNIVERSITY
MSN: CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
Adult Health Track

Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record
39 Semester-Hour Program

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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**
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3. Unconditional Admission
4. 39 Semester hours of credit minimum
5. Meet residency requirements
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7. Overall GPA of 3.0
8. Completion of research requirement with a "B" or better
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**RESEARCH:** (7 Semester Hours)

| NSG 6691  | Research Methodology                 | 3   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6692  | Data Analysis Techniques in Research | 2   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6696  | Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I        | 1   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6697  | Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II       | 1   |       |         |                 |

Optional: NSG 6695 Thesis 1 - 4

**NURSING SPECIALTY:** (20 Semester Hours)

| NSG 6612  | Advanced Health Assessment           | 3   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6618  | Advanced Health Assessment Practicum | 1   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6620  | Advanced Acute Care Nursing of Adults| 2   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6621  | Advanced Acute Care Nursing Preceptorship | 3 |         |         |                 |
| NSG 6622  | Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults | 2 |         |         |                 |
| NSG 6623  | Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults Preceptorship | 3 |         |         |                 |
| NSG 6649  | Advanced Pharmacology                | 3   |       |         |                 |
| NSG 6671  | Advanced Pathophysiology             | 3   |       |         |                 |

**NURSING ROLE COURSES:** (5 Semester Hours)

| NSG 66--  | Role of the Nurse Educator / Administrator | 2 |         |         |                 |
| NSG 66--  | Nursing Education / Administration Internship | 3 |         |         |                 |

**SYNTHESIS AND EVALUATION:** (1 Semester Hours)

| NSG 6655  | Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice | 1 |         |         |                 |
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

☐ 1. One term limit to have transcript(s) and test scores on file
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Student's Signature          Date                      Approved:  

Faculty Adviser          Date                      Chair/Associate Dean or Dean

Approved:  

Associate Dean or Dean, Graduate School

Admission Status:  Date  Initials

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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:
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2. Official transcript of all academic work
3. Unconditional Admission
4. 47 (MSN-FNP) Semester hours of credit minimum
5. Meet residency requirements
6. No more than 6 semester hours below "B"
7. Overall GPA of 3.0
8. Completion of research requirement with a "B" or better
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Student's Signature Date

Approved: Chair/Associate Dean or Dean Date

Faculty Adviser Date

Approved: Associate Dean or Dean, Graduate School Date
**TROY UNIVERSITY**

**FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE**

Certificate Plan and Progress Record

34 Semester-Hour FNP Post-Master's Certificate Program

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Address: [ ]  
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**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Official transcript of all academic work  
2. Unconditional Admission  
3. 34 (FNP-Certificate) Semester hours of credit minimum  
4. Meet residency requirements  
5. No more than 6 semester hours below "B"  
6. Overall GPA of 3.0  
7. All credit earned within 5 years of graduation  
8. Submit Certificate Plan (after 9 sh but before 18 sh)  
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**REQUIRED CORE COURSES:** (2 Semester Hours)

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- NSG 6649 Advanced Pharmacology  
- NSG 6665 Primary Care I  
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- NSG 6667 Primary Care II  
- NSG 6668 Primary Care II Preceptorship  
- NSG 6671 Advanced Pathophysiology  

**FNP ROLE COURSES:** (6 Semester Hours)

- NSG 6670 Role Synthesis Seminar  
- NSG 6680 FNP Internship  

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# College of Health and Human Services

## TROY University

**MSN: Nursing Informatics Specialist**

Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record

### 34 Semester-Hour Program

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### Degree Requirements:

1. GRE, or equivalent exam, test scores submitted
2. Official transcript of all academic work
3. Unconditional Admission
4. 34 Semester hours of credit minimum
5. Meet residency requirements
6. No more than 6 semester hours below "B"

7. Overall GPA of 3.0
8. Completion of research requirement with a "B" or better
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### Elective: (3 Semester Hours)

### Synthesis and Evaluation: (1 Semester Hours)

| NSG 6655  | Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice |

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Faculty Adviser: [Date]

Chair/Associate Dean or Dean: [Date]

Associate Dean or Dean, Graduate School: [Date]
## TROY UNIVERSITY

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - Post Baccalaureate Program

#### Clinical Nurse Specialist

**Adult Health**

- Educator Role
- Administrator Role

**DNP Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record**

**65 - 69 Semester-Hour Program**

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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. GRE, or equivalent exam, test scores submitted
2. Official transcript of all academic work
3. Unconditional Admission
4. 74 Semester hours of credit
5. Meet residency requirements
6. No more than two grades below "B"
7. Overall GPA of 3.0
8. Completion of research requirement with a "B" or better
9. All credit earned within 8 years of graduation
10. Admission to Candidacy
11. Successful completion of Competency Evaluations
12. Intent to Graduate filed
13. Completion of 1000 clinical hours at graduate level
14. Committee Approval of Residency Synthesis Project Proposal
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**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE - Post Baccalaureate Program**  
**Family Nurse Practitioner**  
**DNP Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record**  
**70 - 74 Semester-Hour Program**

**Name:**  
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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

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#### DNP Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record
##### 35 - 39 Semester-Hour Program

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**Date**
TROY UNIVERSITY
SPORT AND FITNESS MANAGEMENT
Athletic Administration Concentration
Graduate Degree Plan and Progress Record
36 Semester-Hour Program

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