SECTION V: INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY FOR POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

I. Overview

The Post-Graduate Certificate Program is designed for students who are a certified APRN and would like to become certified in another specialty. They must hold a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree or be in their last semester of a DNP program. The specialty areas we offer are Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

II. Advising

The Directors for the DNP focus areas are assigned as faculty advisor. The role of the faculty advisor is to mentor and provide career guidance to students. Additional student support is provided by Student Services related to course enrollment, understanding important deadlines, and complying with College requirements such as licensure, HIPPA, or criminal background check.

III. Plan of Study

All DNP students will receive individualized plans of study. Duplicates can be requested from the Office Student Services Graduate Programs Office. Template plans of study may be found at the site below.
http://www.nursing.uiowa.edu/academic-programs/dnp/plans.

The DNP plan of study is developed in accordance with national standards that reflect the area of specialization and are created following a GAP analysis prepared by the Graduate Programs Office and verified and signed by the appropriate Director. Clinical hours support clinical specialization.

IV. Graduation Information

Upon completion of the courses determined by the GAP Analysis, the Graduate Programs Office will submit the paperwork to the Graduate College to get the appropriate specialty notation on the transcript.

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