

**SONHP Program Evaluation Committee**  
**2021-2022 Annual Program Assessment Plan**

**SONHP Program:** Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

**Assessment Champion(s):** DNP Program Director: Francine Serafin-Dickson

**Date of Plan:** 01-18-2022

1. What aspect of student learning will you assess during this academic year?

The DNP program will be revising their Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) to align with the 2021 American Association of Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education. The Essentials "provide a framework for preparing individuals as members of the discipline of nursing, reflecting expectations across the trajectory of nursing education and applied experience." <https://www.aacnnursing.org/AACN-Essentials>

2. Why have you chosen to assess this?

Our program needs to align with these updated essentials. The Essentials are a resource and guide for curriculum review, revisions, and program assessment. Previous publications of The Essentials: Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, 2008; Master's Education in Nursing, 2011; and Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice, 2006.

3. How will you assess this (i.e., describe your assessment methodology)?

Faculty workgroups will revise the PLOs and ensure that there is a sequencing of PLO rigor from the BSN to the MSN to the DNP programs. Faculty will then map the PLOs to the current curriculum to ensure the PLOs are met. Course descriptions, objectives, and deliverables will be assessed and modified, if needed, to align with the new PLOs in the following academic year.

4. What is the timeline for data collection, analysis and review, and discussion of plans for indicated curricular or programmatic change(s)?

Late Fall 2021: BSN, MSN, and DNP faculty meeting to review and discuss AACN updated essentials

December 2021: BSN, MSN, and DNP faculty meet to learn about the Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education

Early Spring 2022: BSN, MSN, and DNP meet to begin updates and compare PLOs

Late Spring 2022: DNP PLOs finalized.