

Sample DEMSN Program Tracks

Alverno DEMSN students are assigned a specific Program Track (A, B, C, etc.) when they enter the program. This gives students a fairly predictable course schedule and a simple registration process.

Things to Consider:

- **During the first week of the first semester, all newly enrolled DEMSN students will:**
 - Attend and participate in the “Get Ready for Success DEMSN Welcome and Workshop” on Monday.
 - **Complete the N-524 Intensive** (5 full days – Tuesday to Saturday: 8am to 5pm) to prepare for the clinical practicum component of the program. Students will begin all other classes according to the 3-year DEMSN Calendar provided in their Welcome Packet and posted to the Critical News Board-ONG on Moodle.
- Most theory courses are taught in a hybrid format, meaning that about 70% of the course is taught face-to-face and the remainder is taught online (synchronously or asynchronously as determined by faculty). Theory classes may involve lessons in the simulation center and virtual simulation platforms.
- Most classes have about 20-25 students and clinical groups typically have 8 students.
- **All clinical courses and experiences are face-to-face.** Some clinical practicum days involve lessons in the Clinical Learning Center (CLC) (skills lab and simulation center), but most clinical hours are completed in a clinical setting with real patients. While Alverno’s clinical partnerships are with healthcare organizations in the greater metro areas of both Milwaukee and Phoenix, it’s important to note that students may be required to attend clinical in facilities that require a significant commute.
- Students are required to practice clinical skills independently in the CLC on a weekly basis outside of scheduled class time.
- Consistent with the mission of Alverno College and the JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing and Health Professions, students may have the benefit of participating in service-learning experiences that are a part of, but scheduled outside of, their usual theory or clinical practicum meeting times.
- The program is rigorous. Successful DEMSN students earn a BSN and MSN in approximately 18-20 months, which is an accomplishment that traditionally takes about 6 years to achieve. That means, in part, that faculty expect students to embrace their academic responsibilities as their “job,” and not plan to be employed while enrolled in the program.

Typical Clinical Experiences by semester:

Alverno College has long held and well-established clinical partnerships with every major healthcare system located in metropolitan Milwaukee and the surrounding communities and is establishing exciting partnerships with healthcare systems in the Phoenix metro area. DEMSN students benefit from these partnerships.

DEMSN students begin clinical work during their first semester. Clinical experiences occur in a variety of care settings, including long-term care, hospitals, and within the community.

- 1st semester: long-term care clinical (e.g., nursing home) – approximately 4 hours/week
- 2nd semester: acute care (e.g., hospital) – approximately 8 hours/week
- 3rd semester: community care, often with vulnerable populations (e.g., schools, prisons, low-income clinics, urban and suburban health departments, and neighborhood-based health centers) – approximately 8 hours/week
- 4th semester: acute care (e.g., hospital) – approximately 16 hours/week (two 8-hour days/week)
- 5th semester: approximately 8 hours/week in a hospital setting providing 1:1 care; and approximately 8 hours/week focused clinical project work in hospital or clinic.
- Following are samples of typical DEMSN course schedules. ***It is important to note that these are examples, not actual course schedules.*** Final schedules are issued during orientation, approximately a month before the first semester begins. Class periods are indicated in military time as this is common in healthcare settings.

SAMPLE DEMSN FIRST SEMESTER: Program Tracks A-K

BI-338C-01 (capacity 24) (Tuesdays 1310-1700 Online Synchronous)	BI-338C-02 (capacity 24) (Tuesdays 1310-1700 OLSYNC)	BI-338C-03 (capacity 24) (Thursdays 1310-1700 OLSYNC)	BI-338C-04 (capacity 16) (Thursdays 1310-1700 OLSYNC)
Tracks A, B, & C	Tracks D, E, & F	Tracks G, H, & I	Tracks J & K

N-520-01 Tues-Sat (~0800-1700, 1/25-1/29)	N-520-02 Tues-Sat (~0800-1700, 1/25-1/29)	N-520-03 Tues-Sat (~0800-1700, 1/25-1/29)	N-520-04 Tues-Sat (~0800-1700, 1/25-1/29)
Tracks A, B, & C	Tracks D, E, & F	Tracks G, H & I	Tracks J & K

