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Becky and Kristy:

The proposal from the College of Nursing to revise the Doctor of Nursing program, including a new change to an existing track, was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 25, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next [Annual Activities Report](#) to the University Senate (July 2026).

The Office of the University Registrar will work with you on any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

I wish you success with this important program development.

Randy



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FROM: Graduate School Curriculum Services

DATE: 2/11/2026

RE: Proposal to **Revise the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Curriculum and Name Change within a Track in The College of Nursing.**

The **College of Nursing** is proposing a **Revision to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Curriculum and a Name Change within a Track in the DNP.**

The proposal was received by the Graduate School on 1/26/2026. The combined GS/CAA subcommittee first reviewed the proposal on 2/11/2026 and support its review by the Council on Academic Affairs.



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January 22, 2026

Dr. Maria Miriti  
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Dear Dr. Miriti,

The College of Nursing administrative leadership team is fully supportive of the attached request for a revision of the College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice program. The College graduate studies committee approved this proposal with a unanimous vote (11/20/2025) and the College faculty had a majority quorum (111 yes, 7 no, 94% affirmative) of the eligible voting faculty on January 14, 2026.

Sincerely,

*Kristine Browning*

Kristine Browning, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP  
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## **Proposal to Revise the Post-Masters Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the terminal clinical degree in nursing. The DNP program in the College of Nursing (CON) was initiated in 2008. The initial cohort included students prepared with a master's degree who sought the DNP degree. In 2014, the DNP program was revised to include two separate tracks: Clinical Expert (CE) and Nurse Executive (NE) tracks. In response to the national call for achievement of higher levels of education and training through advancement of seamless academic progression (IOM, 2011), the post-baccalaureate entry into the DNP program (BSN-DNP) was launched in 2015 which combined advanced practice clinical education from the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) tracks with DNP clinical expert education (also part of the DNP post masters CE track). This revision was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) on January 23, 2015. The CON has experienced declining enrollment in the post masters DNP CE and NE tracks as the enrollment in the BSN-DNP tracks has increased. Similar enrollment trends have been experienced across other Nursing programs in the United States. The initial student enrollment in the DNP-NE track yielded many experienced executive nurse leaders who were interested in obtaining the terminal clinical nursing degree. Now, the students who seek the DNP-NE track are predominantly aspiring nurse leaders rather than experienced nurse executives. The CON is seeking to revise the post masters DNP program to include one track and rename that track as post masters DNP Leadership. The current two post masters DNP curricula (DNP-NE and DNP-CE) differ by 2 courses. The DNP-NE take 2 additional courses: NP 8404 Nurse Executive Leadership (2 credits) and NP 8600 Organizational Culture (1 credit).

**This proposal is to 1) revise the DNP post masters curriculum to be consistent with the current DNP-NE), 2) change the name from post masters DNP-NE and post masters DNP-CE to post masters Nurse Leadership, and 3) eliminate 1 course from all DNP curriculum: N5115 Mindstrong (1 credit).**

### **Rationale:**

- 1) Many of the post masters DNP CE graduates are hired into nursing leadership positions. Many of the current post masters DNP-CE students take both NP 8600 and NP 8404, noting the important content from these courses on course evaluations. The current BSN-DNP track will remain as the CE track and will continue to take the same coursework (except for N5115). The current DNP-CE students would take an additional 2 classes (3 credits) in alignment with the current DNP-NE curriculum. There will be no change to the DNP-NE curriculum.
- 2) The new name for the post masters DNP, DNP Nurse Leadership, will more accurately reflect the content and outcomes of the curriculum
- 3) The N5115 Mindstrong course content is considered overlap as wellness has been threaded throughout curriculum, specifically wellness modules in every Immersion course as well as wellness Immersion opportunities. There will be a 1 credit reduction to every DNP curriculum plan.

### **Timeline:**

Implementation with students matriculating Fall 2026. Currently admitted students will follow their current curriculum plans.

### **Assessment:**

DNP Program and student learning outcome assessments will remain the same in this revised curriculum. The College of Nursing currently has a Systematic Plan for Evaluation (SPE) which guides all assessment and evaluation at the college level consistent with accreditation requirements. Direct

assessment measures include yearly Nuventive Improve student learning outcomes, direct evaluation of learning objectives in courses with assignments, including performance in the professional exam and final DNP project. Indirect measures include: number of applications to the program, SEI/SSLE and course evaluations, student retention and completion rates, enrolled student cumulative GPAs, time-to-degree, and alumni.

