

Curricular
Recommendations
Doctor of Nursing Practice
(DNP) Program College of
Nursing

Background

- Practice-Focused doctoral programs in nursing are designed to prepare experts in specialized advanced practice nursing(AACN, 2006).
- Clinical Professional Doctorates are becoming standard for other professions (Pharmacy and Physical therapy).
- UF established post-MSN DNP in 2007 and Post-BSN DNP in 2009 (both fully accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education-CCNE).

Impetus for DNP Curricular Change

- DNP Review Committee was appointed by AAC in summer, 2014 according to College Master Evaluation Plan
- Timing and Focus of Program Reviews are specified by College of Nursing Bylaws and Policy
- Reaccreditation site visit scheduled for Fall, 2016

Data Considered

- Mid-term CCNE Review Continuous improvement Report (submitted September 2014)
- Curricular Review of DNP programs in other Florida Universities and national peers
- Surveys of Graduates
- DNP expert consultant reviewed current program

Our BSN-DNP program was not competitive

- Our BSN-DNP program had **93** credits
- Florida programs and national programs have **66-75** credits
- Our MSN-DNP program had **48** credits
- Florida and national programs have **30-43** credits
- Research courses were not adequately preparing students to engage in project

TF Recommendations

- Delete elective courses (only one other national program has them)
- Delete required PHC 6410 Psych Social & Behavioral Issues course (focused on public health master's competencies)
- Delete free-standing ethics course—not found in other programs (ensure that ethical competencies were threaded through curriculum)
- Revise health promotion course to be more reflective of the population focus required by the guidelines, incorporate concepts of epidemiology

TF Recommendations (cont)

- Consolidate 4 courses that faculty found redundant into 2 courses
- Restructure 6 research credits and 3 project credits to prepare students for completion of DNP project

Conclusion

- Resulting BSN-DNP Program has **73-78** credits (depending on area of specialty)
- Revised MSN-DNP Program has **35** credits (reduced from 48)
- Curriculum plans and courses have been approved by Academic Affairs Committee and General Faculty
- Approval by University Curriculum committee is underway

Questions?