Streamlined Path to AGPCNP Certification

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Need for Streamlined Path

- In 2016 the Adult Nurse Practitioner and the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner exams were retired.

- Those NPs holding these certifications are at risk of losing their ability to remain certified.

- Most of these NPs were educated at the MS level.

- The AACN is recommending all APRNs be educated at the doctoral level.

- Provides plan of study to obtain AGPCNP certification
  - Without unnecessary duplication of course work
  - Obtain a doctoral degree and the ability to serve in a faculty role
  - Supports online education where appropriate for working adults
- Will increase Faculty and APRN workforce

Streamlined Path

- Provides plan of study to update certification to AGPCNP and earn a DNP without unnecessary duplication of course work
  - Plans available for ANP, GNP and ACNP
  - Can complete in as few as 48 credits
  - Supports online education where appropriate for working adults
  - For those with prior doctoral degree: Post Doctoral Plans available in 13- 29 credits
- Will increase Faculty and APRN workforce

Example Plan of Study

Fall Semester		10 credits	Credits	Clinical/Practicum Hours
	NRSG 790	Methods for Research Evidence-based Practice	3	
	NDNP 795	Biostatistics for Evidence-based Practice	3	
	NRSG 785	Professional Writing	1	
	NDNP 804	Theory for Evidence-based practice	3	
Spring Semester		6 credits		
	NDNP 807	Info. Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care	2	
	NDNP 808	Info. Systems and Technology Improvement/Transformation Health Care - Practicum	1	45
	NURS 834	Translating Evidence to Practice	3	
Summer Semester		5 credits		
	NDNP 720	Geriatric Syndromes Assessment and Management*****	2	
	NURS 810	Evidence-based Health Policy	3	
Fall Semester		5 credits		
		May need to complete course work in Assessment, Pharmacology, and Pathophysiology*		
	NDNP 814	Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems	3	
	NDNP 817	Practice Leadership Within Complex Adaptive Health Care Systems Clinical Practicum	2	90
Spring Semester		8 credits		
	NDNP 810	DNP Project Identification	1	
	NDNP 834	Diagnosis and Management 3: Acute and Chronic Complex Conditions	4	
	NDNP 835	Diagnosis and Management 3: Clinical Practicum/Seminar**	3	135
	NDNP 999	Extra Clinical hours****	2	90
Summer Semester		5 credit		
	NDNP 811	DNP Project Development	1	
	NDNP 836	Diagnosis and Management 4: Integration of Multiple Health Problems and Complex Clinical Syndromes	2	
	NDNP 837	Diagnosis and Management 4: Integration of Multiple Health Problems and Complex Clinical Syndromes: Clinical Practicum/Seminar**	2	90
Fall Semester		5 credits		
	NDNP 812	DNP Project Implementation	1	45
	NDNP 838	Diagnosis and Management 5: Professional Practice Immersion: Clinical Practicum/Seminar**	4	180
Spring Semester		4 credit		
	NDNP 813	DNP Project Evaluation/Dissemination	1	45
		Elective or additional clinical hours as needed for certification***	3	
Total Credits / Clinical and Practicum Hours			48 (50)	630 (720)

Currently developing enhanced online content in the areas of gerontology, adolescent care and women's health.

4 and 5 year plans of study also available

*If prior NP course work does not meet requirements for certification may need to take one or more of the following:
- o   NPHY 612 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
- o   NURS 723 Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics across the Life Span
- o   NDNP 819 Advanced Health Assessment Across the Life Span
  - ▪   If completed Adult Health Assessment could substitute NDNP 725 Advanced Pediatric Pathophysiology, Developmental Assessment and Health Promotion to meet the Lifespan requirement

**All clinical placements will be geared toward filling gap in educational practice gaps from prior APRN education to meet the requirements of AGPCNP certification.

***AGACNP/ANP prepared NPs seeking new certification will need to complete additional clinical hours to meet the 500 hour requirement for certification exam

****Only required for ACNP or GNP prepared students

*****Not required for GNP students

Evaluation and Sustainability

- Expect to see an increase in applications to AGPCNP program with specific emphasis on those MS prepared NPs seeking to update their certification.
- As part of a school wide evaluation plan the project will be evaluated via:
  - Course Evaluations
  - Curriculum committee review
  - Employer and alumni survey
  - Student progress and graduation rates
- Successes and lessons learned will be presented at National Faculty Conferences to allow other Universities to recreate this method of increasing doctoral prepared APRNs
- The increased number of students and its seamless integration with existing programs will provide the support to continue the project at the completion of the funding cycle.