

Western Kentucky University
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REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

DATE: March 2013

FROM: Graduate Studies and Research

The Graduate Council submits the following items from the **February 14, 2013** meeting for consideration. Items marked with an asterisks [*] are information items.

- I. Revise a Program
 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Ref. #0011

**College of Health and Human Services
School of Nursing
Proposal to Revise A Program
(Action Item)**

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1. Identification of program:

- 1.1 Current program reference number: 0011
- 1.2 Current program title: Doctor of Nursing Practice(DNP)
- 1.3 Credit hours: Post-MSN DNP Option 36 hours, BSN to DNP Option 76 hours

2. Identification of the proposed program changes: Insert a statement identified in bold to clarify admission requirements for the two options in the DNP program.

3. Detailed program description:

Admission Requirements	Admission Requirements
1. BSN or MSN, with a specialty in nursing administration or nurse practitioner, from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program 2. GPA - 3.25 cumulative in BSN or MSN 3. Undergraduate degree from an international university outside the U.S. or English is second language submit appropriate TOFEL scores (policy established by Graduate Studies) 4. Three professional references 5. Written goal statement 6. Resume highlighting past education, relevant clinical experience, scholarly endeavors and professional service (BSN to DNP students must document one year of full time experience as a registered nurse) 7. Professional license (a) MSN i. NPs must have a current and unencumbered RN and APN license in the state of residence in which clinical experiences will be completed, ii. Nurse Administrators must have a current and unencumbered RN license in the state of residence where clinical experiences will be completed. (b) BSN - current and unencumbered RN license in Kentucky or compact state 8. Completed verification of post-baccalaureate practice hours form.(Applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 500 clinical clock hours in graduate program will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum.) 9. Graduate level statistics course within past 5 years	1. BSN or MSN, with a specialty in nursing administration or nurse practitioner, from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program 2. GPA - 3.25 cumulative in BSN or MSN 3. Undergraduate degree from an international university outside the U.S. or English is second language submit appropriate TOFEL scores (policy established by Graduate Studies) 4. Three professional references 5. Written goal statement 6. Resume highlighting past education, relevant clinical experience, scholarly endeavors and professional service (BSN to DNP students must document one year of full time experience as a registered nurse) 7. Professional license (a) MSN i. NPs must have a current and unencumbered RN and APN license in the state of residence in which clinical experiences will be completed, ii. Nurse Administrators must have a current and unencumbered RN license in the state of residence where clinical experiences will be completed. (b) BSN - current and unencumbered RN license in Kentucky or compact state The following requirements only apply to the MSN to DNP option: 8. Completed verification of post-baccalaureate practice hours form. (Applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 500 clinical clock hours in graduate program will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum.) 9. Graduate level statistics course within past 5 years

4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:** This statement was inadvertently omitted from the previous admission requirements.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2013

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

SON Graduate Nursing:	January 18, 2013
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CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee	January 28, 2013
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Graduate Council	February 14, 2013
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University Senate	_____
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