PARTICIPATION IN DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE INTENSIVES POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of the policy is to describe participation requirements for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Intensives.

REVIEW: All policies in the Graduate Program Manual shall be reviewed by the Graduate Program Associate Dean/Department Chairs by December 1 of even numbered years in collaboration with the Graduate Program Council. Final approval of the Graduate Program Manual is by the Dean.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy
1.1 PM DNP Intensives provide essential content from each course in a face-to-face*, interactive format.
1.2 DNP Intensives are usually held for two times per semester, throughout the DNP program.
1.3 DNP Intensives are held at the TTUHSC campus in Lubbock or may be hosted by an agency or facility at another city in Texas.
1.4 Dates for DNP Intensives are announced in advance and may be subject to change.
1.5 DNP students are required to attend all Intensives and to stay for the entire duration of each Intensive. Missing any part of an intensive constitutes an absence.

2.0 Procedure
2.1 Students who have excused and non-excused absences from a course Intensive or any part of a course Intensive will be required to submit an assignment focused on learning objectives from each course held during the Intensive. Faculty for each course will determine the assignment.
2.2 Students should notify faculty at least 48 hours in advance, when possible, if they will be absent for part or all of an Intensive.
2.3 Excused absences include emergencies, such as illness or death of an immediate family member; and, medical conditions that restrict or prevent travel, such as illness or restrictions related to pregnancy and birth.
2.4 Non-emergent absences (e.g., work-related events, conferences; travel arrangements that require early departure from an Intensive) will not be excused.
2.5 Students enrolled in the DNP program who miss part or all of two Intensives for non-emergent reasons will be placed on academic probation for one semester.
2.6 Students who miss three intensives for non-emergent reasons will be required to take a leave of absence for one semester.

*In the case of unique circumstances (e.g., the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic), the relevant faculty council will determine if the Intensive will be virtual.