

ACU Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Advise & Respond

Course Number: **or Degree Plan(s):**

As we began to implement the use of GRAD 79X courses for the DNP (passed in the previous council), we noticed there was a sentence in the catalog mentioning the continuation courses for the DNP.

Per the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Office, we are informing the council that the information about continuation courses will be removed from the catalog concerning the DNP degree plan as it is a program requirement and not a curricular requirement.

See attached documentation.

Highlight the item that corresponds to the requested change.

	Change to a Course	U	D	A	O	S
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	A	I
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	A	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	A	--	A	I
10.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A	A	I
11.	Cross list with another program or department	A	A	A	A	I
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	I
14.	New course (application required)	A	A	A	A	I

	Change to a Degree Plan	U	D	A	O	S	F
1.	Major/Program — Revision	A	A	A	A	A	--

2.	Major/Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	--
3.	Major/Program — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
4.	Major/Program — Offer existing university program on campus	--	A	A	A	A	--
5.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I
7.	GPA — Revise major/program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A	A	--
8.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	I	I	I	--
9.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
10.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	--
12.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
14.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I

	Change to Undergraduate University Requirements	U	C	A	P	D	O	C	S
15.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content	A	A	A	A	A	A	--	A
16.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements chart	A	--	--	A	A	A	--	A
18.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to Catalog Information For Campus								
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A

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Nursing Practice, Executive Nursing Leadership, DNP (NURP-TL)

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DNP: Doctor of Nursing Practice

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

Please see the [DNP](#) admission requirements on the [School of Nursing](#) page.

Major Requirements

Core Requirements

- NURS 701 - [DNP](#) Role Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 703 - Informatics to Improve Patient Care Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 705 - Applied Statistics and Research in Nursing Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 712 - Epidemiology and Population Health Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 721 - Healthcare Policy and Clinical Practice Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 731 - Organizational and System Leadership Credit Hours: 3

Total: 18 Credit Hours

Executive Nursing Leadership (TL)

- NURS 716 - Healthcare Finance and Clinical Practice Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 727 - Population Health and Chronic Disease Management Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 733 - Healthcare Reform: Current Issues Affecting Nursing Practice Credit Hours: 3

- NURS 735 - Quality Improvement Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 737 - Health Program Planning and Evaluation Credit Hours: 3

Total Track Hours: 15

Additional Major Requirements

Completion of all project readiness requirements.

Project

- NURS 752 - DNP Project I Credit Hours: 3
- NURS 758 - Scholarly Project Implementation Credit Hours: 3

Total: 6 Credit Hours

~~Students who do not complete the Project in NURS 758 will continue to register in project continuation (GRAD 696) each session until the project is completed.~~

Project Submission

Completed project must be submitted to the ACU Digital Commons.

Total Major Hours: 39

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Re: Catalog 79X Addendum

21 messages

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DNP GRAD 696 to 79X Proposal.pdf

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Fri, Aug 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM

My preference would be to remove the note under the "Project" section of the [degree plan](#) completely. Continuous enrollment once the project is underway is a program requirement, not a curricular requirement, and 79x is not a required course for any student. It makes sense that this has been tricky to edit in the degree plan.

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