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### Policy

The Post Masters DNP Program curriculum meets the criteria set forth by the AACN's The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education (2021).

### Gap Analysis

Qualified nurse practitioner applicants must have completed separate courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacotherapy, and Advanced Physical Assessment in their MSN program before admission to the DNP program. As a terminal degree, applicants for the DNP must demonstrate prior knowledge of the following topics: Information Systems/Technology, Health Policy and Advocacy, Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health, and Graduate-level statistics. The DNP degree will build upon this knowledge throughout the 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 has not completed necessary courses prior to admission, they may take the required pre-requisite coursework in the UH Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing 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 MSN/DNP Director. Students must adhere to the degree plan unless they meet with the program director and revise their plan in writing.

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