

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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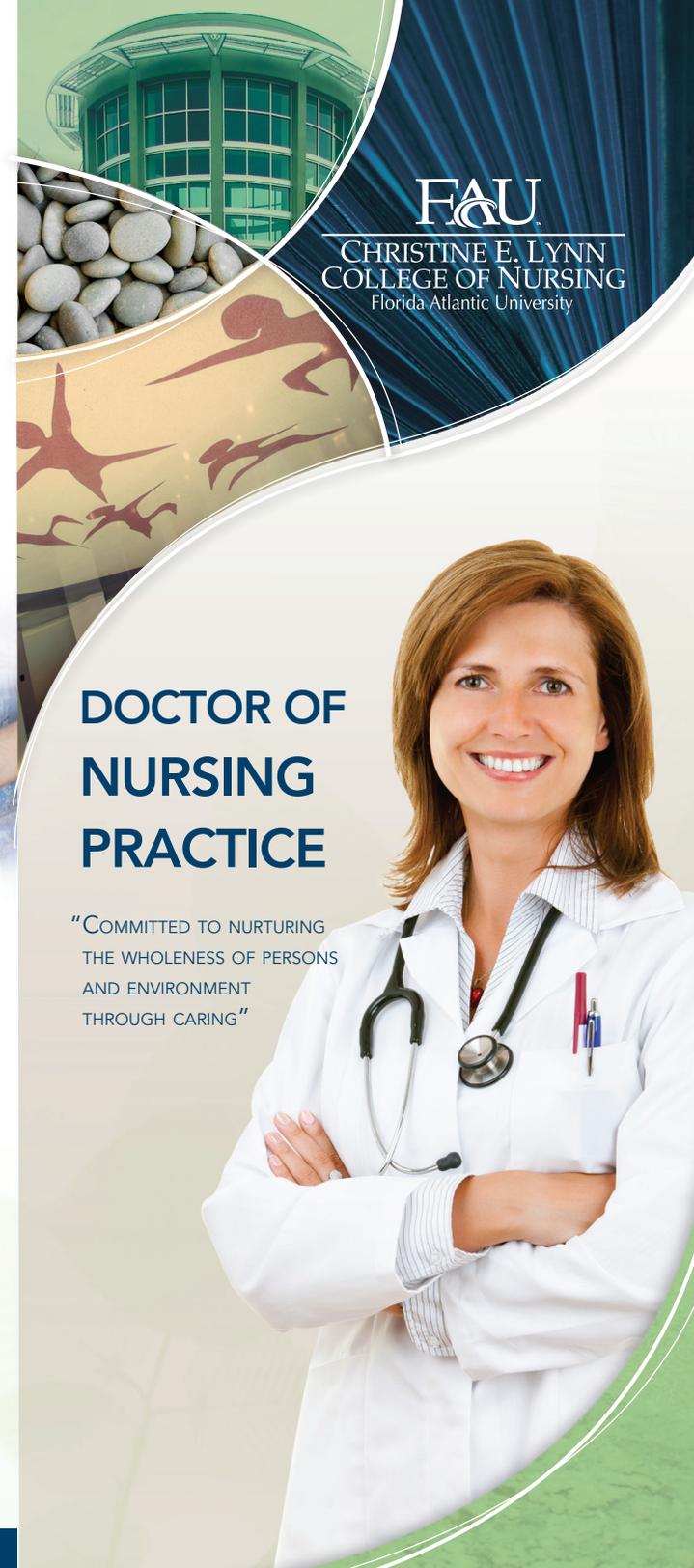
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Appointments are beneficial

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CHRISTINE E. LYNN
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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

“COMMITTED TO NURTURING
THE WHOLENESS OF PERSONS
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POST-MASTER'S 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. 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 (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 PROGRAM OUTCOME COMPETENCIES

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
- Minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA in a nursing master's program
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores or Miller Analogy test (MAT) scores
- 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
- 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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DNP PLAN OF STUDY

Course	Credits
Semester I Summer Course (3 credits)	
NGR6673, Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Semester I Fall Courses (7-9 credits)	
NGR7116, Caring: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	3
NGR6930, Inferential Statistics for Nursing Science	3
NGR7941c, DNP Seminar I	1-3
Semester II Spring Courses (7-9 credits)	
NGR7738, Public Policy in the Context of Nursing and Health	3
NGR7661, Population-Based Caring in Aging Societies	3
NGR7942c, DNP Seminar II	1-3
Semester III Summer Course (3 credits)	
NGR7124, Theory Guided Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Semester IV Fall Courses (6 credits)	
NGR7850, Research for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR7826, Evaluating Systems and Models of Care in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Semester V Spring Courses (7-9 credits)	
NGR7793, Health Care Systems Leadership and Finance	3
NGR 7767, Advanced Practice Nursing: Essentials of Practice Management	3
NGR7943c, DNP Seminar III	1-3
Semester VI Summer Course (4-6 credits)	
NGR7945c, DNP Capstone Residency I	4-6
Semester VI Fall Course (4-6 credits)	
NGR7945c, DNP Capstone Residency II	4-6
Total	41-51 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.