



# Doctor of Nursing Practice

## Southern California CSU DNP Consortium

September 26, 2012



## Background

- 2004 American Association of Colleges of Nursing *Position Statement on the Practice Doctorate*
- 2008 CSU Chancellor's *Nursing Doctorate Study*
- 2010 Institute of Medicine *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*
- 2010 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*



## Authority

- Assembly Bill 867 authorized CSU to grant doctorates in physical therapy and nursing
- *California Code of Regulations* Title 5 revised and Chancellor's Executive Order established to direct DNP curriculum and other degree requirements
- Chancellor selected CSUF to lead a consortium along with CSULB and CSULA



## Support

- Strong external support for CSU's DNP
  - Legislature
  - Policy Makers in Health Care
  - Clinical Partners in Nursing Education
  - Employers
- Strong Potential Student interest



## Consortium Model

- Capitalizes on existing strengths in nursing specializations, such as Nurse-midwifery and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, among others
- Builds doctoral education capacity across each CSU School of Nursing in the consortium
- Centralized admission and enrollment with input from each campus



- Faculty and students interact throughout the DNP Core classes
  - Evaluation and Measurement
  - Leadership and Management
  - Faculty Development
- Move to specialization in Clinical Practicum and culminating Clinical Practice and Scholarship
  - Cross-campus participation in doctoral project committees is envisioned



- Degree program has been approved:
  - Each university campus faculty and President
  - CSU Chancellor’s Office after external review
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Accreditation
  - All Schools of Nursing hold CCNE approval for bachelor’s and master’s programs
  - Accreditation visit for DNP by CCNE is planned for Fall 2013



Cal State Fullerton	Cal State Long Beach	Cal State Los Angeles
Nurse Practitioner (Women's Health Care)	Nurse Practitioner (Adult-Geriatric, Family, Pediatric, Psych-Mental Health, and Women's Health Care)	Nurse Practitioner (Acute, Adult, Family, and Psych-Mental Health)
Nurse Midwifery	Clinical Nurse Specialist	
Nurse Anesthesia	Community Health	
Nursing Leadership	Nursing Leadership	Nursing Leadership





## Nature of the DNP Program

- Post-master's degree
- 5 semester, 36 unit program
- 1000 hours of clinical practice
- Meets AACN accreditation requirements and legislative requirements to prepare nurse educators
- Scholarly Doctoral Project—3 semester Integrative Clinical Scholarship course embedded in the clinical setting



## Program Design

- First year = on campus courses
  - 1 day per week (Friday)
  - Campus-based Friday seminar sessions
- Second year = distance
  - On-line courses
  - Limited campus-based seminar sessions
  - Doctoral Project Committee meetings as needed



## Study Plan

- Evaluation and Measurement 12 units
- Management and Leadership 6 units
- Clinical Practicum 3 units minimum
- Faculty Development 6-9 units
- Doctoral Project 9 units
- Qualifying Doctoral Assessment end of year 1
- Doctoral Project Defense end of year 2



Cost of Attendance	Total Program (5 Semesters)
<b>Tuition Fees*</b>	<b>\$35,850**</b>
Books and Supplies	<b>4,300 (estimated \$860/semester)</b>
Application Fee	\$55
Graduation Fees	grad check + project submission
Room/Board and Transportation	variable
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,205+</b>

***\*Note: All CSU tuition fees listed are estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.***

***\*\* Semester Tuition is \$7170 each semester, regardless of number of units taken. Summer semester tuition is slightly less. Other mandatory student fees of approximately \$353 per semester, are not included in this amount.***



## Admissions Requirements

A master's degree, from an accredited institution, in nursing or a health related field (i.e., public health, or health administration) and national certification as an advanced practice registered nurse (CNM, CNS, CRNA or NP) for preparation as clinicians, leaders or educators,

OR

A master's in nursing from an accredited institution in nursing leadership or administration, nursing education, or community health nursing for preparation as nurse educators or nurse leaders. National certification in a clinical nursing specialty is preferred and must be attained by the end of the first year of DNP study.



## Admissions Requirements

- Overall Graduate course work GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Pre-requisite courses for admission include:
  - Master's level Advanced Physical/Health Assessment
  - Master's level Advanced Pathophysiology
  - Master's level Advanced Pharmacology
  - A course in inferential statistics or its equivalent
  - Students with a degree other than nursing will be required to make up deficiencies in preparation, such as nursing theory, research, and transcultural nursing.



## Admissions Requirements

- current, unrestricted California RN licensure or eligibility and advanced practice national certification and national furnishing/prescriptive authority, if applicable,
- current CPR card (BCLS; ACLS for Acute Care Nurse Practitioners; and for Nurse Anesthesia, ACLS and PALS),
- medical clearance (physical exam, PPD or chest x-ray, MMR, Tdap, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and Influenza immunizations),
- proper automobile licensure and insurance



## Admissions Requirements

- Eligible for credentialing within clinical site(s) as appropriate.
- Three letters of reference with reference forms.
- A personal written statement of purpose.
- Official documentation of nursing practicum hours attained during the master's degree program or the post-master's certificate program.
- Completion of University Writing Requirement





## University Writing Requirement

### Methods to meet:

- Completion of BS or MS from a CSU after 1983
- Completion of approved upper division or graduate writing course from CSU or another University; must submit syllabus and grade of B or better. NURS 505B is offered in Spring via WEB.
- Completion of GRE Analytical Writing with at least 4.0 score



## University Application

- Apply at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Select CSU Fullerton and Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Print final page to prove you have completed it (mail it with your application packet)



## School of Nursing Application

<http://nursing.fullerton.edu>

- Download and save PDF to your computer
- Acceptable to type or handwrite or combination
- Letter of Recommendation form is also available as a separate PDF if you wish to e-mail it to recommenders. They must print and sign the completed form (and write and sign a letter) and give to you in a sealed envelope.



## School of Nursing Application

- Enter pre-requisite courses from your transcripts
- Enter names of your recommenders
- Submit proof of completed University Application
- Print School of Nursing Application and include with required materials
- Mail all required materials together

Applications **MUST** be submitted by December 15, 2012 to be considered.



# School of Nursing Application Required Materials

(Only complete applications will be reviewed)

- Proof of CSU Mentor application (printed page)
- “School of Nursing Application” (1 page)
- Pre-requisite Worksheet (1 page)
- Statement of Purpose (500 words)
- 3 letters of recommendation with recommendation forms in sealed envelopes



## School of Nursing Application Required Materials

(Only complete applications will be reviewed)

- Copy of RN license and certification
- Copy of national certification
- Official documentation of practicum hours in master's program
- University Writing Requirement form (1 page)
- 2 official transcripts from every college or university you have *ever* attended



## Next Step: Writing Assessment

- Save the Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013
- Only complete applications will be reviewed.
- The highest rated applicants will be invited to a writing session.
- Writing assessment will be computer-based, on campus.
- Students for interview will be selected after the writing sample is scored.



## Next Step: Panel Interview

- Save the Dates: Thursday, January 31, 2013 (CSUF)  
Saturday, February 2, 2013 (CSULA)  
Monday, February 4, 2013 (CSULB)
- Be prepared to discuss your specialty area and ideas you have for your Doctoral Project.





Thank you for your interest in the DNP at the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium!

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