

# 2019-2020 Graduate Catalog



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a dedication to **ethical leadership** and **civic responsibility**.

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*Students have the responsibility to read this catalog, official announcements, notices posted on the website and sent via email and otherwise to be informed completely in regard to the programs of study, diploma requirements, credits, degree requirements, and other facts relating to life at Morningside College.*

# MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

## Mission Statement

The Morningside College experience cultivates a passion for lifelong learning and a dedication to ethical leadership and civic responsibility.

## Vision Statement

The College is a student-centered participatory community, offering a liberal arts curriculum combined with a diverse array of practical experiences. The goal is the development of the whole person through an emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication, cultural understanding, practical wisdom, spiritual discernment, and ethical action. The Morningside College graduate is equipped for both personal and professional success.

## Profile

**Historical Background.** Morningside College was founded in 1894 by the Methodist Episcopal Church as a private, four year, coeducational, liberal arts institution. It maintains its affiliation with the United Methodist Church.

**Academic Year.** The College operates on a two semester system with sessions from late August to December and January to May. In addition, some graduate courses are offered throughout the summer.

**Accreditation.** The Higher Learning Commission (230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, 800.621.7440 or 312.263.0456; <https://www.hlcommission.org/>); the Iowa Department of Education; the Iowa Board of Nursing; the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; the National Association of Schools of Music; and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

## The Campus

The Morningside College campus is located in a residential suburb in the southeastern part of Sioux City. The entire campus is in a National Register of Historic Places District for its mixture of Romanesque, Italian Renaissance Revival, and Art Moderne buildings, interspersed with newer, contemporary buildings. The 68-acre campus is adjacent to a city park, swimming pool, tennis courts, eating establishments, and is a short drive from major regional shopping centers.

**Lillian E. Dimmitt Alumni House** (1921) was the home of Lillian E. Dimmitt, who was Dean of Women for 26 years. In 1983, the house was dedicated and used as a meeting place for alumni. It remains a site for meetings and smaller gatherings.

**Bass Field**, near the center of campus, is the location for a number of outdoor events, including intramural sports and other student activities.

**Buhler Rohlf's Hall** (2014) is the first completely new classroom building constructed on campus since 1974. It has classrooms and offices for the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, the Sharon Walker School of Education and the Nylen School of Nursing.

**Charles City College Hall** (1890), the first building on Morningside's campus, is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places. It houses classrooms and offices for the History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Theatre Departments.

**Lillian E. Dimmitt Residence Hall** (1927) houses 380 students, and includes 14 apartments.

**Eugene C. Eppley Fine Arts Building** (1966) provides one of the finest music and art facilities in the region. The auditorium, which was remodeled in 2013, seats 1,300 people and is noted for the majestic Sanford Memorial Organ used for recitals and teaching. The organ was a gift of Art and Stella Sanford of Sioux City. The Eppley Art Gallery, located in the foyer, regularly features exhibitions by guest artists, faculty, and students.

**Garretson Houses** (2009) are two houses adjacent to campus for juniors and seniors. Each house provides a living room, storage space, four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a full kitchen, and houses eight students.

**Grace United Methodist Church** (1960) is located southeast of campus.

**Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center** (1984) includes the former Wilhelmina Petersmeyer Library and Marian Jones Hall of Culture. This building was first constructed as a gymnasium in 1913, converted to Petersmeyer Library in 1955, and renovated and expanded in 1984. It was redesigned as a Learning Center in 2005. A renovation completed in 2014 created a new main entrance and converted the second floor into a study lounge. The building includes Library Services, the Writing Center, Student Academic Support Services, and the Spoonholder Café. It also houses the Department of Writing and Rhetoric, the Mass Communication Department, and visual art displays. The website for the Learning Center is <http://library.morningside.edu>.

