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**PROGRAM MODIFICATION FORM**

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

This proposal makes several changes to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program:

1. Modifications to the program description and providing more specific admissions requirements

2. Changes in the program requirements:

 a. Three courses currently required by the program are being removed (NURS 8113, NURS 8133, and NURS 8163) to

 create a 27–30-hour DNP core. The three removed courses will become a General Practice concentration (see relevant

 new concentration form)

 b. Several course number changes for the existing project and clinical courses are shown below (NURS 8235 becomes

 8263, NURS 8314 becomes 8313, and NURS 8335 becomes 8333) – See relevant course modification forms

 c. A new variable hour course (NURS 881V) is added to the new DNP core. This course ranges from 0-3 credit hours and is

 only completed by students whose master’s in nursing did not include the minimum number of clinical hours (see

 relevant new course proposal form)

 d. The program requirements table has been revised to meet current Bulletin standards rather than the existing term-by

 term sequence

Please see accompanying forms for the following changes:

a. Creation of new variable hour course (NURS 881V) for the new DNP core

b. Modifications to existing project and clinical courses (NURS 8235. NURS 8314, NURS 8323, and NURS 8335)

c. Creation of three concentrations: General Practice, Education, and Leadership

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2022 (Bulletin Year 2022-23)

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

The shortage of doctorally prepared nurses directly effects the number of MSN students that can be accepted into Master level programs and, consequently, also directly limits the number of students admitted into RN programs (AACN, 2020). Most nursing schools identified faculty shortages as a top reason for not accepting all qualified applicants (AACN, 2020). Opening admissions to qualified non-APRN applicants will expand access to this terminal clinical degree for students interested in education or administration roles. Graduates of either of these options will obtain a focused skill set in leadership or nursing education. Increasing the number of DNP graduates in any option will subsequently increase the pool for full-time and part-time faculty needs and nursing school enrollment. Additionally, graduates will be prepared for advancement in administrative specialty areas within health care facilities and clinics.

**Bulletin Changes**

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**BEFORE: 2021-22 Bulletin (pp. 253-254)**

**Program of Study for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree**

~~The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is offered as a post-masters nursing degree. The practice focused doctoral program will prepare nursing leaders for the highest level of clinical nursing practice. The DNP Program reflects the DNP Standards and Essentials as described by the American Association of the Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).~~

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is offered as a post-master nursing degree. The DNP is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice to help prepare the graduate for the changing demands of the healthcare environment, the complexity of patient care, and the nation’s concerns about the quality of care and patient safety (*AACN*, 2018, para. 1). The DNP Program reflects the DNP Standards and Essentials as described by the American Association of the Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

~~Admission requirements include an advanced practice degree (i.e. Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Anesthetist). Students must be board certified in advanced practice nursing with licensure as APRN in their state of practice. Additional admission requirements may be found on the College of Nursing and Health Professions website at http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/nursing. Completing admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the DNP program due to the competitive process.~~

Admission requirements include the following:

* A Master’s degree in nursing from a CCNE, COA, ACEN, or CCNEA accredited program.
* A minimum graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
* A current unencumbered RN license in the USA with national specialty certification as appropriate.
* For primary language other than English TOEFL score of 79 on the internet-based test.

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Applicants can transfer no more than 9 credit hours toward degree requirements. Transfer work is evaluated on an individual basis.

Additional admission requirements may be found on the College of Nursing and Health Professions website at http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/nursing. Completing admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the DNP program due to the competitive process.

**~~APPLICATION DEADLINES~~**

~~Application deadline is May 1st each year to begin study in the spring semester.~~ Students may acquire detailed information about the application process and pre-requisite courses by contacting the School of Nursing at 870-972-3074 or visiting the website at http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/ departments/nursing.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

~~The post-masters’s Doctor of Nursing program requires full-time study. The curriculum of 41 credit hours, includes three clinical internship courses requiring 540 clinical clock hours~~

**~~Nursing Practice~~**

**~~Doctor of Nursing Practice~~**

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| **~~University Requirements:~~**  |
| **~~See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47)~~**  |
| **~~Program Requirements:~~** **~~Minimum number of Clinical Clock Hours = 540~~**  |
| **~~Summer, Year 1~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8113, Theoretical Foundations for Doctor of Nursing Practice~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8133, Epidemiology for the DNP~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~6~~**  |
| **~~Fall, Year 1~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8143, Healthcare Finance in Advanced Nursing~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8153, Healthcare Informatics in Advanced Nursing~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~6~~**  |
| **~~Spring, Year 2~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8123, Leadership, Policy, and Healthcare Systems~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8213, Translational Research for Doctor of Nursing Practice I~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~6~~**  |
| **~~Summer, Year 2~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8314, Introduction to Internship~~** ***~~1 credit = 45 clock hours (180)~~***  | **~~4~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8163, The Principles Healthcare Ethics and Genetics~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~7~~**  |
| **~~Fall, Year 2~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8223, Translational Research for Doctor of Nursing Practice II~~**  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8323, Doctor of Nursing Practice Clinical Internship I~~** ***~~1 credit = 45 clock hours (135)~~***  | **~~3~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~6~~**  |
| **~~Summer, Year 2~~**  | **~~Sem. Hrs.~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8235, Doctor of Nursing Practice Evidence Based Project~~**  | **~~5~~**  |
| **~~NURS 8335, Doctor of Nursing Practice Clinical Internship II~~** ***~~1 credit = 45 clock hours (225)~~***  | **~~5~~**  |
| **~~Sub-total~~**  | **~~10~~**  |
| **~~Total Required Hours:~~**  | **~~41~~** |

