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Policy Title: Verification of Supervised Practice Hours in the Master's Program

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the policy, Post-Baccalaureate Clinical Practice Hours Required of Students to be Awarded a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree, is to ensure that any student awarded a DNP degree by the Cizik School of Nursing has documented evidence of a minimum of 1000 hours of supervised post-baccalaureate practice as required by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2006) DNP Essentials.

**Policy:**

The student must complete 1000 hours of supervised post-baccalaureate practice as a requirement for being awarded a DNP degree by the Cizik School of Nursing. A review of completed practice hours will be conducted and verified before a student is approved for graduation.

**Practice hours obtained prior to entering the post-master's DNP program.** The student is responsible for obtaining official verification of supervised post-baccalaureate practice hours obtained prior to entering the DNP Program from the school in whose program the practice hours occurred and supplying that verification to the designated individual in the Cizik School of Nursing.

**Practice hours obtained while enrolled in the post-master's DNP program.** There are 500 supervised practice hours included in the post-Master's DNP program. If a student does not have documented evidence of a minimum of 500 hours in their master's program, the student will be required to complete additional hours during the DNP program to make up the deficit hours and meet the requirements for the DNP degree and graduation. Additional hours required to fill the gap, achieve student learning outcomes, and meet program clinical/practice hour requirements will be completed prior to completing the DNP program. The goals of the additional practice experiences will be in accordance with the DNP Essentials and include specific pre-approved learning objectives. Clinical/practice experiences for students in the post-master's DNP program may include a variety of experiences, depending upon the associated objectives.