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Program Status Active

Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Revising Curriculum of an Existing Certificate or Degree (making a net change of more than 15 credit hours)--(LON)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2025

College/School Code

College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code

Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

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Program Title

Nursing Practice, Doctor of Nursing Practice

Program Delivery

Method

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 78 ~~79~~

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering

Web-based Program

Preferred delivery format for students seeking degree

Maximum Class Size 20

for Web-based

Courses

Course delivery mode

| |
|------------------|
| Method(s) |
| Online |

Class interaction mode

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|-------------------|
| Method(s): |
| Other |

Specify Other

Interaction Methods

Blackboard Learning Management System with email, videoconferencing, discussion board, and other online tools. Students meet on campus for orientation, advanced skills acquisition in clinical courses, labs, and project presentation. Clinical hours are arranged in approved sites with qualified preceptors.

Percent Online

100% with Required Campus Component

Provide a List of

Services Supplied by

Consortia Partners or

Outsourced

Organization

None

Estimate Costs of the 0

Program over the

First 3 Years

List Courses Taught

by Adjunct Faculty

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Memorandum of

Understanding Forms

(if required)

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements and Procedures

Admission to the [University of Arkansas Graduate School](#) (Requires a \$60 non-refundable application fee)

Admission to the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing D.N.P. program

Completion of a nationally accredited professional degree program in nursing

A 3.0 cumulative GPA on the last 60 credit hours of attempted coursework in previous nursing program

Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse

Submission of curriculum vitae or professional resume

Submission of a Statement of Purpose outlining the rationale for pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice and how the applicant fits the requirements of the program, and the mission and vision of the program.

Completion of candidate interview

Letters of recommendation from two professional references

Applicants that are Master's-prepared Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) may count up to 36 hours from the masters toward the DNP. To do so the APRN must have the met the following requirements:

Completion of a Master's Degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited M.S.N. program

A.P.R.N. licensure – if required by student's state of residence

Certification as an A.P.N.

Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space-available ~~space-available~~ basis

Applicants who do not meet the above requirements may be referred to the Graduate Admissions Committee for special consideration and may be required to fulfill additional pre-requisites. ~~prerequisites:~~

Progression Requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

Students are responsible for meeting the standards of academic and professional performance specified by the graduate programs in nursing. In order to progress in the program, students must adhere to the following:

Grade requirements as outlined below

See also [Policies of the University of Arkansas Graduate School](#).

[Graduate Student Handbook](#) (PDF)

~~Graduate Student Clinical Handbook (PDF)~~. Maintenance of an unencumbered registered nurse license

Compliance with the nurse practice act(s) which regulate(s) the student's license(s)

Grade Requirement

A. A grade of "C" or lower may be earned in a nursing course only once, with the following exception:

A grade of "B" or better must be earned in didactic courses with a clinical component.

If a grade less than "B" is earned in either the didactic or clinical course, both must be repeated concurrently. A grade of "B" or better must be received upon repeat of the course in order to progress in the program.

Clinical courses and their didactic components may only be repeated once to achieve a grade of "B" or higher.

B. If a second "C" or lower is earned in a nursing course, the student will not be allowed to progress in the program, and will not be allowed to return to the program.

C. A student may only repeat a nursing course in which a "C" or lower has been received one time throughout the program. A grade of "B" or better must be received upon repeat of the course in order to progress in the program.

D. A student is allowed only one course withdrawal throughout the program.

E. Students who voluntarily withdraw from all courses, or who do not maintain continuous enrollment must re-apply both to the Graduate School and the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing for readmission.

F. Grades of "D" or "F" are not accepted for credit.

Requirements for Doctor of Nursing Practice

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|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| NURS 50333 | Scientific Foundations and Role Development in Advanced Practice Nursing | 3 |
| <u>NURS 51534</u> | <u>Course NURS 51534 Not Found (Advanced Pathophysiology)</u> | <u>4</u> |
| <u>NURS 51253</u> | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 51433 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 |
| ENGL 54503 | Technical Writing in Healthcare Settings | 3 |
| <u>NURS 51332</u> | <u>Course NURS 51332 Not Found (Advanced HA)</u> | <u>2</u> |
| <u>NURS 52331</u> | <u>Course NURS 52331 Not Found (AHA Clinical Practicum) ²</u> | <u>1</u> |

