DNP Electives Fall 2020

*IMPORTANT NOTE: 6000-level elective courses begin the week prior to the spring DNP Intensive. Make sure that you are in contact with course instructors for direction on how to participate in course orientations on-line.

Policy:
Post-masters and DNP students have the option to enroll in Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Specialty (MSN) nursing courses or an independent study to fulfill the elective requirements. The elective course must provide content applicable to the student’s current or potential practice or the scholarly project.

Procedure:
1) Prerequisite: Approval of student’s advisor and the course coordinator
2) The student must submit a written request for the elective approval to the student’s advisor.

Nursing 8066: Curriculum Strategies for Health Professional Education
(Required course for students who have received a Nurse Faculty Loan) This course introduces the student to the foundations of learning theory and learning styles. The impact of technology on learning practices and the appropriate use of technology to facilitate learning are emphasized. Students will create electronic elements for effective learning and use a course management system. Copyright and fair use issues are discussed. Overall curriculum strategies that integrate content, organization, informatics and sequencing of courses are discussed. Students will design a learning program that integrates learning styles, technology use and a course management system. Prerequisite: Admission to the DNP program or consent of faculty. Fall, Spring [3] Kennedy.

N8068: Online Methodologies for Nursing Education
This course prepares nurse educators to teach in blended, hybrid, and online environments. Students will learn effective course design and teaching/learning strategies for students in the online setting, including pedagogical approaches to facilitate social processes of online learning, collaboration, and engagement. Moving from theoretical to practical application, students will create an online learning module and evaluate a sample course for quality. Prerequisites: None, although completion of N8066 and N8067 is recommended. Fall [3] Kennedy.

N8073: Genetics in Clinical Practice
This is an elective course which focuses on the genetic basis of disease, genetic risk assessment and counseling, clinical genetics and management guidelines. The course will serve as the basis for the healthcare professional to holistically integrate genetic/genomics, epigenetics, and scientific concepts into personalized health care. This course is provided for doctoral and graduate students and offered during the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Fall, Spring [2] Connors.

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Nursing 8080: Independent Study (Contract between student and faculty sponsor (and advisor), variable credits [1-4]).
Individualized study with content related to the student's practice and scholarly project. A contract is made between the student and faculty adviser, with copies for the student, faculty adviser, program director, and student's academic record. The student is responsible to identify study objectives, identify DNP competencies that are addressed within the course, specify the primary DNP competency related to this study and negotiate learning activities and evaluation method. Fall, Spring, Summer.
Prerequisite: Consent of faculty adviser. [Variable credit 1-3] Staff.

The independent study agreement is available at: https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/current/forms.php
Students must print the form, fill it out, collect appropriate signatures, and return to VUSN Registrar, Sarah Donahoe.