

# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **12-Sep-17** Curriculum Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date **Fall 2018** Approved by EPC \_\_\_\_\_

Department **NURS**  
 College **NU - Nursing**  
 Degree **DNP - Doctor of Nursing Practice**  
 Program Name \_\_\_\_\_ Program Banner Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concentration(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposal **Revise program**

Description of proposal:

- 1) Suspend admissions for and discontinue the on-campus program for the DNP; continue a 100% online offering.
- 2) Increase credit hours for NURS70620 Doctorate of Nursing Practice Seminar from 1 credit hour to 3 credit hours, which will increase the total credit hours for the DNP program from 32 to 34.
- 3) Remove the admission requirement for GRE for applicants who have an MSN and hold national APRN certification.

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours?  Yes  No  
 Current total credit hours: **32** Proposed total credit hours **34**

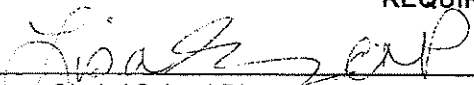
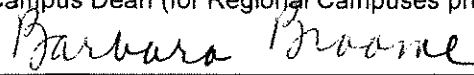
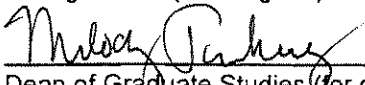
Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

**There will be no impact on other programs, policies or procedures. There are currently no students enrolled in the on campus DNP program.**

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

**Associate Dean of the College of Nursing**

### REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

	<u>11/7/17</u>
Department Chair / School Director	
_____	<u>  /  /  </u>
Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)	
	<u>11/7/17</u>
College Dean (or designee)	
	<u>11/8/17</u>
Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)	
_____	<u>  /  /  </u>
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (or designee)	

## Proposal Summary

### Revise Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

#### Description of Action, Including Intended Effect

This proposal seeks to:

1. Change the program total hours from 32 to 34 as the course NURS70620 will increase from 1 credit hour to 3 credit hours to reflect expanded content necessary to prepare students to enter the DNP Scholarly Project Practicums (I-IV) NURS71392-74392.

In Fall of 2016, NURS70620 was offered to several DNP students who then progressed to NURS71392 in the Spring. It was apparent that most, if not all the students were not prepared with a developed, scholarly review of literature (ROL) relevant to their topic of interest and were not ready for the Proposal Defense that is scheduled mid-end of this semester as a requirement to passing this practicum successfully. Many ended up taking an "IP" and working into the summer. To solve this, it was thought that in the Fall semester, hours should be dedicated to teaching and assisting students to complete a thorough ROL to ensure a solid start to beginning the process of developing their DNP Scholarly Project Proposal. DNP Seminar (NURS70620) has content related to the history of the DNP and a brief overview of the DNP Scholarly Project process, however, not in-depth dedicated course content related to developing the beginning phases of the project, particularly the ROL. Students at this level have the some difficulty with collecting, synthesizing and analyzing the existing evidence and require some further guidance to assist them to be successful in the Spring semester. This added content would require an increase from the current 1 credit hour to 3 credit hours.

2. Discontinue the on campus/face to face DNP program and continue an all-online DNP program. There has been no request or admission application for the face-to-face DNP program and there are currently no students enrolled. All DNP courses are offered online.
3. Omit the admission requirement of GRE scores for Post-Masters DNP applicants. If they have completed an accredited MSN program, they have exhibited a level of success in graduate school that exemplifies their chance of success in the DNP program.

#### Impact on Other Programs, Course Offerings, Students, Faculty, Staff (e.g., duplication issues)

None; workload for faculty advisors is not affected as part of this change. There are currently no students enrolled in the on campus program.

#### Fiscal, Enrollment, Facilities and Staffing Considerations

No additional faculty or personnel will be required. This will increase total credit hours for

completion of the DNP from 32 to 34 and therefore increase the cost of tuition for students by 2 credit hours. Although the total credit hours will increase, they are comparable to other programs in the state and surrounding areas; therefore, we do not anticipate that these changes will affect enrollment.