**Hilker Campus Mall** (2008) is a pedestrian mall and green space that starts at the back of Lewis Hall, extends south past the Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center and terminates at Garretson Avenue near the Eppley Fine Arts Building. The mall incorporates three outdoor gathering spaces: the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center, the Lieder Fountain, and the Kline Family Pergola.

**Hindman-Hobbs Center** (1989) includes facilities for all recreational and intramural programs and features three activity courts, a swimming pool, a golf room, a wrestling room, weight rooms, and an indoor track, as well as classroom facilities, and offices. It is the home of the Mustang wrestling and swimming teams. Recreational and fitness programs and all facilities are available to students, faculty, and staff. The center underwent significant renovation during 2006, including the installation of new sports performance floors for the activity courts and indoor track.

**Elizabeth and Irving Jensen Softball Complex** (2006) is located near the center of campus and features cement dugouts, seating for 400, and a two-story press box. The complex is home to the Mustangs' softball team.

**Klinger-Neal Theatre** (1964) includes a 300-seat theatre and support areas. The theatre features a variable performance space allowing for proscenium, thrust, and arena staging.

**Krone Advising Center** (2014) is connected to Buhler Rohlfs Hall and will house offices for the full-time advisors who work with Morningside's first-year undergraduate students.

**Lags Hall** (2007) features single bedroom housing. This apartment-style residence hall houses 60 students in 15 four-bedroom suites, complete with restroom and living room/kitchen. The facility also features a large community room and fitness center. Lags Hall is home of the Morningside Leadership Academy.

**Helen Levitt Art Gallery** (1998), adjoining the Eppley Fine Arts Auditorium, is home to the Levitt art collection which includes work by internationally famous artists. Works by Tamayo, Rauschenberg, Johns, Frankenthaler, Nevelson, Motherwell, Miro, and Hockney are included in the million-dollar collection.

**Lewis Hall** (1900), Morningside's second oldest building, contains administrative offices, Student Services, the Graduate Program in Education, and classrooms and offices for the English and Modern Languages Department and the Economics, Political Science and Sociology Department.

**Robert M. Lincoln Center** (1974) houses the U.P.S. Auditorium, business library, conference rooms, and the Center for Entrepreneurship and Education, as well as classrooms and offices of the Business Administration Department.

**The MacCollin Classroom Building**, adjoining the Eppley Fine Arts Building, houses offices, art studios, practice rooms, and classrooms for the Music and Art Departments.

**Mason Family Tennis Complex** (2014) became part of the campus when the City of Sioux City transferred ownership of the courts during the summer of 2015. The courts continue to be open to the public.

**Elwood Olsen Stadium** (1940), formerly Roberts Stadium, is home to Morningside's football, soccer, and track and field teams. More than \$2.5 million in renovations to the stadium were completed in 2005, including the installation of field turf and a new track, new field lighting, and a new parking lot.

**The Olsen Student Center** (1962) is the hub of student activity on campus and is the location for many college and community activities. Over \$2 million in renovations to the main level of the building were completed in 2007, including complete remodeling of the Dick and Marty Weikert Dining Hall, lobby, Hickman Room, and Yockey Family Community Room. The building also houses the Mustang Grill, the Bookstore, the Office of Residence Life, Campus Security offices, Student Government and student activities office, Health Services, the Media Center, Computer service Center, and the student post office.

**Physical Plant Building** (2007) is located on the south edge of the campus. It is home to the maintenance department and the print shop.

**Donald E. Poppen Apartments and the Joan L. and Norman W. Waitt, Sr. Apartments** (2003) house a total of 72 students. Each apartment has three or four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a shared living room/kitchen area. Study rooms, laundry facilities, and parking are also available on site.

**Residence Complex** (1966) houses 93 students.

**Roadman Hall** (1953) houses 248 students and one professional staff member. Along with student rooms, the building contains 12 apartments. It also houses the Information Services Center and includes the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) classroom. Extensive renovations of the south wing of Roadman were completed in 2005 and included installation of air conditioning in each student room, new restroom and laundry facilities, and a new combination kitchen/study area.

