**Program and Application Information**

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**Department Web Site:** www.ndsu.edu/nursing/  
**Application Deadline:** Doctor of Nursing Practice, February 15 for BSN to DNP fall admission. BSN to DNP requires a March interview.  
**Degrees Offered:** FNP/D.N.P.  
**English Proficiency Requirements:** TOEFL ibT 79 IELTS 6.5

### Program Description

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, a clinical doctorate, is offered in the Family Nurse Practitioner specialty. The program includes advanced nursing courses, support courses, clinical practica and clinical disquisition.

Guidelines provided by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) are utilized in the curriculum. The graduate nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

### Admission Requirements

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited nursing program.
2. Undergraduate coursework in research and health assessment.
3. Current unencumbered RN licensure
4. Completed application to the Graduate School.  
   a. Three references: two from professional colleagues that address clinical competence and potential for graduate education, and one other reference.  
   b. Written narrative of professional experience and future goals.
5. Interviews required for DNP applicants on either the first or second Friday and Saturday of March.

1. Family Nurse Practitioner/Doctor of Nursing Practice: A minimum of 86 (DNP) semester credits.
2. A maximum of nine graduate semester credits (with a grade of B or better) completed within seven years previous to admission, may be transferred from other regionally accredited colleges or universities with the consent of the student's supervisory committee.
3. Clinical Dissertation

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NURS 834P  Family Primary Care: Residency II
NURS 835  Family Primary Care III: Assessment and Management
NURS 835P  Practicum IV: FNP Role Integration
NURS 836P  Practicum V: FNP Role Integration
NURS 850P  Family Primary Care: Specialty Practicum
NURS 880
STAT 725  Applied Statistics
NURS 899S  Clinical Dissertation

Total Credits 86

Mykell Barnacle, DNP, FNP
North Dakota State University, 2008

Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
University of New Mexico, 2013

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Donna Grandbois, Ph.D., RN
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Dean Gross, Ph.D., FNP
Rush University, 1998

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University of North Dakota, 1995

Tina Lundeen, DNP, FNP
North Dakota State University, 2010

Allison Peltier, DNP, FNP
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Shila Thompson, Ph.D., RN
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