DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
BS-DNP PROGRAM

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is dedicated to Caring: advancing the science, practicing the art, studying its meaning and living it day-to-day.

INFORMATION AND ADVISING

For more information regarding admissions, degree requirements and scholarships, visit our website or contact:

**Krisa Kolbe**
DNP, Bridge and Dual Degree Program Assistant
E-Mail: kkolbe@fau.edu
Phone: 561.297.1109
Fax: 561.297.0088

**Dr. Ruth McCaffrey**
DNP Director
E-Mail: rmccaffr@fau.edu
Phone: 561.297.2945

FAU College of Nursing
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Student Services is located on the Boca Raton campus in NU 101.
Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 561.297.3887

Appointments are recommended

http://nursing.fau.edu

facebook.com/faunursing
twitter.com/faunursing

Last updated December 2012
Program Background

The BS-DNP program prepares graduates for advanced practice roles as Family Nurse Practitioners or Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioners with a doctoral degree focusing 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 (IOM, 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 nursing leaders to develop skills in shaping and evaluating practice models in their own practice settings. The program will accept a limited number of applicants. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

The program is designed to be completed in a full time plan of study. Classes will be offered in various formats including online, live weekly sessions and intensive weekends.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommends that students complete 1000 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.

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 presented in specified format located on the College of Nursing website.
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references in which one is from a baccalaureate program professor holding a doctorate. (guidelines located on the College of Nursing website).
- 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.
- Background check (completed upon admission)