In reviewing other DNP programs in the state and surrounding regions, many do not require a GRE as part of admission criteria (ie, Case Western Reserve University, Wright State) or have guidelines such as a “must have GRE scores if GPA<3.25” (University of Cincinnati, Rush University). We currently use the scores as a small part of the total application process in determining success.

**Evidence of Need and Sustainability if Establishing**

The DNP program will be affected by the actions in this proposal.

**Provisions for Phase-Out if Inactivating**

N/A

**Timetable and Actions Required:**

Graduate Curriculum Committee approval:	October 9, 2017
Faculty discussion:	October 9, 2017
College Advisory Council approval:	October 23, 2017
Education Policies Council approval:	November 20, 2017



**Department of  
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

**REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ADMISSIONS OR DISCONTINUATION OF GRADUATE PROGRAM**

Institutions use this form to notify the Chancellor of a change of status for a graduate program.

*Note:* Institutions that intend to suspend admissions or discontinue a graduate program that leads to educator preparation licenses or endorsements should contact Matt Exline ([mexline@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:mexline@highered.ohio.gov)) for direction on completing the Program Dormancy form.

**Please check one:**

**Suspension of Admissions**

A university may suspend admissions into a graduate degree program if 1) the institution plans to reactivate admissions into the program within five (5) years of the suspension (seven (7) years if requested before October 21, 2015), or 2) the program has existing students that need to complete their degrees prior to discontinuation of the program.

If, after suspension of admissions into a graduate degree program, the program is not reactivated within the specified period, the program will be declared permanently discontinued. Reinstatement of a discontinued program will require formal approval as a new graduate degree program.

**Immediate Discontinuation**

An institution may immediately discontinue a program if there are no students currently enrolled in the program, and there is no intent to reactivate the program in the future. Reinstatement of a discontinued program will require formal approval as a new graduate degree program.

**Date of Request:**

9/12/17

**Implementation Date:**

Fall 2018

**Name of institution:**

Kent State University

**Name of program: (one form per program)**

Doctorate of Nursing Practice (on campus delivery)

**Primary institutional contact for this request:**

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Title	DNP Program Director

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Phone number	330-672-8878
E-mail	lechever@kent.edu

**Please respond to the following:**

1. Provide a rationale for the suspension of admission or immediate discontinuation of the program.
2. Indicate number of students currently enrolled in the program.
3. Describe how the suspension of admissions and any plan for discontinuation of program will affect the program and the students currently in the program. Explain plans for notifying current students and assisting them in the completion of their degrees, when applicable.
4. Will there be a loss of faculty or staff positions? If so, indicate when the faculty or staff members were or will be informed.
5. Describe the plan for communicating the suspension of admissions or discontinuation.

The signature below verifies that this request has received the necessary institutional approval and that this information is truthful and accurate.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the institution's Provost or Graduate School Dean

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

CCGS institutions submitting requests for graduate programs should submit the request to Steve Nameth ([snameth@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:snameth@highered.ohio.gov)) and copy Matt Exline ([mexline@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:mexline@highered.ohio.gov)). Documents may be submitted as Microsoft Office documents (e.g., Word or Excel) or as PDF documents.

\*Revised by CCGS, May 20, 2016

1. **Rationale:** This request is to discontinue the face-to-face/on-campus option for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program. When the DNP was first offered at Kent State University, it was available both online and face-to-face; however, due to student demand, we have offered fewer and fewer face-to-face courses over time. Currently, all of the courses are being offered online, and all students are enrolled in the 100% online option. We have not offered a face-to-face course in the DNP program since the spring of 2015. We do not plan to teach face-to-face DNP courses in the future, and will no longer offer the face-to-face enrollment option to applicants
2. **Indicate number of students currently enrolled in the program:** There are no students enrolled currently in the face-to-face DNP program.
3. **Describe how the suspension of admissions and any plan for discontinuation of program will affect the program and the students currently in the program:** There will be no affect to the program other than that it will not be an option for future students applying to and enrolled in the DNP program. The DNP program will be offered 100% online.
4. **Will there be a loss of faculty or staff positions?** No
5. **Describe the plan for communicating the suspension of admissions or discontinuation:** There does not need to be communication as all current students are enrolled in the 100% online DNP program. The face-to-face option will be removed from the university catalog, website, and all marketing materials, and will no longer be an option for applicants.

