Purpose

To develop an entry-level educational pathway for a distance learning Baccalaureate-to-Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-DNP) pathway at a university, converting the existing nurse practitioner (NP) Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) curriculum (8-specialty tracks) to a BSN-DNP curriculum sustaining and enhancing academic excellence.

Introduction/Background

- Graduate nursing education is undergoing a radical transformation to prepare practice experts with a clinical doctorate strengthening the nursing workforce
- The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recognized the critical need for advanced nursing roles prepared with practice doctorates, endorsing entry-level graduate BSN-DNP education
- BSN-to-DNP curriculum serves as a model of academic excellence in preparing Advanced Practice Nursing Leaders at the doctorate level to translate a evidence into practice, promote innovative health care, and prioritize a culture of safety and quality

Program outcomes integrating relevant standards, competencies, and specialization, to prepare the student learner by attaining knowledge, skills, and clinical practicum experiences empowering graduates as practice leaders for evolving real-world DNP roles

Facility are committed to deepen, sustain, and enhance academic excellence making new investments expanding the student learner quality experience; augmenting technology enabled education; & advancing the institution’s reputation

The BSN-DNP student enters the program with less theoretical and clinical knowledge than the post-master’s student and will require a slightly different educational approach or curriculum

Assumptions

- Quality of care
- Patient safety
- Efficiencies
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Clinical faculty
- Design & access care
- Innovators
- Technology
- Influence health policy
- Systems leadership

Application of the Logic Model to Development of BSN-DNP Pathway


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Leadership Journey

Embracing the value of mentorship facilitated leadership growth through a process of change
- Courageous leadership requires stepping beyond one’s comfort zone seizing opportunities to grow both professionally and personally
- The importance of reflective practice as a leader can not be understated, facilitating learning/growth throughout career development
- Vital to every leader is practicing self-care and awareness

References