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K-HOLD
MON	N-521-01 (0910-1200) N-500-01 (1730-2030)	N-521-01 (0910-1200) N-500-01 (1730-2030)	N-521-01 (0910-1200) N-500-01 (1730-2030)				N-520P-07 (0700-1100)	N-520P-08 (0700-1100)		N-521-04 (1210-1500) N-500-01 (1730-2030)	N-521-04 (1210-1500)
TUES	N-520P-01 (0700-1100)	N-520P-02 (0700-1100)		N-521-02 0910-1200) N-500-03 (1730-2030)	N-521-02 (0910-1200) N-500-03 (1730-2030)	N-521-02 (0910-1200) N-500-03 (1730-2030)					N-500-03 (1730-2030)
WED											
THUR			N-520P-03 (0700-1100)	N-520P-04 (0700-1100)			N-521-03 (0910-1200) N-500-02 (1730-2030)	N-521-03 (0910-1200) N-500-02 (1730-2030)	N-521-03 (0910-1200) N-500-02 (1730-2030)	N-520P-10 (0700-1100)	
FRI					N-520P-05 (0700-1100)				N-520P-09 (0700-1100)		
SAT						N-520P-06 (0700-1100)					N-520P-11 (0700-1100)
Online Asynchronous	MSN600B-01 N-522-01	MSN600B-01 N-522-01	MSN600B-01 N-522-01	MSN600B-01 N-522-02	MSN600B-01 N-522-02	MSN600B-01 N-522-02	MSN600B-01 N-522-03	MSN600B-01 N-522-03	MSN600B-01 N522-03	MSN600B-01 N-522-04	MSN600B-01 N-522-04

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SAMPLE DEMSN SECOND SEMESTER: PROGRAM TRACKS A-K

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J-HOLD	K-HOLD
MON	N-527-01 (0810-1000) N-545-01 (1210-1500)	N-527-01 (0810-1000) N-545-01 (1210-1500)	N-535-02 (0810-1000) N-545-02 (1210-1500)	N-535-02 (0810-1000) N-545-02 (1210-1500)	N-529-05 (0700-1600)	N-529-07 (0700-1600)		N-535-04 (0810-1000)	N-535-04 (0810-1000)	N-535-02 (0810-1000) N-545-02 (1210-1200)	N-535-04 (0810-1000)
TUES	N-529-01 (1500-2400)	N-529-02 (0700-1600)	N-525-03 (1010-1200) N-527-03 (1310-1500)	N-525-03 (1010-1200) N-527-03 (1310-1500)			N-529-08 (0700-1600)	N-529-06 (0700-1600)	N-529-09 (0700-1600)	N-525-03 (1010-1200) N-527-03 (1310-1500)	N-529-11 (0700-1600)
WED	N-535-01 (0810-1000) N-525-01 (1010-1200)	N-535-01 (0810-1000) N-525-01 (1010-1200)			N-535-03 (0810-1000) N-525-02 (1010-1200) N-545-03 (1610-1900)	N-535-01 (0810-1000) N-525-04 (1010-1200) N-545-03 (1610-1900)	N-535-03 (0810-1000) N-525-04 (1010-1200) N-545-03 (1610-1900)	N-525-02 (1010-1200) N-527-04 (1310-1500) N-545-04 (1610-1900)	N-525-01 (1010-1200) N-527-04 (1310-1500) N-545-04 (1610-1900)		N-525-04 (1010-1200) N-527-04 (1310-1500) N-545-04 (1610-1900)
THUR			N-529-03 (1500-2400)	N-529-04 (1500-2400)	N-527-02 (1310-1500)	N-527-02 (1310-1500)	N-527-02 (1310-1500)				
FRI										N-529-10 (0700-1600)	
SAT											
Online Asynchr onous	N-530-01	N-530-01	N-530-01	N-530-02	N-530-02	N-530-02	N-530-03	N-530-03	N-530-03	N-530-04	N-530-04

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SAMPLE DEMSN FIFTH SEMESTER: Program Tracks A-F

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
MON	MSN-776-01 (0700-1600)	MSN-776-02 (1500-2400)	MSN-776-03 (0700-1600)	MSN-776-04 (1500-2400)	MSN-776-05* <i>(Day/time TBD; possible internships. We are anticipating clinical agency confirmation in early January)</i>	MSN-776-06* <i>(Day/time TBD; possible internships. We are anticipating clinical agency confirmation in early January)</i>			
TUES	MSN-775-01 (0800-1630)	MSN-775-01 (0800-1630)	MSN-775-01 (0800-1630)	MSN-775-02 (0800-1630)	MSN-775-02 (0800-1630)	MSN-775-02 (0800-1630)			
WED	MSN-629-01 (1730-2030)	MSN-629-01 (1730-2030)	MSN-629-01 (1730-2030)	MSN-629-02 (1730-2030)	MSN-629-02 (1730-2030)	MSN-629-02 (1730-2030)			
THUR	MSN-770-01 (1310-1600)	MSN-770-01 (1310-1600)	MSN-770-02 (1710-2000)	MSN-770-02 (1710-2000)	MSN-770-03 (1710-2000)	MSN-770-03 (1710-2000)			
FRI									
SAT									
Online Asynchron ous									

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