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# Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

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University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

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# What is the DNP?

- A terminal degree for advanced practice RNs
  - Advanced level education in skills and theory
  - Clinical / practice focus (not Ph.D. research focus)
  - Moves beyond MSN preparation

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# Need for the DNP Program

- Complexity of health care demands increased knowledge & skills
  - Need nurses with advanced education in:
    - ❑ Evidenced-based practice
    - ❑ Population health
    - ❑ Health policy
    - ❑ Information technology
    - ❑ Leadership/Systems/Quality
    - ❑ Highest level advanced nursing practice

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# Need for the DNP Program (*Cont.*)

- More primary care providers and nurse administrators are needed in our geographic region
- More nursing faculty needed
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing mandate for advanced practice nurses by 2015

# Fits 9 BOR “Criteria” for Approval

1. High quality MSN already established
2. Geographic location serves workforce needs
3. Prepares students for practice in a specific field; accreditation mandates the DNP
4. Careful review to ensure it:
  - Enhances and supports BSN undergraduate program and mission
  - Does not impact resources for undergraduate programs

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# Fits 9 BOR “Criteria” for Approval

5. Does not rely on adjuncts to teach at the undergraduate level
6. Aligns with institutional planning efforts
7. Satisfies local, regional, and national market needs
8. Cost / price is competitive
9. Not a “new or emerging field”

# Program Details

- BSN to DNP – 72-76 credits
  - Part-time option to serve returning adult students
  - MSN to DNP option – 28 credits using distance/hybrid learning
- Collaboration
  - All 800 DNP-only level courses share same #, course descriptions and objectives
  - Alternate semester offerings
  - Collaborative teaching and evaluation of courses

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# Program Details (*Cont.*)

- Oshkosh specializations:
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Eau Claire specializations:
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Adult Nurse Practitioner
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - Nursing Administration



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# Questions?