**Tom Rosen Field** (2018) is the home for Morningside lacrosse and serves as a practice soccer field.

**Rosen Verdoorn Sports Center-George M. Allee Gymnasium** (1949) seats more than 2,500 spectators and houses athletic offices as well as the athletic training room and a weight room facility. In 2007, the college invested nearly \$3 million in renovations to the facility, including construction of a new lobby, concession stand, M-Club Room, and restrooms. It is home of the Mustangs' basketball and volleyball teams.

**James and Sharon Walker Science Center** (2001) is a renovated science facility comprised of the **A. W. Jones Hall of Science** (1948) and the **Jacobsen Annex** (1969). Facilities include classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices for Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematical Science, Physics/Engineering, and Psychology.

## **Morningside College History**

Morningside College was founded on December 5, 1894, when a committee of 15 ministers of the Northwest Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and 12 laypersons filed Articles of Incorporation. The college purchased the grounds and single building (known today as Charles City College Hall) of the failing University of the Northwest, started in 1890 by Methodist ministers and local businessmen. Under President G. W. Carr, classes started at Morningside College in the fall of 1895.

Morningside grew from a high school academy with a few college students to the largest college in northwest Iowa under the leadership of its second president, Rev. Wilson Seeley Lewis. Lewis oversaw the completion in 1900 of the second campus building, today's Lewis Hall, and began the college endowment before he was called to be Bishop to China.

The fourth president, Rev. Alfred E. Craig, rebuilt both original buildings after fire reduced them to shells, and erected the Alumni Gymnasium, the core of today's Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center. In 1914 Charles City College merged with Morningside. A German Methodist Episcopal college founded in 1868 in Galena, Illinois, it had moved to Charles City, Iowa in 1891.

Under the fifth president, alumnus Frank E. Mossman, Morningside added its first residential facility (later named after long-time Dean of Women, Lillian E. Dimmitt) in 1927. Other residence halls include Roadman Hall (1953), the Residence Complex (1966), the Poppen and Waitt Apartments (2003), and Lags Hall (2007).

After difficult times during the Great Depression, Morningside experienced new growth under Earl Roadman, its seventh president. Roadman brought financial stability to the college, and persuaded the U.S. Army to bring its Aviation Cadet Training Program to campus during WWII. After the war, Roadman launched a massive building program to accommodate the returning soldiers, including Jones Hall of Science (1948), Allee Gymnasium (1949), and O'Donoghue Observatory (1953).

Building continued under his successor, President J. Richard Palmer, with the Olsen Student Center (1962), Klinger-Neal Theatre (1964), Eppley Auditorium (1966), and Jacobsen Computer Center (1969). More recent campus additions have been Lincoln Center (1974), under President Thomas S. Thompson, and two buildings completed under President Miles Tommeraasen: Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library Center (1984) and Hindman-Hobbs Center for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (1989).

Since 2000, under the administration of President John Reynders, Morningside has invested nearly \$50 million in new programs and capital improvements. Between 2001 and 2008, the following projects transformed the physical appearance of the campus: rebuilt Walker Science Center; construction of Waitt, Poppen, Lags apartment style residence halls; Roadman Residence Hall south wing remodel; renovated Rosen Verdoorn Sports Center-Allee Gymnasium; Hilker Campus Mall construction; remodel of Olsen Student Center main level; and construction of the Jensen Softball Complex. The "Vision 2020: Transformation II" campaign announced in 2012 has raised funds for construction of Buhler Rohlf's Hall, Krone Advising Center, and the remodel of Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center, Eppley Auditorium, and Dimmitt Residence Hall.