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 Proposal **Revise program**

Description of proposal:

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Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours?  Yes  No  
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Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

**We do not anticipate that these changes will affect other programs in the CON or University. Students who do not complete their scholarly projects in 7 credit hours will need to take extra credit hours (i.e., 1 credit hours of DNP Practicum each semester, including summers) until the project is successfully defended. We do not anticipate the need for more faculty because of these revisions.**

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):  
**NA**

### REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

Wendy Amberger 12/15/17  
 Department Chair / School Director

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 Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals) \_ / \_ / \_

Barbara Broome \_ / \_ / \_  
 College Dean (or designee)

Melba Clark 01/02/18  
 Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)

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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (or designee) \_ / \_ / \_

## Proposal Summary for a Policy

### Establish a Policy for Progression through Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Practicum Courses

**Subject Specification:** We propose to create a variable credit-hour (i.e., 1 to 2 credit hours) DNP Practicum course that is repeated for credit; it will replace the current series of 4 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum I-IV courses. We will also establish a policy that stipulates how students in the DNP program enroll in the DNP Practicum course and progress through the completion of the scholarly project.

**Background Information:** Students in the Kent State University DNP program must develop and implement a scholarly project in a clinical setting and complete a minimum of 525 practicum hours to meet *The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* stipulated by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Currently, students take a series of 4 practicum courses (NURS 71392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum I, NURS 72392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum II, NURS 73392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum III, and NURS 74392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum IV) totaling 7 academic credit hours and 525 clinical clock hours (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Current DNP curriculum.

Year 1- Fall Semester		
NURS70630	Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS70620	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 1 - Spring Semester		
NURS70635	Application of Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS70640	Advanced Leadership in Healthcare	3
NURS71392	DNP Scholarly Project Practicum I	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 1 - Summer Semester		
NURS70650	Organizational Systems	3
HI80411	Clinical Analytics	3
NURS72392	DNP Scholarly Project Practicum II	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 2 - Fall Semester		
NURS70670	Quality Improvement in Healthcare Delivery	3
NURS70680	Population Health	3
NURS73392	DNP Scholarly Project Practicum III	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 2 - Spring Semester		
NURS70685	Healthcare Finance and Economic Policy	3
NURS74392	DNP Scholarly Project Practicum IV	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Program Credit Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

Each practicum course has a set of objectives that are designed to move the student through the scholarly project proposal development and defense, Institutional Review Board approval, project implementation, analysis and dissemination of project findings, and successful final defense of the project. A student may receive a "IP" grade if he/she does not meet the specified objectives of each practicum course and cannot progress to the next practicum course until he/she successfully meets



the specific practicum course objectives and is assigned a Satisfactory (S) for the course. A challenge that has arisen for some students is failure to meet practicum course objectives within the allotted semester time period necessitating an IP grade and thus prohibiting them from registering for the next practicum course. We believe that completion of a scholarly project is achievable in a 7 credit hour/525 clock hour time allotment and this time allotment is comparable to other DNP programs throughout the country. Causes for IP grades in these 4 practicum courses are mainly related to clinical site issues (e.g., clinical site may prolong the start of project implementation because of other system needs) and/or project-specific issues (e.g., difficulty recruiting participants).

We are proposing to replace the 4-series DNP Scholarly Project practicum courses with one variable credit (1 to 2 credit hours), repeatable DNP Practicum course. Each student will be required to take a minimum of 7 credit hours of DNP Practicum and complete a minimum of 525 practicum hours (Table 2) beginning in the spring semester of his/her first year of study. There will not be specific objectives/goals for each semester the student is enrolled in the DNP Practicum courses; rather, the scholarly project chair will work with the student and guide him/her through the process of proposal development and defense, project implementation, analysis and dissemination of findings, and project defense at a pace that accommodates clinical site and project-specific needs and challenges.