Notes to curriculum committees and Grad Council: The program requirement table is being reformatted to Bulletin conventions (compared to the existing term-by-term sequence). Three courses are being removed from the existing program to make the new DNP core: NURS 8113, NURS 8133, and NURS 8163. These three courses will comprise the General Concentration.

Please see relevant course modification proposals for the renumbering of the existing project and clinical courses (NURS 8235, NURS 8314, and NURS 8335) reflected below.

Please see relevant new course proposal for the creation of NURS 881V referenced below.

The Doctor of Nursing program requires full-time study. The curriculum of 36-39 credit hours, includes a minimum of three clinical internship courses requiring 540 clinical clock hours.

The DNP degree program consists of a core curriculum of 27-30 graduate credit hours as shown below. This core curriculum serves as a common body of knowledge aimed at developing didactic and clinical competencies.

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| **DNP Core Courses** | **Sem. Hrs**. |
| NURS 8123, Leadership, Policy, and Healthcare Systems  | 3  |
| NURS 8143, Healthcare Finance in Advanced Nursing  | 3  |
| NURS 8153, Healthcare Informatics in Advanced Nursing  | 3  |
| NURS 8213, Translational Research for Doctor of Nursing Practice I  | 3  |
| NURS 8223, Translational Research for Doctor of Nursing Practice II  | 3  |
| NURS 8263, DNP Project  | 3 |
| NURS 8313, DNP Internship I*1 credit = 60 clock hours (180)*  | 3 |
| NURS 8323, DNP Internship II*1 credit = 60 clock hours (180)*  | 3 |
| NURS 8333, DNP Internship III*1 credit = 60 clock hours (180)*  | 3 |
| NURS 881V, DNP Internship IV*Only required for students who need additional clinical practice hours based on the number of clinical hours completed in the MSN. The clinical hours are variable.* | 0-3 |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **27-30** |

In addition to the DNP core, students also complete one concentration consisting of 9 credit hours as described below.

* **Concentration in General Practice**: Compliments the DNP core with in-depth coverage of the unique issues in general practice. To earn this concentration, students must complete the DNP core, 9 hours of specialty general hours, and meet the 1000 clinical hours expectation.
* **Concentration in Education**: Compliments the DNP core with in-depth coverage of the unique issues in educating nurses for the nurse education. To earn this concentration, students must complete the DNP core, 9 hours of specialty graduate nursing education hours, and meet the 1000 clinical hours expectation.
* **Concentration in Leadership**: Compliments the DNP core with in-depth coverage of the unique challenges in leading nurses and healthcare systems. To earn this concentration, students must complete the DNP core, 9 hours of specialty graduate nursing leadership hours, and meet the 1000 clinical hours expectation.

Please see relevant new concentration proposal for the creation of the three concentrations.

**Nursing Practice**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in General Practice**

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| **University Requirements:**  |
| **See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47)**  |
| **DNP Core Courses:**  | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| **(See DNP Course Requirements section)**  | **27-30** |
| **General Practice Concentration:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| **NURS 8113, Theoretical Foundations for Doctor of Nursing Practice** | **3** |
| **NURS 8133, Epidemiology for the DNP** | **3** |
| **NURS 8163, Principles of Healthcare Ethics & Genetics** | **3** |
| **Sub-total**  | **9** |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **36** |

**Nursing Practice**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in Education**

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| **University Requirements:**  |
| **See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47)**  |
| **DNP Core Courses:**  | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| **(See DNP Course Requirements section)**  | **27-30** |
| **General Practice Concentration:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| HP 6043, Measurement and Evaluation in Health Sciences | **3** |
| **NURS 6623, Curriculum Development in Health Professions** | **3** |
| **NURS 6853, Teaching in Advanced Nursing Roles** | **3** |
| **Sub-total**  | **9** |
| **Total Required Hours:**  | **36** |

**Nursing Practice**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in Leadership**

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| **University Requirements:**  |
| **See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47)**  |
| **DNP Core Courses:**  | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| **(See DNP Course Requirements section)**  | **27-30** |
| **General Practice Concentration:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| HP 5113, Leadership in Health Professions | **3** |
| **HP 6323, Healthcare Law and Quality Improvement** | **3** |
| **NURS 6353, Budgeting and Financial Management** | **3** |
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**AFTER:** **2021-22 Bulletin (pp. 253-254)**

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**Nursing Practice**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in General Practice**

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in Education**

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

**Concentration in Leadership**

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