

# BSN to DNP

*SVSU'S BSN TO DNP DEGREE PROGRAM PREPARES A REGISTERED NURSE TO PRACTICE AS A PRIMARY CARE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP).*

*STUDENTS ARE AWARDED A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) AT THE END OF YEAR THREE AND CAN TAKE THE FNP CERTIFICATION EXAM TO BEGIN PRACTICING.*

## **BSN to DNP Admission Requirements\***

- Online application ( [www.svsu.edu/graduateprograms/](http://www.svsu.edu/graduateprograms/))
- BSN from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale in all nursing and prerequisite coursework
- Official undergraduate & graduate transcripts (if applicable)
- At least three undergraduate credits in statistics (equivalent to approved SVSU courses) with a grade of C or higher
- At least three undergraduate credits in college chemistry (general, organic or biochemistry) with a grade of C or higher
- Current nursing license in Michigan
- Current résumé
- Three (3) recommendation forms; one from a doctorally-prepared academician and the others from a previous faculty member, an employer or professional colleague
- DNP Essay Goal Statement (1,000-1,250 words in APA format including four (4) scholarly references; essay prompt available online)
- Interview

\*Additional application requirements for international applicants available online.



**The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Saginaw Valley State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://ccneaccreditation.org>).**

### **OPTIONAL 'STOP OUT'**

*Upon earning their MSN (after completing 52 credits), students can take elect to **stop out** of the program, sit for the FNP Certification Exam and begin practicing.*

*Students return later to complete the DNP requirements.*

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## BSN to DNP Degree Requirements

All students in the BSN to DNP program complete the following Core Courses and the project courses (79 credits required, which includes a total of 1,080 clinical hours)

### CORE COURSES

#### (70 CREDITS, INCLUDING 600 PRACTICE EXPERIENCE HOURS)

NURS 638	Nursing Theory & Knowledge Development	3 cr
NURS 642	Healthcare Policy & Funding for ANP	3 cr
NURS 644	Nursing Leadership & Ethics	3 cr
NURS 648	Research in Advanced Nursing Practice	3 cr
NURS 678	Research Project I	1 cr
NURS 681	Research Project II	1 cr
NURS 682	Research Project III	1 cr
NURS 760	Nursing Informatics & Quality Improvements	3 cr
NURS 772	Epidemiology & Population Health in ANP	3 cr
NURS 610	Pathophysiology for FNP	3 cr
NURS 612	Pharmacology for FNP	3 cr
NURS 614	Professional Role Development for FNPs	1 cr
NURS 616	Genomics Competencies for ANP	1 cr
NURS 636	Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making	1 cr
NURS 670	Advanced Assessment for FNP	3 cr
NURS 671	Family Health Care I	3 cr
NURS 672	Family Health Care II	3 cr
NURS 673	Family Health Care III	3 cr
NURS 674*	FNP Clinical (10 total credit hours)	2-4 cr

\*(10 credits total; 600 total practice experience hours with 2-4 credits [120-240 practice experience hours] taken concurrently with the Family Health Care I, II, and III sequence).

NURS 800	Scholarship of Advanced Nursing Practice	3 cr
NURS 806	Knowledge Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3 cr
NURS 812	Translational Scholarship	3 cr
NURS 818	Nursing Leadership	3 cr
NURS 824	Analytic Methods of Quality Improvement	3 cr
NURS 830	Financial Data for Practice	3 cr

### DNP PROJECT

#### (9 CREDITS, INCLUDING 360 PRACTICE EXPERIENCE HOURS)

NURS 839**	DNP Project Development (includes 60 practice experience hours)	3 cr
NURS 842**	DNP Project Implementation	3 cr

\*\* (2 cr didactic and 1 cr practice = 60 practice hours)

NURS 870	DNP Project Dissemination (includes 180 practice experience hours)	3 cr
NURS 837	DNP Practice (required only if needed to attain 1000 practice hours)	2-4 cr

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# POST-MASTERS DNP

## IN PRACTICE INNOVATION

*SVSU'S POST-MASTERS DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PREPARES GRADUATES TO:*

- *IMPROVE HEALTH & CARE OUTCOMES*
- *LEAD ORGANIZATIONS/SYSTEMS*
- *DESIGN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES*
- *TRANSLATE EVIDENCE INTO PRACTICE*

### **MSN to DNP Admission Requirements\***

- Online application ( [www.svsu.edu/graduateprograms/](http://www.svsu.edu/graduateprograms/))
- MSN from an accredited university with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Current nursing license in Michigan
- Current résumé
- Two (2) recommendation forms; one from a doctorally-prepared academician and the other from either an employer or professional colleague
- DNP Essay Goal Statement (1,000-1,250 words in APA format including four (4) scholarly references; essay prompt available online)
- Interview

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### **Program Design & Flexibility**

- The program is designed for busy nurses who work full-time.
- Each fall and winter semester, there are one or two face-to-face Saturday seminars and the rest of the courses are online.
- The program can be completed in less than three years or spread out longer for a lighter load each semester.



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## Transfer Eligible Required Courses

The following three MSN courses or approved equivalents may have been already taken and can be transferred in. They are required as part of the DNP degree.

NURS-616 Genomics for Advanced Nursing Practice (1 credit); offered every fall online (can be taken with program courses below)

NURS-760 Nursing Informatics and Quality Improvement (3 credits); offered every spring term 12 weeks from May-July online (this is a prerequisite to NURS-824)

NURS-772 Epidemiology and Population Health (3 credits); offered every winter semester online (can be taken with program courses)

## MSN to DNP Courses - Plan of Study

Year	Semester	Course	Format
One	Fall	NURS-800 Scholarship of Adv. Practice 3 cr. NURS-806 Knowledge Development 3 cr.	Hybrid - two Saturdays (face-to-face)
	Winter	NURS-812 Translational Scholarship 3 cr. NURS-818 Nursing Leadership 3 cr.	Hybrid - one Saturday (face-to-face)
	Spring (12 weeks)	NURS-836 DNP Project Design 3 cr.	Online - practice 60 hours
Two	Fall	NURS-824 Analytic Methods 3 cr. NURS-830 Financial Data 3 cr.	Hybrid - one Saturday (face-to-face)
	Winter	NURS-839 DNP Project Development 3 cr.	Hybrid & 60 practice hours - one Saturday (face-to-face)
	Spring (12 weeks)	NURS-837 DNP Project Practice 0-12 cr.	Online & practice hours to add up to 1000 in MSN and DNP
Three	Fall	NURS-842 DNP Project Implementation 3 cr.	Hybrid & 60 practice hours - one Saturday (face-to-face)
	Winter	NURS-870 DNP Project Dissemination 3 cr.	Hybrid & 180 practice hours - one Friday morning and one Saturday (face-to-face)

*The time limit for completing the DNP degree is seven years from the beginning of the first course in which credit was earned toward each respective degree at SVSU.*

*Students may transfer in up to 9 credits of equivalent coursework.*

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