Graduate Curriculum Approval Form
Changes to Degree Programs

Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.): D.N.P.
Name of Program (i.e. Biology): Nursing
Program CIP or X code: 15.1601
Name of Concentration (i.e. Botany): Fall 2009
Proposed Effective Term (i.e. Spring 2006)
Faculty Contact: Mary Webb
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College: Nursing
Dept and Mail Code: MDC22

Changes to a Degree Program

1. Follow the guidelines outlined by the Graduate Council at: http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp. For Graduate Council Review submit:
   - the Graduate Curriculum Approval form (this form)
   - in three distinct sections, a summary of the following:
     i. list/describe what the old requirements were,
     ii. list/describe what the new requirements will be
     iii. why the changes are necessary
   - The Catalog Copy showing the changes that will be needed if the proposal is approved

2. Submit the signed original and 1 electronic copy of the complete packet to the Graduate School by the deadline posted online http://www.grad.usf.edu/coursepro.asp. For questions, contact Carol Hines-Cobb at chinescobb@grad.usf.edu or 813-974-4239.

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*Concurrence - Consultation with units and departments providing related offerings or expertise is expected and encouraged.
CURRENT PROGRAM INFORMATION
The DNP program is a practice-focused doctorate that provides an additional option for obtaining a terminal degree in the discipline. Advanced practice includes all nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes, including the direct care of patients, management of care for individuals and populations, administration for nursing and health care organizations, and the development of health policy.
Accreditation:
Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

ADMISSION INFORMATION
Must meet University requirements (see Graduate

1. MS Nursing;
2. GRE: 550 Verbal; 550 Quantitative (suggested)
3. 3.0 GPA;
4. RN/ARNP Licensure;
5. National Certification required for ARNPs
6. Three letters of recommendation;
7. CV;
8. Professional Goals;
9. A grade of B or higher is required in a master’s
Level health assessment, pathophysiology, pharmacology,
theory, and research.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
MS (Nursing) – DNP 67 cr

Knowledge Building Core (Required) (min 37 crs)
PHC 6000 Epidemiology or
NGR 6673 Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing (3)
NGR 7841 Statistical Methods Nursing Research I or
EDF 6407 Statistical Analyses for Educational Research (4) or
PHC 6050 Biostatistics (3)
NGR 7951 Scientific Writing-Publication (3)
NGR 7103 Evidence Based Practice (3)
NGR 7141 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice II (3)
NGR 7766 Leadership & System Analysis (3)
NGR 7881 Ethics in Research and Practice (3)
NGR 7892 Health Policy Issues in Nursing and Health Care (3)
NGR 7932 Evidence Based Project (4)
NGR 7932 DNP Residency (9)

Advanced Practice Cognate 15 crs
NGR 7176 Pharmacotherapeutics (3)
NGR 7932 Diagnostic Reasoning (3)
NGR 7932 Practice Management (3)
Electives (6)

Leadership Cognate 15 crs
Students complete a minimum of 15 credits of courses in Educational or Healthcare Leadership. Courses may be taken at colleges throughout the University.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
MS (Nursing) – DNP (minimum-67-cr) 52 hours

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EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

Remove the option of PHC 6000; accreditation requires a course specific to nursing practice. (NGR 6673)

Remove Leadership cognate (15 hours). Accreditation standards indicate the program is clinically/practice oriented and not one that trains for leadership or teaching.

Update course numbers for Health Policy and Leadership per SCNS review effective Fall 2009.