

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Florida Atlantic University, a member of Florida's State University System, was established by legislative act in 1961 and went into operation in 1964. In addition to its original 850-acre campus in Boca Raton, FAU has campuses in Fort Lauderdale, Davie, Dania Beach, Jupiter, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, FAU is currently serving 27,000 regularly enrolled, degree-seeking students through its 10 colleges. Florida Atlantic University provides affirmative action and equal opportunities in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing has a rich and impressive history that continues to be written today. In just over a quarter of a century, the college has grown to approximately 1,300 students enrolled in our BS, MS, DNP and PhD programs. The BS in Nursing program is endorsed by AHNCC. The new Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing building, located on FAU's Boca Raton campus, is a model facility that is in itself an expression of caring. The building design was guided by the college's caring philosophy and principles of the Chinese tradition of Feng Shui. In 2007, the building was the first College of Nursing building in the nation to achieve the prestigious LEED gold-level certification, meeting green building standards required for leadership in energy and environmental design. It features designated space where classes and practices in yoga, tai chi, mindfulness meditation, aromatherapy, healing touch, Reiki and other healing modalities are held. This unique building was created to help students understand and appreciate interconnectedness of health, healing and environment.

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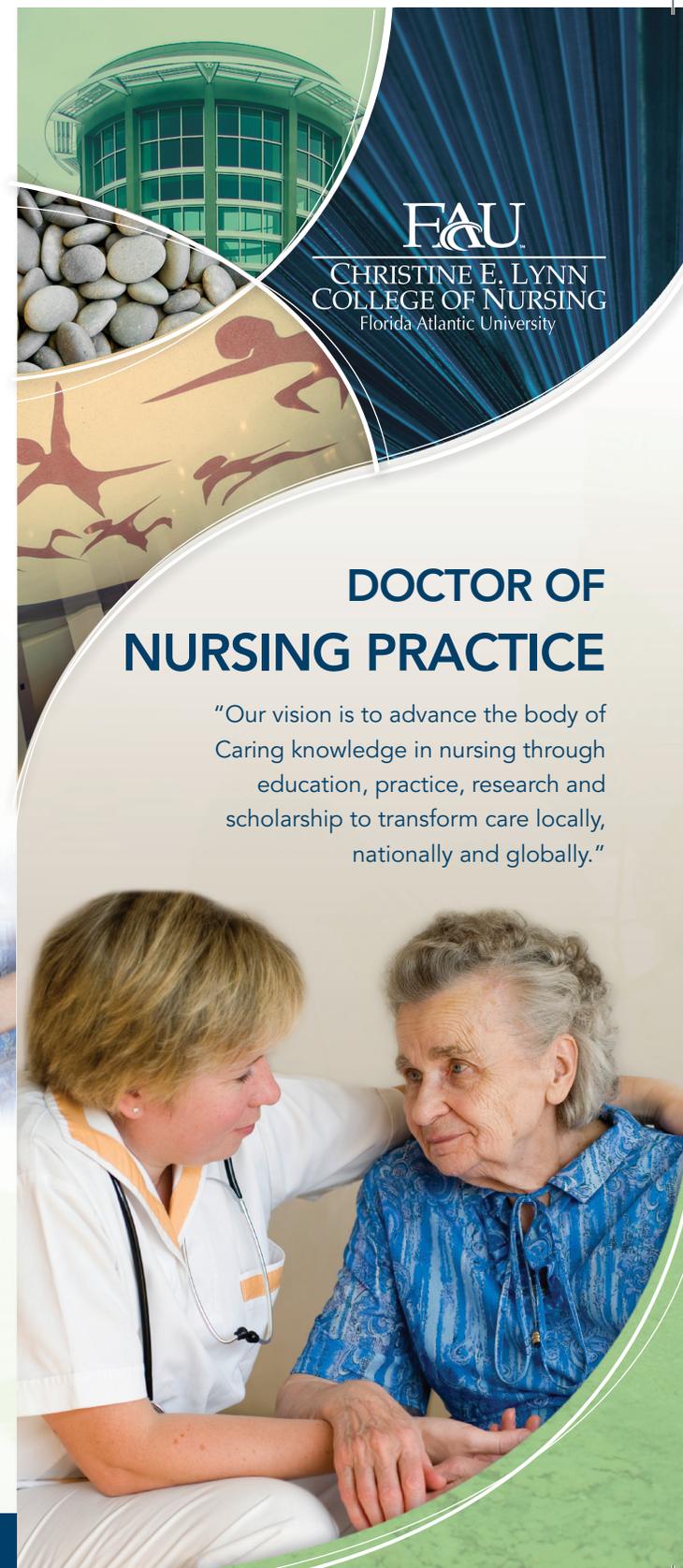
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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

"Our vision is to advance the body of Caring knowledge in nursing through education, practice, research and scholarship to transform care locally, nationally and globally."

