

NURSING AND INFANT MENTAL HEALTH (D.N.P. OR PH.D. DUAL-TITLE)

Students in the Ph.D. or D.N.P. programs in Nursing can apply to earn a Ph.D. in Nursing or a D.N.P. with a dual-title in Infant Mental Health (IMH). This dual-title degree is designed to prepare nurses to support early social and emotional development in a variety of contexts in which parents or children suffer from developmental disabilities, health problems, or mental health problems. The program also prepares nurses to conduct research related to infant mental health. Students take courses in infant development and assessment, and develop specific skills related to infant mental health assessment and treatment. The dual-title coursework follows competencies outlined by the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health that are required for endorsement as an infant mental health specialist or an infant mental health mentor.

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School. Students should indicate on their application to the Nursing program their desire to earn an infant mental health dual-title. Students may also contact the IMH program director, Ann Stacks, any time prior to the completion of their qualifying/preliminary examination to enroll in the program.

In addition to D.N.P. (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/programs/nursing-dnp/>) or Ph.D. requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/programs/nursing-phd/>), students are required to complete at least 12 credits of infant mental health coursework, 9 credits of which can count toward their nursing degree. Both D.N.P. and Ph.D. students are required to take a 2 credit course in infant mental health (SW 7025), and select one (D.N.P.) or two (Ph.D.) IMH courses from a list of SW and PSY courses. Students must earn at least a 3.0 g.p.a. in their courses. All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Nursing (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/academic-regulations/>) and the Graduate School (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations/>) governing graduate scholarship and degrees.

Requirements for the D.N.P. with an IMH Dual-Title

Code	Title	Credits
SW 7025	Infant Mental Health: Theory to Practice across Early Childhood Settings	2
SW 7880 or SW 8880	Infant/Family Mental Health Assessment Infant Mental Health Practice	2
D.N.P. Courses that contain IMH Content – Select at least 8 Credits from the list below:		8
NUR 7030	Advanced Nursing Assessment	
NUR 7035	Family Centered Health Promotion and Risk-reduction	
NUR 8670	APN Specialty I: Foundations	
NUR 8680	APN Specialty II: Intermediate	
NUR 8690	APN Specialty III: Advanced	
NUR 8210	Health Determinants & Disparities	
NUR 8630	Conceptual Methodologies in Health Policy Leadership and Ethics	

D.N.P. students must also complete a D.N.P. Project related to infant mental health and have an infant mental health faculty member on their D.N.P. project committee.

Requirements for the Ph.D. with an IMH Dual-Title

Code	Title	Credits
SW 7025	Infant Mental Health: Theory to Practice across Early Childhood Settings	2
Select at least two of the following:		5-6
PSY 7425	Psychology of Infant Behavior and Development	
SW 7880	Infant/Family Mental Health Assessment	
SW 8880	Infant Mental Health Practice	
Elective Courses for Ph.D. IMH Dual-Title Students – Select at least 4-5 Credits		4-5
NUR 8014	Health Interventions	
NUR 8210	Health Determinants & Disparities	
PSY 7425	Psychology of Infant Behavior and Development (if not chosen above)	
SW 7880	Infant/Family Mental Health Assessment (if not chosen above)	
SW 8880	Infant Mental Health Practice (if not chosen above)	
Total Credits		12

Ph.D. students must also complete a qualifying examination and a Doctoral Dissertation related to infant mental health. An IMH faculty member must be a member of the student's dissertation committee.