

Rec. # 2013-03-01 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PROVOST

The University Senate recommends the Graduate Council Report dated March 2013 and approved in the Senate to the Provost for endorsement.

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REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Approved 3/25/2013

DATE: March 2013

FROM: Graduate Studies and Research

The Graduate Council submits the following items from the **February 14, 2013** meeting for consideration. Items marked with an asterisks [\*] are information items.

- I.       Revise a Program  
          Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Ref. #0011

**College of Health and Human Services  
School of Nursing  
Proposal to Revise A Program  
(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of program:**

- 1.1 Current program reference number: 0011
- 1.2 Current program title: Doctor of Nursing Practice(DNP)
- 1.3 Credit hours: Post-MSN DNP Option 36 hours, BSN to DNP Option 76 hours

**2. Identification of the proposed program changes:** Insert a statement identified in bold to clarify admission requirements for the two options in the DNP program.

**3. Detailed program description:**

Admission Requirements	Admission Requirements
<p>1. BSN or MSN, with a specialty in nursing administration or nurse practitioner, from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program</p> <p>2. GPA - 3.25 cumulative in BSN or MSN</p> <p>3. Undergraduate degree from an international university outside the U.S. or English is second language submit appropriate TOFEL scores (policy established by Graduate Studies)</p> <p>4. Three professional references</p> <p>5. Written goal statement</p> <p>6. Resume highlighting past education, relevant clinical experience, scholarly endeavors and professional service (BSN to DNP students must document one year of full time experience as a registered nurse)</p> <p>7. Professional license</p> <p>(a) MSN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NPs must have a current and unencumbered RN and APN license in the state of residence in which clinical experiences will be completed,</li> <li>ii. Nurse Administrators must have a current and unencumbered RN license in the state of residence where clinical experiences will be completed.</li> </ul> <p>(b) BSN - current and unencumbered RN license in Kentucky or compact state</p> <p>8. Completed verification of post-baccalaureate practice hours form.(Applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 500 clinical clock hours in graduate program will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum.)</p> <p>9. Graduate level statistics course within past 5 years</p>	<p>1. BSN or MSN, with a specialty in nursing administration or nurse practitioner, from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program</p> <p>2. GPA - 3.25 cumulative in BSN or MSN</p> <p>3. Undergraduate degree from an international university outside the U.S. or English is second language submit appropriate TOFEL scores (policy established by Graduate Studies)</p> <p>4. Three professional references</p> <p>5. Written goal statement</p> <p>6. Resume highlighting past education, relevant clinical experience, scholarly endeavors and professional service (BSN to DNP students must document one year of full time experience as a registered nurse)</p> <p>7. Professional license</p> <p>(a) MSN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NPs must have a current and unencumbered RN and APN license in the state of residence in which clinical experiences will be completed,</li> <li>ii. Nurse Administrators must have a current and unencumbered RN license in the state of residence where clinical experiences will be completed.</li> </ul> <p>(b) BSN - current and unencumbered RN license in Kentucky or compact state</p> <p><b>The following requirements only apply to the MSN to DNP option:</b></p> <p>8. Completed verification of post-baccalaureate practice hours form. (Applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 500 clinical clock hours in graduate program will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum.)</p> <p>9. Graduate level statistics course within past 5 years</p>

4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:** This statement was inadvertently omitted from the previous admission requirements.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2013

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

SON Graduate Nursing:	January 18, 2013
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee	January 28, 2013
Graduate Council	February 14, 2013
University Senate	_____