**Table 1.** Revised DNP curriculum.

Year 1 - Fall Semester		
NURS70630	Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS70620	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 1 - Spring Semester		
NURS70635	Application of Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS70640	Advanced Leadership in Healthcare	3
NURXXXXXX	DNP Practicum	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 1 - Summer Semester		
NURS70650	Organizational Systems	3
HI80411	Clinical Analytics	3
NURXXXXXX	DNP Practicum	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 2 - Fall Semester		
NURS70670	Quality Improvement in Healthcare Delivery	3
NURS70680	Population Health	3
NURXXXXXX	DNP Practicum	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 2 - Spring Semester		
NURS70685	Healthcare Finance and Economic Policy	3
NURXXXXXX	DNP Practicum	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Program Credit Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

Once the student has registered for DNP Practicum in the spring semester of his/her first year, it is expected that he/she will be continuously registered for the remainder of the required 7 credit hours of DNP Practicum as stipulated in Table 2. If the student is unable to complete his/her scholarly project after being enrolled continuously for 7 credit hours of DNP Practicum, he/she will continuously register for 1 credit hour of DNP Practicum each semester, including summer, until

the DNP scholarly project is successfully defended. The IP grade will be used until the student completes his/her scholarly project, at which time all IP grades in the DNP Practicum will be changed to Satisfactory (S) grades.

We do not anticipate that these changes will affect other programs in the CON or University. Students who do not complete their scholarly projects in 7 credit hours will need to take extra credit hours (i.e., 1 credit hours of DNP Practicum each semester, including summers) until the project is successfully defended. We do not anticipate the need for more faculty because of these revisions; in fact, continuous enrollment in DNP Practicum courses will offset the time that project chairs are already giving to students under the current curriculum (i.e., students who receive IP grades in current practicum courses do not enroll in the next practicum course until they successfully complete objectives, yet project chairs continue to work closely with them during this period of “non-enrollment”). Students admitted prior to the implementation of these changes will be given the option to change to the revised curriculum. Those students who are not willing to change will continue in the curriculum specified in Table 1 until they successfully defend their scholarly project and complete all requirements of the DNP degree.

**Alternatives and Consequences:** There are few alternatives to this proposal. The consequences of keeping the 4-course DNP Scholarly Project Practicum series (NURS 71392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum I, NURS 72392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum II, NURS 73392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum III, and NURS 74392 DNP Scholarly Project Practicum IV) unchanged is continued confusion and time spent enrolling students in correct practicum courses (i.e., I through IV) when IP grades are given, disjointed progression through the process of designing, implementing, and defending the scholarly project, and lack of tuition reimbursement for faculty project chairs’ time and effort working with students who are not enrolled in practicum coursework because of IP grades.

**Specific Recommendation and Justification:** We propose to replace the 4-course series of DNP Scholarly Project Practicum with a variable credit, repeatable DNP Practicum course. Students enrolled in the DNP program will be expected to complete a minimum of 7 credit hours/525 practicum hours of the DNP Practicum course. Students will be expected to be continuously enrolled in the DNP Practicum course according to the program plan outlined in Table 2, and continuously register for 1 credit hour of DNP Practicum thereafter if the scholarly project is not completed and successfully defended.

These changes will allow students to progress more seamlessly through the DNP scholarly project process. Continuous enrollment in DNP practicum coursework will promote closer engagement with and supervision by the project chair. Finally, continuous enrollment in DNP coursework will guarantee that faculty project chair time and effort are fiscally covered through tuition.

**Timetable and Actions Required:**

Graduate Curriculum Committee approval	December 11, 2017
Faculty discussion	December 11, 2017
College Advisory Committee approval	December 11, 2017
Education Policies Council approval	January 25, 2018

Name: Wendy A Umberger

Submission Date: 12/13/2017

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Organization: College Of Nursing

**Course Catalog Update**

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STU0004**Course Catalog Update Information:**

Reference Number: CCU013183

Date: 13-DEC-17

Level: of

Currently On The Worklist Of: , unassigned

Owner: Office of Curriculum Services, 330-672-8558 or 330-672-8559, curriculum@kent.edu

