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The DNP Program curriculum meets the criteria set forth by *AACN Essentials for Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* (2006). The DNP curriculum builds on *The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing* (AACN, 2011).

Gap Analysis

Qualified APRN applicants are required to have completed separate courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacotherapy, and Advanced Physical Assessment in their MSN program prior to admission to the DNP program. All applicants are required to have completed separate courses in Information Systems/Technology (Essential V), Health Policy and Advocacy (Essential VI), and Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health (Essential VIII) as pre-requisites to admission to the DNP program.

Each applicant will undergo a thorough analysis of completed MSN coursework and clinical experiences prior to admission to assure completion of the necessary coursework to meet the criteria for successful completion of the DNP program. If a student is found to have not completed all necessary courses prior to admission, he/she may take the required pre-requisite coursework in the UHCON MSN program. Upon successful completion of all pre-requisites, the student may be admitted to the DNP program.

After verification of completion of pre-requisite coursework, a degree plan will be developed for the admitted student based on their plan of study. The degree plan will be signed by the student and the DNP Director. Students must adhere to the degree plan unless they meet with the program director and revise their plan in writing.

Approved by CON Faculty: 09/11/2020

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