



**NORTHWESTERN STATE**  
*College of Nursing and School of Allied Health*

**Begins: Spring 2026**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice Program: Executive Leadership Concentration Curriculum**

<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>Semester One: Spring</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>	<b>Semester Two: Summer</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>	<b>Semester Three: Fall</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>
	NURG 7000: Knowledge for Advanced Nursing Practice	3-3-0	NURG 7002: Clinical Scholarship	3-3-0	NURG 7001: Population Health	3-3-0
	NURG 7003: Statistics for Improving Health Related Outcomes	3-3-0	NURG 7033: Dynamic Leadership in Healthcare	3-3-0	NURG 7010: DNP Project Practicum I	3-0-12
			NURG 7032: DNP Project Development	2-2-0		
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>Semester Four: Spring</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>	<b>Semester Five: Summer</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>	<b>Semester Six: Fall</b>	<b>Cr. Hr</b>
	NURG 7011: DNP Project Practicum II	3-0-12	NURG 7012: DNP Project Practicum III	3-0-12	NURG 7004 Organizational Leadership and Health Informatics	3-3-0
	NURG 7007: Healthcare Policy: Analysis, Advocacy, and Transformation	3-3-0	NURG 7034: Fiscal Leadership within Healthcare Systems	3-3-0	NURG 7035: Advanced Executive Leadership Practicum	3-2-3
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>

Total Program Credit Hours: 38 credit hours. Total Program Clinical Hours: DNP students are required to obtain a minimum of 1,000 post-baccalaureate clinical hours upon degree completion (AACN, 2006). Of these 1,000 post-baccalaureate clinical hours, a minimum of 585 direct/indirect clinical hours must be obtained within the program, regardless of previously earned post-baccalaureate clinical hours.