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| NURS 50533 | Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 51061 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning | 1 |
| NURS 51172 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum⁴ | 2 |
| NURS 50433 | Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations | 3 |
| NURS 56333 | Course NURS 56333 Not Found (Diagnostic Reasoning 2) | 3 |
| NURS 57333 | Course NURS 57333 Not Found (Diagnostic Reasoning 3) | 3 |
| NURS 58333 | Course NURS 58333 Not Found (Diagnostic Reasoning 4) | 3 |
| NURS 56433 | Course NURS 56433 Not Found (Primary Care Practicum 1) | 3 |
| NURS 57433 | Course NURS 57433 Not Found (Primary Care Practicum 2) | 3 |
| NURS 58433 | Course NURS 58433 Not Found (Primary Care Practicum 3) | 3 |
| NURS 75432 | Course NURS 75432 Not Found (APRN Residency) | 2 |
| <u>Subject to committee approval, master's-prepared Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) may count up to 36 hours from the masters toward the DNP with the courses listed above.</u> | | |
| NURS 50133 | Course NURS 50133 Not Found (Writing for Scholarship) | 3 |
| NURS 52132 | Course NURS 52132 Not Found (Genetics) | 2 |
| NURS 50633 | Health Care Policy | 3 |
| NURS 62234 | DNP Clinical Practicum I (180 contact hours) | 4 |
| ESRM 53903 | Statistics in Education and Health Professions ¹ | 3 |
| or SCMT 51303 | Quantitative Methods and Decision Making | |
| NURS 62434 | DNP Clinical Practicum II (180 contact hours) | 4 |
| NURS 55233 | Healthcare Informatics | 3 |
| NURS 62333 | Healthcare Economics and Finance ¹ | 3 |
| or ECON 52503 | Economics of Management and Strategy | |
| NURS 63433 | Analytic Methods and Epidemiology for Health Care | 3 |
| NURS 61233 | Evaluation Methods and Translational Research for Evidence-based Practice | 3 |
| NURS 6283V | DNP Clinical Practicum III³ | 4 |
| NURS 62633 | Organization Management and Systems Leadership ¹ | 3 |
| or MGMT 56103 | Leadership and Organizational Behavior | |
| NURS 64432 | Course NURS 64432 Not Found (DNP Project Design 1) | 2 |

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| <u>NURS 65433</u> | <u>Course NURS 65433 Not Found (DNP Project Design 2)</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>NURS 71232</u> | DNP Project Implementation I | 2 |
| <u>NURS 71432</u> | DNP Project Implementation II | 2 |
| FNP concentration (NURS-FNPR) hours required if not APRN (see footnote)⁵ | | 21 |
| <u>NURS 73433</u> | <u>Course NURS 73433 Not Found (Full Scope DNP 1)</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>NURS 74433</u> | <u>Course NURS 74433 Not Found (Full Scope DNP 2)</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>NURS 72431</u> | <u>Course NURS 72431 Not Found (DNP Project Practicum)</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Total Hours | | 78 |

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"Or" classes will only be accepted for the D.N.P. degree if the student is concurrently pursuing an Executive M.B.A. degree ("dual degree"; refer to the [Graduate School of Business](#) for details).

2

In NURS 52331 students must perform comprehensive physical exams. The comprehensive physical exams include both a written portion as well as skills demonstration. Students must earn a 95/100 on the comprehensive head-to-toe physical exam and written portion in order to pass the exams. Students must pass both the skills demonstration and written component before entering the clinical setting. Students are allowed to remediate one time. If students do not pass on the second time, they will not be allowed to progress in the course and will be administratively withdrawn from both NURS 52331 and 51332 as these courses must be taken concomitantly. For purposes of the nursing withdrawal policy, these withdrawals will count as one withdrawal.