Although the college no longer has legal ties with the United Methodist Church, it still maintains close relations with the church and shares common ecumenical goals. From its founding as a coeducational institution, Morningside has promoted equal access to education, enrolling international and African-American students in its first decade. In 1911, Morningside graduates founded what would become the first college for women in China, Hwa Nan College. Community service has remained an important part of the



college's mission. Recent initiatives include the adoption of a non-discrimination policy regarding sexual orientation and yearly programming celebrating diversity and spiritual growth.

Morningside College is committed to providing the best possible college experience for its students.

### **Board of Directors, Academic Year 2019-2020**

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**Administrative Organization**

The administration of each Graduate Program is delegated to a Dean. The Dean of each program reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Graduate Committee is responsible for all graduate curricular and assessment matters and to ensure that graduate students are given a fair and equitable opportunity to have a successful and satisfying academic experience.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Morningside College believes in and promotes non-discrimination. It is our policy and practice to promote equal opportunities without regard to age, sex, religion, creed, race, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, or national origin. This basic philosophy applies not only in searching for new employees, but also in the recruiting of students. It is believed that there should be no discrimination in the selection or placement of employees, as well as in administration, supervision, compensation, training, promotions, and termination of employment. Every other practice or procedure, both in the areas of academics and business, must subscribe to the intent of this basic philosophy which is inherent in Judeo-Christian principles.

The College is committed to providing all of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors with equal access to its programs, events, and facilities. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the College has made modifications to some of its buildings and grounds in such a manner as to allow students and faculty, including those with visual or hearing impairments, auxiliary aids, modification in classroom schedules and locations and adjustment of classroom techniques and practices in order to allow equal access to the regular program and degree objectives offered by the College.

Persons wishing additional information about this policy or assistance to accommodate individual needs should contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at the Business Office. The telephone number is 712-274-5128.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Advising**

Students enrolled in a program of study will be assigned an advisor. Advisors at Morningside College are responsible for making program regulations available to current and prospective graduate students. The advisor will be available by email and phone to assist the student in understanding the student's individual program and the College policies, regulations, and administrative procedures. While the College makes every effort to advise and counsel students on their academic programs and degree requirements, the student is ultimately responsible for fulfilling all requirements for a degree, certificate, or endorsement.

### **Disability Services**

Morningside College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all students with documented disabilities. Students must have appropriate documentation on file with the Department Head of their program and the Disability Services Coordinator before any course accommodations can be made. Based on provided documentation, the Disability Service Coordinator will make a determination of what are reasonable accommodations and create a Letter of Accommodation. Once the instructor receives authorization from the Disability Services Coordinator via an official Letter of Accommodation, necessary adjustments will be made in the course. Accommodations are not retroactive; therefore, early planning is essential. Please contact the Disability Services Coordinator with any questions or to coordinate services.

### **Commencement**

Graduates and prospective graduates may take part in the commencement ceremony, attired in appropriate academic regalia. The graduation fee is required whether the student participates in the commencement ceremony or not.

There is one commencement ceremony each year. Students who will be invited to participate in the commencement ceremonies will include: 1) students who have completed degree requirements since the last commencement ceremony and did not previously participate; 2) students who anticipate graduating at the end of the spring semester; and 3) students in good academic standing and whose planned program of study indicates they have 12 or fewer credits to take in the summer to complete the degree.

Students participating in commencement ceremonies before finishing all requirements will be designated as such in the commencement program.

## **Library Services**

The Hickman-Johnson Furrow Learning Center's full collection of materials is available to all students. Books, DVDs, and CDs found in the catalog can be mailed to students at no cost. Items not in the catalog can be requested via interlibrary loan. Library databases can be accessed online. Graduate students, both on and off campus, must use their assigned username/password to access databases, check out materials, and request materials through interlibrary loan.

## **Online Writing Center**

In conjunction with the Morningside College Writing Center, consultants are available online to assist students with the writing process.

