

Western Kentucky University

School of Nursing and Allied Health

Full-Time MSN to DNP Curriculum

Total Hours: 36

Prerequisite: Graduate Statistics – 3 credit hours

Summer Prior to Year 1:

- NURS 601 Orientation to Doctor of Nursing Practice – 2 credit hours [OL*]

Fall Semester Year 1:

- NURS 700 Leadership and Organizational Theory – 3 credit hours [OL-S]
- NURS 620 Biostatistics for Healthcare Professionals – 3 credit hours [OL-S]
- NURS 714 Economic and Financial Influences in Healthcare Systems – 3 credit hours [OL-S]

Spring Semester Year 1:

- NURS 630 Advanced Epidemiology – 3 credit hours [OL-S]
- NURS 712 Evidence-Based Practice – 3 credit hours [OL-S]
- NURS 750 Program Development and Evaluation – 3 credit hours, 60 clinical hours [OL-S]

Summer Semester Year 1:

- NURS 740 Technology in Healthcare – 3 credit hours, 60 clinical hours [OL]
- NURS 755 Quality Improvement in Healthcare – 3 credit hours [OL]
- NURS 765 Institutional Review Board Process in Nursing – 1 credit hour [OL]

Fall Semester Year 2:

- NURS 701 Leadership in Health Policy – 3 credit hours [OL-S]
- NURS 780 Clinical Practicum – 3 credit hours, 180 clinical hours [Clinical]

Spring Semester Year 2:

- NURS 780 Clinical Practicum – 3 credit hours, 180 clinical hours [Clinical]

OL = Online asynchronous

OL* = OL, plus 1 online synchronous class meeting

OL-S = Up to 4 online synchronous class meetings



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