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

The doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program will prepare advanced practice nurses and nurse administrators with a doctoral degree that focuses on practice leadership. The emphasis of the program is the delivery of advanced practice nursing (APN) to culturally diverse populations, especially the burgeoning group of persons over 65 years old. Graduate education in nursing occurs within the context of societal demands and needs as well as the inter-professional work environment. The Institute of Medicine (2003) and the National Research Council of the National Academies (2005) have called for nursing education that prepares individuals for practice with interdisciplinary, information systems, quality improvement and patient safety expertise.

The program is designed for advanced practice nursing leaders to develop skill in shaping and evaluating practice models in their own practice settings. Only students with a master's degree in nursing and certification in advanced practice or administration will be accepted into the DNP program in its initial phase. The DNP degree will require students to take a minimum of 41 credits post-master's degree. The program will accept a limited number of applicants. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Applications are due by February 28 of each year.

In order to meet the need of practicing professionals, the program is designed to be a part-time program with classes offered on Friday or Saturday on alternate weekends. All classes are Web-assisted.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommends that students complete 1,000 hours of clinical practicum hours (including time spent during MS degree). Clinical practice hours in the second year of study are designed to develop new practice skills and to test new models of care.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the DNP program the graduate will be able to:

1. Integrate knowledge of caring in the design, implementation and evaluation of innovative models of advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize nursing and other disciplinary knowledge and research to support improvement of nursing practice in population based care across the continuum of the healthcare industry.
3. Apply theoretical and conceptual models that directly relate to nursing practice.

4. Interpret and influence health policy in the design and evaluation of advanced nursing practice and multidisciplinary services, with a consideration of the financing of healthcare.
5. Articulate the role of the DNP as a leader of systems change in a multidisciplinary context.
6. Critically evaluate the design and implementation of information systems and technologies as they support whole person care across the lifespan.
7. Design systems of population based health promotion for the improvement of global health using multidisciplinary approaches that demonstrate cultural competence.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in nursing from an accredited university
- A minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA in the nursing master's program
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores within past five years
- Curriculum vitae (Required format at <http://nursing.fau.edu>)
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references one of which is from a master's program professor holding a doctorate
- A copy of one example of work that evidences a culminating scholarly product from a master's program
- A typed statement of the applicant's goals for the DNP degree of no more than 500 words
- Satisfactory oral interview by members of the Graduate Admissions Committee
- Evidence of grade of "B" or better in a graduate-level Statistics course
- *Prerequisite:* Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring Graduate Course and Epidemiology

For additional admissions information and for application procedures and guidelines for letters of reference, refer directly to the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing website, <http://nursing.fau.edu>, and click on "Future Students," then "Graduate Programs" to access our doctoral programs page.

FINANCIAL AID

A limited amount of traineeships, assistantships, scholarships and/or stipends are available for those seeking a DNP degree. Please refer to <http://nursing.fau.edu>, "Financial Aid & Scholarships" to identify what aid may be available each year and the application procedures for each.

DNP PLAN OF STUDY

Course	Credits
Year 1, Fall Semester	
NGR 7116 Caring: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	3
NGR 7124, Theory Guided Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 7941c, DNP Seminar I	1-3
Year 1, Spring Semester	
NGR 7661, Population Based Caring in Aging Societies	3
NGR 7793, Health Care Systems Leadership & Finance	3
NGR 7942c, DNP Seminar II	1-3
Year 1, Summer Semester	
NGR 7013, Creating a Deliberative Practice Model	3
NGR 7166, Emerging Therapies of Care in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Year 2, Fall Semester	
NGR 7850, Research for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 7707, Innovative Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring	3
Year 2, Spring Semester	
NGR 7826, Evaluating Systems & Models of Care in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7943c, DNP Seminar III	1-3
NGR 7738, Public Policy in the Context of Nursing & Health	3
Year 2, Summer Semester	
NGR 7945, DNP Residency and Capstone Project I	4-6
Year 3, Fall Semester	
NGR 7945, Residency and Capstone Project II	4-6
Total	41-51 credits