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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 2024		
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?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name
Walton College of Business (WCOB)

What are the total hours needed to complete the program?

79 ~~43~~

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

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 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

Upload
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 (requires a \$40 application fee)

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 Practic](#) 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 met the following requirements:

~~Additional Requirements for master's-prepared Advanced Practice Registered Nurse applicants:~~ Completion of a Master's Degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited M.S.N. program

A.P.R.N. A.P.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 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 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.

Clinical Practice Guidelines as outlined in the Handbook.

Clinical Compliance Guidelines as outlined in the Handbook.

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

<u>NURS 5033</u>	<u>Scientific Foundations and Role Development in Advanced Practice Nursing</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>NURS 5043</u>	<u>Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>NURS 5053</u>	<u>Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing</u> ^{2, 6}	<u>3</u>
<u>NURS 5101</u>	<u>Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>NURS 5112</u>	<u>Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum</u> ⁴	<u>2</u>

NURS 5123	Advanced Pharmacology	<u>3</u>
NURS 5143	Advanced Pathophysiology	<u>3</u>
ENGL 5453	Technical Writing in Healthcare Settings	3
NURS 6263	Organization Management and Systems Leadership ¹	3
or MGMT 5613	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	
NURS 5063	Health Care Policy	3
NURS 6224	DNP Clinical Practicum I (180 contact hours)	4
Elective Approved by Program Coordinator ^{2,4}		3
NURS 5523	Healthcare Informatics	3
ESRM 5393	Statistics in Education and Health Professions ¹	3
or SCMT 5133	Quantitative Methods and Decision Making	
NURS 6244	DNP Clinical Practicum II (180 contact hours)	4
NURS 7122	DNP Project Implementation I	2
NURS 6233	Healthcare Economics and Finance ¹	3
or ECON 5253	Economics of Management and Strategy	
NURS 6343	Analytic Methods and Epidemiology for Health Care	3
NURS 6123	Evaluation Methods and Translational Research for Evidence-based Practice	3
NURS 628V	DNP Clinical Practicum III ³	4
NURS 7142	DNP Project Implementation II	2
FNP concentration (NURS-FNPR) hours required if not APRN (see footnote) ⁵		<u>21</u>
Total Hours		79

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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).

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Those students concurrently pursuing an Executive M.B.A. degree ("dual degree"; refer to [Graduate School of Business](#) for details) may use an Executive M.B.A. course as an elective for the D.N.P. program.

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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.

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In [NURS 5112](#) 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 5101 and NURS 5112 as these courses must be taken concomitantly. For purposes of the nursing withdrawal policy, these withdrawals will count as one withdrawal.

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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.

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NURS 5053 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 30

Demand for Program

Scheduled Program 2029-2030 ~~2030~~

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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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. Graduates are prepared to provide clinical leadership for evidence-based practice and to contribute to the development of nursing science through practice, evaluation, and 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.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Moved BSN-DNP hours (18)	to more clearly identify total required hours to award DNP degree.
Added clarification of 21 hours of concentration or APRN coursework awarded	to include all 79 hours needed for DNP completion.

Upload attachments

[NURS DNP letter-of-notification-2022-022823.pdf](#)[DNP Before and After_updated.docx](#)

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

Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/30/23 2:41 pm): Changed reason for proposal to Revision of Existing Certificate/Degree; Reconfiguration is usually reserved for creating a new degree(s) from an existing program. Uploaded revised LON with appropriate approval dates.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (10/30/23 2:53 pm): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (10/31/23 12:07 pm): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

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