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(a) California State University programs leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree shall be distinguished from a University of California Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing program.

(b) California State University Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs shall conform to the following criteria:

(1) The clinical degree programs in advanced nursing practice shall prepare graduates for leadership and clinical roles and to engage in evidence-based inquiry; and programs may also prepare graduates to serve as faculty in postsecondary nursing education programs.

(2) Programs shall be consistent with the requirements of a professional nursing accrediting body and the regional accrediting association.

(c) Each campus offering a program leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree shall establish requirements for admission to the program. The requirements for admission shall include, at a minimum, the requirements stated in Section 41021.

(d) Programs leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree shall conform to the following specifications:

(1) The curriculum may be organized as a cohort-based program and shall include learning experiences that balance research, theory, and practice. The core curriculum for each DNP program shall provide professional preparation in advanced nursing practice, including but not be limited to theory, application and evaluation of research findings, curriculum development and evaluation, professional practice, management and leadership, and essential curricular concepts for advanced nursing at the doctoral level.

(2) The pattern of study for the post-bachelor's degree in nursing to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program shall include at least 27 semester units in courses organized primarily for doctoral students, and the remaining units required for the degree shall be in courses organized for specialty advanced nursing coursework as identified by national nursing specialty certification agencies. No more than 12 semester doctoral project units shall be allowed toward the degree program requirements.

(3) The pattern of study for the post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program shall be composed of at least 36 semester units earned in graduate standing. At least 27 semester units required for the degree shall be in courses organized primarily for doctoral students, and the remaining units required for the degree shall be in courses organized primarily for doctoral students or courses organized primarily for master's and doctoral students.

(4) At least 80 percent of required Doctor of Nursing Practice semester units shall be completed in residence at the campus awarding the degree or campuses jointly awarding the degree. The appropriate campus authority may authorize the substitution of credit earned by alternate means for part of this residence requirement. The campus may establish a policy allowing the transfer of relevant coursework and credits completed as a matriculated student in another graduate program, on the condition that the other program is appropriately accredited.

(5) A doctoral qualifying examination or assessment shall be required.

(6) The pattern of study shall include completion of a doctoral project.

(A) The doctoral project shall be the written product of a systematic, rigorous, evidence-based endeavor focused on a significant nursing practice issue. The doctoral project is expected to contribute to an improvement in professional practices, policy, or patient outcomes. It shall evidence originality, critical and independent thinking, appropriate form and organization, and adequate rationale.

(B) The doctoral project shall reflect a command of the scholarly literature and shall demonstrate the student's mastery of evidence-based practice at the doctoral level.

(C) The written component of the doctoral project shall be organized in an appropriate form and shall identify the problem statement and purpose, state the major theoretical perspectives, explain the significance of the undertaking, relate it to the relevant scholarly and professional literature, identify the methods of gathering and analyzing the data, and offer a conclusion or recommendation.

(D) No more than 12 semester units shall be allowed for the doctoral project.

(E) An oral presentation of the doctoral project shall be required.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66600, 89030, 89035, 89280 and 89281, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66600, 89280 and 89281, Education Code.

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§ 40514. The Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree: Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the candidate shall have completed a program of study that includes a qualifying assessment and a doctoral project and that is consistent with the specifications in subdivision (d) of Section 40513 and that is approved by the appropriate campus authority. A grade point average of 3.0 (grade of B) or better shall have been earned in courses taken to satisfy the requirements for the degree, except that a course in which no letter grade is assigned shall not be used in computing the grade point average.

(b) Advancement to Candidacy. For advancement to candidacy for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the student shall have achieved classified graduate standing and met such particular requirements as the Chancellor and the appropriate campus authority may prescribe. The requirements shall include a qualifying assessment.

(c) The student shall have completed all requirements for the degree within five years of matriculation into the doctoral program. The appropriate campus authority may extend by up to two years the time for completion of the requirements under the following circumstances;

(1) the student is in good standing,

(2) the extension is warranted by compelling individual circumstances, and

(3) the student demonstrates current knowledge of research and practice in advanced nursing practice, as required by the campus.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66600, 89030, 89035, 89280 and 89281, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66600, 89030, 89280 and 89281, Education Code.

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