**Basic Course Data**

Change type: Establish

Faculty member submitting this proposal: Wendy Umberger

Requested Effective Term: 201880

Campus: Kent

College: NU-Nursing

Department: NURS-Nursing

Course Subject: NURS-Nursing

Course Number: 70592

Course Title: DNP Practicum

Title Abbreviation: DNP Practicum

**Slash Course and Cross-list Information:****Credit Hours**

Minimum Credit/Maximum Credit: 1 to 2

Contact Hours: Lecture - Minimum Hours/Maximum Hours:

Contact Hours: Lab - Minimum Hours/Maximum Hours:

Contact Hours: Other - Minimum Hours/Maximum Hours: 75 to 150

**Attributes**

Is this course part of the LER, WIC or Diversity requirements: No

If yes, course attributes: 1. 2. 3.

Can this course be repeated for credit:

Repeat

Course Limit:

OR Maximum Hours:

Course Level: Graduate

Grade Rule: E-Standard letter-satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U)-in progress (IP)

Rationale for an IP grade request for this course (if applicable): The IP grade will be used until the student completes his/her scholarly project and is successful at defending the scholarly project, at which time all IP grades in the NURS70592 DNP Practicum will be changed to Satisfactory (S) grades.

Schedule Type(s): 1. PRA-Practicum or Internship 2. 3.

Credit by Exam: N-Credit by exam-not approved

**Prerequisites & Descriptions****Current Prerequisite/Corequisite/Catalog Description:**

Catalog Description (edited): This course will be repeated beginning the second semester of enrollment until the completion of the scholarly project. The Project Chair is the faculty of record. In these courses, the student will design a scholarly project, complete the project proposal defense, successfully obtain IRB approval if needed, implement the scholarly project and successfully defend the completed scholarly project. A minimum of 525 practicum hours are required for these scholarly project activities. The Project Chair will be responsible for the oversight of these activities.

Prerequisites (edited): NURS70630 NURS70620

Corequisites (edited):

Registration is by special approval only: No

**Content Information**

Variable Contact Hours: 7

Description: Once the student has registered for NURS70592 DNP Practicum in the spring semester of his/her first year, it is expected that he/she will be continuously registered for the remainder of the required 7 credit hours of NURS70592 DNP

Practicum as stipulated in Table 2. If the student is unable to complete his/her scholarly project after being enrolled continuously for 7 credit hours of NURS70592 DNP Practicum, he/she will continuously register for 1 credit hour of NURS70592 DNP Practicum each semester, including summer, until the DNP scholarly project is successfully defended. The IP grade will be used until the student completes his/her scholarly project and is successful at defending the scholarly project, at which time all IP grades in the NURS70592 DNP Practicum will be changed to Satisfactory (S) grades.

**Textbook(s) used in this course:** None

**Writing Expectations:** Write a scholarly project proposal and final scholarly project paper of publishable quality.

**Instructor(s) expected to teach:** Project Chairs

**Instructor(s) contributing to content:** Lisa Echeverry

**Proposal Summary**

**Explain the purpose for this proposal:**

Create a variable credit, repeatable DNP Practicum course.

**Explain how this proposal affects program requirements and students in your unit:**

Students who do not complete their scholarly projects in 7 credit hours will need to take extra credit hours (i.e., 1 credit hour of NURS70592 DNP Practicum each semester, including summers) until the project is successfully defended.

**Explain how this proposal affects courses, program requirements and student in other units:**

There are no effects on other courses, program requirements or students in other units.

**Explain how this proposal affects enrollment and staffing:**

We do not anticipate the need for more faculty because of these revisions; in fact, continuous enrollment in NURS70592 DNP Practicum courses will offset the time that project chairs are already giving to students under the current curriculum (i.e., students who receive IP grades in current practicum courses do not enroll in the next practicum course until they successfully complete objectives, yet project chairs continue to work closely with them during this period of "non-enrollment").

**Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by the proposal):**

None.

**Comments (500 Character Maximum):**

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# NURSING - D.N.P.

## College of Nursing

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## Description

The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Nursing is the terminal degree for nurses who want to advance their knowledge of nursing practice, gain leadership and technology skills and become clinical scholars. Students develop leadership skills to affect health outcomes for individuals and populations by translating scientific evidence into clinical interventions, managing healthcare systems and collaborating with other health care providers.

