

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 and sites 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 more than 29,000 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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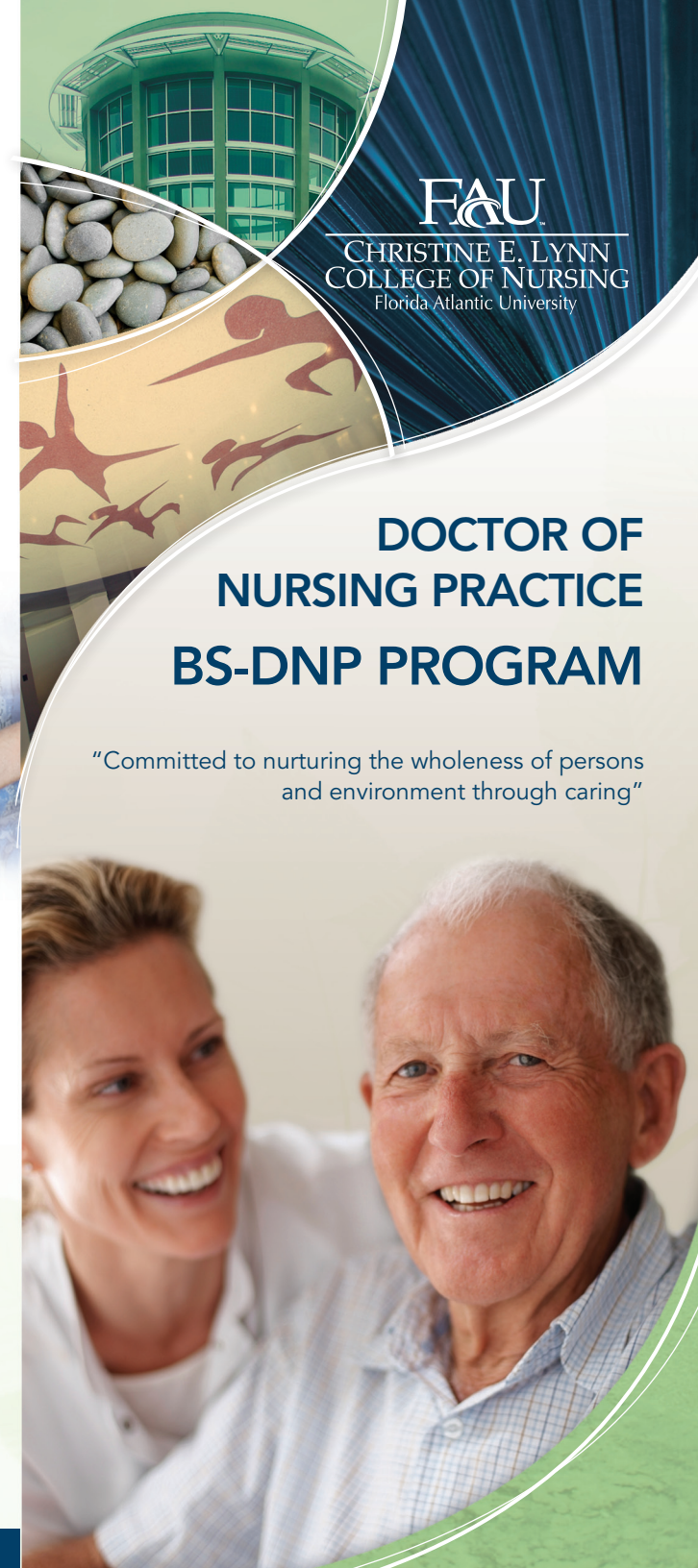
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Appointments are beneficial

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE BS-DNP PROGRAM

*“Committed to nurturing the wholeness of persons
and environment through caring”*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING TO DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (BS-DNP) PROGRAM

The BS-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. The BS-DNP program will require students to take a minimum of 80 credits. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

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

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommends that students complete 1,000 hours of clinical practicum hours. 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 OUTCOME COMPETENCIES

At the completion of the BS to 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

- Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an accredited university.
- A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA in the baccalaureate program is required.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores.
- Curriculum vitae (required format at <http://nursing.fau.edu>)
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references in which one is from a baccalaureate program professor holding a doctorate. (guidelines below)
- 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

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.



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BS-DNP PLAN OF STUDY

Course	Credits
Semester I Summer	
NGR6673 Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Semester II Fall	
NGR6930 Inferential Statistics for Nursing Science	3
NGR6811 Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
NGR7116 Caring: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	3
NGR7941c DNP Seminar I	1-3
Semester III Spring	
NGR7661 Population-Based Caring in Aging Societies	3
NGR7793 Healthcare Systems Leadership and Finance	3
NGR6141 Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NGR7942c DNP Seminar II	1
Semester IV Summer	
NGR6172 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NGR6611 Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of the Family Across the Lifespan	3
Semester V Fall	
NGR6002 Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment	3
NGR6002L Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Health Assessment	1
NGR7850 Research for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Semester VI Spring	
NGR6200 Advanced Nursing Situations: Foundations of Primary Care	3
NGR6200L Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Foundations of Primary Care Lab	3
NGR7738 Public Policy in the Context of Nursing and Health	3
Semester VII Summer	
NGR7124 Theory Guided Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Semester VIII Fall	
NGR6605 Advanced Nursing Situations: Comprehensive Primary Care	3
NGR6605L Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Comprehensive Primary Care Lab	3
NGR7826 Evaluating Systems and Models of Care in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Semester IX Spring	
NGR6634 Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of the Childbearing/Childrearing Family	3
NGR6634L Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of the Childbearing/Childrearing Family Lab	3
NGR7943c DNP Seminar III	1-3
NGR7767 Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials of Practice Management	3
Semester X Summer	
NGR7945 Advanced Nursing Situations DNP RESIDENCY & CAPSTONE	6
Semester XI Fall	
NGR7945 Advanced Nursing Situations DNP RESIDENCY & CAPSTONE	6

Total minimum 80 credits

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.