3

~~Student typically take this course two different times, first for 1 hour of credit and then for 3 hours of credit in a subsequent semester. See adviser for details:~~

4

~~In NURS 51172 students must perform comprehensive physical exams. The comprehensive physical exams include both a written portion as well as skills demonstration. Students must earn a 95/100 on the comprehensive head-to-toe physical exam and written portion in order to pass the exams. Students must pass both the skills demonstration and written component before entering the clinical setting. Students are allowed to remediate one time. If students do not pass on the second time, they will not be allowed to progress in the course and will be administratively withdrawn from both NURS 51061%7C and NURS 51172%7C as these courses must be taken concomitantly. For purposes of the nursing withdrawal policy, these withdrawals will count as one withdrawal:~~

5

~~Students with Advanced Practice Nursing (APRN) can count up to 36 hours of the APRN toward the DNP program. If not an APRN, then the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration must be declared at time of admission to DNP program:~~

~~⁶NURS 50533%7CCode required to complete DNP program even if APRN is awarded:~~

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

Yes

List institutions in
Arkansas offering

similar programs

Currently, in Arkansas, ASU, UCA, and UAMS offer CCNE-accredited DNP programs; one program in Oklahoma, and two in Tennessee offer the DNP. Arkansas has no ACEN-accredited DNP programs.

List institutions in the surrounding region offering similar programs

Currently, programs in the following states offer CCNE-accredited DNP programs: Tennessee (8), Missouri (7), Oklahoma (1), Kansas (4). There are two ACEN-accredited programs offered in Tennessee, and one in Oklahoma.

List institutions in the nation offering similar programs

Currently, there are approximately 280 CCNE-accredited DNP programs offered in the United States. There are currently 11 ACEN-accredited DNP programs nationally.

Why is the Program needed if offered at other institutions?

DNP programs differ in scope. While other programs in the state offer preparation for advanced practice nurses at the master's level, we are only one of two institutions in the state to offer a post-BSN program of study that will lead to the DNP degree with preparation as an advanced practice nurse. The program also affords MSN-prepared nurse practitioners opportunity to pursue the DNP regardless of area of specialty. Many DNP programs offer only the MSN-DNP option. Furthermore, numerous programs are offered online; however, many are not.

Estimated Student Demand for Program 30

Scheduled Program Review Date 2029-2030

Program Goals and Objectives

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The goal of the D.N.P. ~~Graduates are prepared to function independently or in a collaborative role on an interdisciplinary team as change agents to affect nursing practice. Graduate education at the doctoral level builds on the foundation of baccalaureate education to prepare students to assume responsibility for addressing complex health needs of patients in a variety of settings.~~ program is Graduates are prepared to prepare graduates who provide ~~clinical~~ leadership in the application of ~~for~~ evidence-based clinical practice and ~~to~~ contribute to the ~~the~~ development of ~~of~~ nursing science through independent practice, evaluation, and

Program Goals and Objectives

collaborative participation in scholarly activities, focusing on the improvement of client care outcomes.
~~outcomes research.~~

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

~~1. Evaluate and utilize advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines to solve complex health issues for individuals, aggregates, populations, and systems.~~

~~2. Design, implement and evaluate strategies that promote and sustain quality improvement at organization and policy levels.~~

~~3. Provide leadership in the transformation of health care through inter-professional collaboration, application of technology, and policy development.~~

~~4. Incorporate evidence-based clinical prevention and health services for individuals, aggregates, and populations.~~

~~5. Demonstrate clinical expertise, systems thinking, and accountability in designing, delivery and evaluating evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes.~~

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate advanced knowledge from nursing and related sciences into nursing practice.

2. Demonstrate advanced clinical competencies, providing holistic, patient-centered care that addresses the complex needs of individuals and communities.

3. Develop interventions for health promotion to improve health outcomes for diverse populations.

4. Disseminate scientific findings to guide best practices and improve health outcomes.

5. Employ analytic methods to lead evidence-based practice and continuous quality improvement in healthcare.

6. Lead interprofessional collaborations to enhance the quality of healthcare.

7. Advocate for equity and health policy initiatives to advance population health.

8. Utilize healthcare technology and data to improve organizational performance and patient outcomes.

9. Embody professionalism, demonstrating commitment to lifelong learning, ethical practice, and adherence to the standards of the nursing profession.

10. Implement evidence-based strategies for leadership development and personal wellness.

Description and justification of the request

| Description of specific change | Justification for this change |
|---|---|
| Updated program outcomes from 8 to 10 and revised curriculum. | Updates made to program outcomes to satisfy professional standards required for accreditation |

Upload attachments

[DNP Letter_of_Notification NEW 2-24.pdf](#)

[DNP - Curriculum .docx](#)

[NURSDP - Curriculum Revision - Ltr of Notification_Rev_BOT.pdf](#)

Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/30/24 5:08 pm): Updated submitter information. ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/30/24 5:47 pm): Uploaded revised LON with dates inserted.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (10/31/24 6:42 am): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

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