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## Accreditation

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

## Admission Requirements

Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which the student's practica will be completed

Bachelor's<sup>1</sup> degree in nursing or master's degree in advanced practice nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

Minimum overall 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 point scale

For students with a master's degree: current, national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse (proof of the appropriate certification must be submitted within the student's first semester, or prior to beginning practicum hours, whichever comes first)

Completion of an undergraduate- or graduate-level statistics course with a minimum C grade

GRE scores (no more than five years old) *FOR POST-BSN APPLICANTS ONLY,*

Résumé or vita that demonstrates professional experience in nursing

Three letters of reference from health care professionals or academic faculty who can speak to the applicant's professional and academic abilities

Essay (300 words) describing professional goals and reasons for seeking the professional practice doctorate

Pre-admission interview

**English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 560 TOEFL score (83 on the Internet-based version), minimum 78 MELAB score, minimum 6.5 IELTS score or minimum 55 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the [Office of Global Education's admission website](#).

Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing's Clinical Compliance Policy. For more information about graduate admission, please visit the [Graduate Studies website](#).

<sup>1</sup> Upon admission to the D.N.P. degree, students who hold only a CCNE- or

NLNAC-accredited bachelor's degree in nursing will be admitted also to the M.S.N. degree. This will allow students to complete M.S.N. coursework and enroll in some D.N.P. coursework after successfully completing their first two full-time semesters of graduate study. Students must first complete M.S.N. coursework, earn the M.S.N. degree and obtain APRN national certification before they can continue with D.N.P. coursework and earn the D.N.P. degree.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- 1 Develop systems and strategies to promote health and fiscal outcomes across the healthcare continuum.
- 2 Provide expert, advanced nursing care to select populations within a variety of settings based on evidence, ethics, theory, professional standards and models of care.
- 3 Provide leadership and interdisciplinary consultation and collaboration to plan, implement and evaluate programs of care delivery to improve health outcomes.
- 4 Synthesize and translate evidence for implementation and dissemination to improve healthcare outcomes.

## Program Requirements

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

[NU-DNP-NURS]

#### Major Requirements

<u>HL 80411</u>	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	3
<u>NURS 70620</u>	DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SEMINAR	13
<u>NURS 70630</u>	RESEARCH METHODS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
<u>NURS 70635</u>	APPLICATION OF EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3

<u>NURS 70640</u>	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE	3
<u>NURS 70650</u>	ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS	3
<u>NURS 70670</u>	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	3
<u>NURS 70680</u>	POPULATION HEALTH	3
<u>NURS 70685</u>	HEALTHCARE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC POLICY	3
<del>NURS 71392</del>	<del>DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SCHOLARLY PROJECT PRACTICUM I</del>	<del>2</del>
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<del>NURS 73392</del>	<del>DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SCHOLARLY PROJECT PRACTICUM III</del>	<del>2</del>
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NURS 70592 DNP Practicum  
**Minimum Total Credit Hours:**

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*Students must be continuously enrolled in NURS 70592 DNP Practicum and complete a minimum of 7 semesters or 525 clock hours of practicum in a clinical setting. If the student is unable to complete and successfully defend the scholarly project after being enrolled continuously for 7 semesters (525 clock hours), the student must continuously enroll in 1 CRNR of NURS 70592 DNP Practicum each semester, including summers, until the scholarly project is successfully defended. The IP grade will be used until the scholarly project is successfully defended, at which time all IP grades in NURS 70592 DNP Practicum will be changed to Satisfactory (S) grades.*

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 3.000 overall GPA

Minimum B grade in all courses<sup>1</sup>

Completion of 525 clinical practice hours

Submission and defense of a scholarly project to a committee that includes, at minimum, the student's academic advisor and two other doctoral-prepared members. The project must result in a manuscript suitable for publication.

<sup>1</sup> If the student does not earn a minimum B grade, the student must repeat the course and cannot take other courses that require that course as a prerequisite until the course is successfully repeated. If the student repeats the course and does not earn a minimum B grade, the student may be dismissed from the D.N.P. degree.