

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DNP

Doctor of Nursing Practice

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Acronym Definitions

AACN	American Association of Colleges of Nursing
ARNP	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
BOG	Board of Governors
DNP	Doctor of Nursing Practice
MSN	Master of Science in Nursing
UBOT	University Board of Trustees



Key Policy Issues for DNP

- Only degree for advanced practice nursing by 2015
- Is DNP appropriate direction for nursing education?
- General support among Florida stakeholders, but
- Concern about impact on other MSN programs
- Potential for more clinical faculty and better healthcare
- Universities with doctorate in nursing have faculty & resources
- Uncertain impact on current graduate nursing programs enrollment



DNP Policy Options

Option One

- No DNP programs in SUS, because:
 - May not become only credential for ARNP
 - Concern about impact on MSN programs

Option Two

- Complete DNP proposal to BOG
- Limit the DNP to ARNP programs
- Require other MSN programs to remain

DNP Policy Options

Option Three

- Univ. with nursing doctorate - UBOT approval
- Limit the DNP to ARNP programs
- Require other MSN programs to remain
- Univ. without nursing doctorate - BOG approval
- BOG staff monitor impact on MSN enrollments