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Policy Title: Verification of Supervised Post-Baccalaureate Practice Hours Completed in a Nursing Master's and/or Post-Graduate Nursing Program

Purpose:

The purpose of the policy 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 a minimum of a 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 post-baccalaureate practice hours will be conducted and verified by the designated individual(s) in the Cizik School of Nursing before a student is approved for graduation.

Practice hours obtained prior to entering the post-Masters 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 accredited school of nursing 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-Masters DNP program:

If a student does not have documented evidence of a minimum of 520 post-baccalaureate faculty supervised clinical practice hours in their nursing master's and/or post-graduate nursing program, the student will be required to complete additional hours during the Cizik School of Nursing DNP program to attain the deficit hours and meet the requirements for the DNP degree and graduation. Students entering the program with less than the minimal number of hours, are required to complete additional faculty supervised practice hours to achieve student learning outcomes and meet program clinical/practice hour requirements 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-Masters DNP program may include a variety of experiences, depending upon the associated objectives.