**Proposed Update with Percent Change:**

The overall proposal is to

1. combine the two post masters DNP tracks (DNP-CE and DNP-NE), with all students taking the DNP-NE curriculum,
2. rename the program as post masters DNP Nurse Leadership, and
3. drop 1 course (N5115 Mindstrong) from all DNP tracks as the curriculum is considered overlap. This represents a curriculum change of less than 10%.

Table 1 details a summary of the revised curriculum with credit changes.

**Table 1:** Summary of revised DNP curriculum with credit changes

<b>Current DNP Track</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Credit Change</b>
Post masters DNP-NE	-Rename: Post masters DNP-Nurse Leadership -Remove N5115 (1 credit)	(-1) credit change Total credits 44
Post masters DNP-CE	-Rename: Post masters DNP-Nurse Leadership -Remove N5115 (1 credit) -Add NP 8404 Nurse Executive Leadership (2 credits) -Add NP 8600 Organizational Culture (1 credit)	(+2) net credit change Total credits 44
BSN-DNP CE (Credits vary by specialty track; Family NP is presented as an exemplar)	- No name change, remains DNP-CE -Remove N5115 (1 credit)	(-1) credit change Total credits 82

Appendix A includes the updated sample curriculum plans.

## Appendix A

### Sample Full Time Curriculum Plan for Post-Master-DNP: Nurse Leadership (44 credits)

Year 1		
Autumn Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
NRSPRCT 8785 Foundations of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8490 Health Promotion, Theory, and Population Health (2)	NRSPRCT 8897 DNP Systems Application II (5*)
NRSPRCT 8480 Evidence Based Quality Improvement for the DNP (2)	NRSPRCT 8786 Implementation and Evaluation of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8500 Nursing Policy for Doctoral Nursing Practice (2)
NRSPRCT 8781 Method/Measurement for the Evaluation for Evidence-Based Nursing (2)	NP 8404 Nurse Executive Leadership (2)	NRSPRCT 8610 Health Informatics and Technology for the DNP (2)
NRSPRCT 8406 Leadership, Role and Collaboration for the DNP (3)	NRSPRCT 8896 DNP Systems Application I (3*)	
NP 8600 Organizational Culture (1)	NRSPRCT 8890 Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing I (1)	
<i>Total Credits 10</i>	<i>Total Credits 10*</i>	<i>Total Credits 9</i>
Year 2		
NRSPRCT 8605 Healthcare Economics and Finance for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8998.02 DNP Final Document Project II (1)	
NRSPRCT 8898.01 DNP Systems Application III (5)	NRSPRCT 8898.02 DNP and Systems Application IV (5)	
NRSPRCT 8998.01 DNP Final Document Project I (1)		
NRSPRCT 8891 DNP Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing II (1)		
<i>Total Credits 9</i>	<i>Total Credits 6</i>	

\*Variable credit based on number of immersion hours required. Students can count clinical hours earned during masters education toward the 1,000 total immersion/clinical hours.

### Sample Part Time Curriculum Plan for Post-Master-DNP: Nurse Leadership (44 credits)

Year 1		
Autumn Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
NRSPRCT 8781 Method/Measurement for the Evaluation for Evidence-Based Nursing (2)	NRSPRCT 8490 Health Promotion, Theory, and Population Health (2)	NRSPRCT 8786 Implementation and Evaluation of Evidence Based Practice (2)
NRSPRCT 8406 Leadership, Role and Collaboration for the DNP (3)	NRSPRCT 8785 Foundations of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8500 Nursing Policy for Doctoral Nursing Practice (2)

NP 8600 Organizational Culture (1)	NRSPRCT 8890 Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing I (1)	
	NP 8404 Nurse Executive Leadership (2)	
<i>Total Credits: 6</i>	<i>Total Credits 7</i>	<i>Total Credits 4</i>
Year 2		
NRSPRCT 8480 Evidence Based Quality Improvement for the DNP (2)	NRSPRCT 8896 DNP Systems Application I (3*)	NRSPRCT 8897 DNP Systems Application II (5)
NRSPRCT 8605 Healthcare Economics and Finance for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8610 Health Informatics and Technology for the DNP (2)	
<i>Total Credits 4</i>	<i>Total Credits 5</i>	<i>Total Credits 5</i>
Year 3		
NRSPRCT 8898.01 DNP Systems Application III (5)	NRSPRCT 8898.02 DNP and Systems Application IV (5)	
NRSPRCT 8998.01 DNP Final Document Project I (1)	NRSPRCT 8998.02 DNP Final Document Project II (1)	
NRSPRCT 8891 DNP Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing II (1)		
<i>Total Credits 7</i>	<i>Total Credits 6</i>	

\*Variable credit based on number of immersion hours required. Students can count clinical hours earned during masters education toward the 1,000 total immersion/clinical hours.

