SECTION V: INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY FOR POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

I.   **Overview**

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC) Program is designed for students who are a certified APRN and would like to become certified in another specialty or students with an MSN that are interested in a Health Systems/Administration certificate. The specialty areas we offer are Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Health Systems/Administration with and without an Advanced Practice Provider (APP) focus.

II.   **Advising**

The Directors for the DNP focus areas are assigned as faculty advisor. The role of the faculty advisor is to mentor and provide career guidance to students. Additional student support is provided by Student Services related to course enrollment, understanding important deadlines, and complying with CON requirements such as licensure, HIPPA, or criminal background check.

III.   **Plan of Study**

All Post-Graduate-Certificate students will receive individualized plans of study. Duplicates can be requested from the Office of Student Services Graduate Programs Office by contacting jennifer-clougherty@uiowa.edu or kara-avis@uiowa.edu. Template plans of study can be found at the site below.
https://nursing.uiowa.edu/post-graduate-certificate-programs.

The PGC plans of study are developed in accordance with national standards that reflect the area of specialization and are created following a GAP analysis, for those pursuing another APRN specialty, or a transcript review, for those pursuing a Health Systems/Administration Certificate. The appropriate Director prepares the GAP analysis or transcript review. Clinical hours support the second clinical specialization, and practicum hours support the administration knowledge.

IV.   **Graduation Information**

Upon completion of the courses determined by the GAP Analysis, the Graduate Programs Office will submit the paperwork to the Graduate College to get the appropriate notation on the transcript.

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