

# University of Wisconsin-Madison

## Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Board of Regents (Education Committee)

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# DNP: Purpose

- To prepare nurses for the most advanced level of nursing practice, defined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) as any nursing intervention that influences health care outcomes.

# DNP: Rationale

- Master's prepared advanced practice nurses need additional knowledge to improve practice.
- Time spent in master's level nursing education is not congruent with the degree earned.

# DNP: Goal

- Master's level APN roles to be phased out by 2015
  - ✓ Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - ✓ Nurse Anesthetist
  - ✓ Nurse Midwife
  - ✓ Nurse Practitioner



# **DNP: UW-Madison Foci**

- Adult/Gerontology
- Pediatric
- Psychiatric/Mental Health



# DNP: UW-Madison Program

- Clinically focused doctoral education with three core components: systematic evaluation/practice, leadership/policy, and practice
- Post-master's DNP will be a 2-year part-time program of 31 credits, including coursework, supervised clinical hours, and a scholarly project
- Post-BSN program will be a 3-year, full-time program of 72 credits, including coursework, supervised clinical hours, and a scholarly project (part-time study available)



# **DNP: UW-Madison Electives**

- Education
- Women's Health
- Acute Care

# **DNP: UW-Madison Strengths**

- Builds on a successful history of preparing advanced practice nurses
- Aligned with institutional mission
- Meets AACN Essentials of DNP Education
- Addresses the nursing faculty shortage by offering an elective nurse educator track



# DNP: UW-Madison Strengths

- Includes plans for recruitment of a diverse student body and integration of cultural content across the curriculum
- Collaborative, ongoing efforts with other UW-System Schools of Nursing
- Phasing out MS clinical options minimizes new resource needs and costs