### Sample Full Time Curriculum Plan for BSN-DNP, FNP\* (82 credits)

Year 1		
Autumn Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
NURS 7450 Pathophysiology of Altered Health States (5)	NURS 7410 Advanced Health Assessment (4)	NURS 7268.01 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum I (9)
NRSPRCT 8785 Foundations of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NURS 7470 Advanced Pharmacology in Nursing (4)	NURS 7415 Clinical Reasoning with Diagnostic Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice (2)
NRSPRCT 8480 Evidence Based Quality Improvement for the DNP (2)	NRSPRCT 8786 Implementation and Evaluation of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8500 Nursing Policy for Doctoral Nursing Practice (2)
NRSPRCT 8781 Method/Measurement for the Evaluation for Evidence-Based Nursing (2)	NRSPRCT 8610 Health Informatics and Technology for the DNP (2)	
NRSPRCT 8890 Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing I (1)		
NRSPRCT 8490 Health Promotion, Theory, and Population Health (2)	NRSPRCT 8406 Leadership, Role and Collaboration for the DNP (3)	

<i>Total Credits 14</i>	<i>Total Credits 15</i>	<i>Total Credits 13</i>
Year 2		
NURS 7268.02 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum II (10.5)	NURS 7268.03 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum III (10.5)	NRSPRCT 8891 Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing II (1)
NRSPRCT 8605 Healthcare Economics and Finance for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8896 DNP Systems Application I (2)	NRSPRCT 8897 DNP Systems Application II (3)
	NRSPRCT 8895 Advanced Practice Nursing: Final Professional Seminar (1)	
<i>Total Credits 12.5</i>	<i>Total Credits 13.5</i>	<i>Total Credits: 4</i>
Year 3		
NRSPRCT 8898.01 DNP Systems Application III (4)	NRSPRCT 8898.02 DNP and Systems Application IV (4)	
NRSPRCT 8998.01 DNP Final Document Project I (1)	NRSPRCT 8998.02 DNP Final Document Project II (1)	
<i>Total Credits 5</i>	<i>Total Credits 5</i>	

\* FNP is used as an exemplar, all BSN-DNP curriculum plans will have N5115 removed.

**Sample Part Time Curriculum Plan for BSN-DNP, FNP\* (82 credits)**

Year 1			
Autumn Semester		Spring Semester	Summer Semester
NRSPRCT 8781 Method/Measurement for the Evaluation for Evidence-Based Nursing (2)		NRSPRCT 8490 Health Promotion, Theory, and Population Health (2)	NRSPRCT 8610 Health Informatics and Technology for the DNP (2)
NRSPRCT 8480 Evidence Based Quality Improvement for the DNP (2)		NRSPRCT 8786 Implementation and Evaluation of Evidence Based Practice (2)	NRSPRCT 8406 Leadership, Role and Collaboration for the DNP (3)
NRSPRCT 8890 Doctor of Nursing Practice Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing I (1)		NRSPRCT 8500 Nursing Policy for Doctoral Nursing Practice (2)	
NRSPRCT 8785 Foundations of Evidence Based Practice (2)			
<i>Total Credits 7</i>		<i>Total Credits 6</i>	<i>Total Credits 5</i>
Year 2			
NURS 7450 Pathophysiology of Altered Health States (5)		NURS 7410 Advanced Health Assessment (4)	<b>NURS 7268.01 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum I (9)</b>

NRSPRCT 8605 Healthcare Economics and Finance for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (2)	NURS 7470 Advanced Pharmacology in Nursing (4)	NURS 7415 Clinical Reasoning with Diagnostic Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice (2)	
<i>Total Credits 7</i>	<i>Total Credits 8</i>	<i>Total Credits 11</i>	
<b>Year 3</b>			
NURS 7268.02 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum II (10.5)	NURS 7268.03 Advanced Nursing Practice FNP Clinical Practicum III (10.5)	NRSPRCT 8891 DNP Professional Seminar: Scholarly Writing II (1)	
	NRSPRCT 8896 DNP Systems Application I (2)	NRSPRCT 8897 DNP Systems Application II (3)	
	NRSPRCT 8895 Advanced Practice Nursing: Final Professional Seminar (1)		
<i>Total Credits 10.5</i>	<i>Total Credits 13.5</i>	<i>Total Credits 4</i>	
<b>Year 4</b>			
NRSPRCT 8898.01 DNP Systems Application III (4)	NRSPRCT 8898.02 DNP and Systems Application IV (4)		
NRSPRCT 8998.01 DNP Final Document Project I (1)	NRSPRCT 8998.02 DNP Final Document Project II (1)		
<i>Total Credits 5</i>	<i>Total Credits 5</i>		

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