## **Research Center**

The Graduate Program's data analysis lab seeks to promote sound statistical analysis, assessment, and research. The lab provides assistance to graduate students during all stages of data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

## **MySIDE Portal**

MySIDE Portal (<https://my.morningside.edu>) is the site to access password protected resources. Students are assigned a username and given a link to create their own password. These credentials give the student access to CampusWEB, Morningside email, and Moodle which are all available on the MySIDE Portal.

**CampusWEB.** The portal to personal account information is CampusWEB. Use CampusWEB to register for classes, access your bill, accept/review financial aid, review your schedule, review grades, and print an unofficial transcript.

**Email.** All students will be given a Morningside email address. The email address is the student's username, followed by @morningside.edu. This is the official form of communication at Morningside College. It is the responsibility of all students to check their Morningside email regularly to stay apprised of official college notices and information, as this is the email address that will be used to communicate with them.

**Moodle.** Graduate courses are 100% online. Courses are delivered through Moodle, the course management system utilized by Morningside College. Technical assistance for Moodle is available 24/7 by contacting eClass4learning at 1-800-408-4935 ext. 6.

## **Career Services**

Career Services are provided within each graduate program. Students may receive valuable career guidance necessary to make career advancements, build professional networks, and continue their education. For information regarding career support contact the appropriate graduate program.

## **Student Health and Personal Counseling**

The campus office of Student Health and Personal Counseling provides a list of off campus resources for graduate students.

## **Bookstore**

Graduate students have access to MBS Direct online bookstore to purchase or rent most required textbooks. However, students are not required to use MBS Direct and may purchase their textbooks from other vendors.

# **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is basic to all academic activities so that grades and degrees will have validity. Graduate Programs at Morningside College expect students to:

- Perform their work honestly and equitably
- Not hinder others in their academic work
- Not unfairly assist other students

These expectations and penalties for not meeting integrity expectations are outlined below. A student who is unsure of either his or her responsibilities as a scholar or whether a particular action is appropriate should consult the syllabus and instructor of the course.

In any academic community, including the online academic community, students are encouraged to work together to help each other learn and, at times, are required to collaborate on course activities. However, all work a student submits or presents as part of course assignments or requirements must be his or her own original work unless expressly permitted by the instructor. This includes work in written, oral, and electronic forms as well as any artistic medium.

Plagiarism is a major form of academic dishonesty. When students use another person's ideas, thoughts, or expressions in writing or other presentation modes, each instance requires a clear, appropriate acknowledgment of the use of an original source. Examples of plagiarism include:

### **Deliberate Copying**

- Copying someone else's paper or project and submitting it as one's own.
- Buying content from a service or individual, or borrowing and submitting it as one's own.

### **Inaccurate/Inappropriate Documentation**

- Using a direct quote from a source without the use of quotation marks and providing the appropriate citation.
- Submitting a direct quotation as a paraphrase.
- Changing only a few words from a quotation and using it as a paraphrase.
- Inventing information or citations.

Additional violations of the Academic Integrity policy may include but are not limited to:

- Misrepresenting illnesses, personal crises, or other circumstances intentionally as an excuse for missed or late academic work.
- Submitting a paper, presentation or other product in more than one class without each instructor's expressed permission.
- Providing help to another student not authorized by the instructor, such as taking tests and quizzes or preparing for any other requirements of a course.
- Communicating answers in any way to another student during an exam.
- Tampering with or damaging the work of other student(s).
- Reading or observing the work of another student without his or her consent.
- Lying to an instructor or administrative staff member.
- Damaging or abusing library and other academic resources.
- Forging signatures on official documents.

An instructor who suspects a student of violating the Academic Integrity Policy will consult with the Department Head of their Program. If the violation is verified, the instructor will, as a minimum penalty, assign a grade of zero for the assignment. However, the instructor can exercise discretion in justifiable cases and impose a lesser penalty. The maximum penalty is a grade of F for the course in which the violation occurred.

If there is more than one violation in the same course, the instructor will assign a grade of F in the course. A student receiving a grade of F due to an Academic Integrity Violation may not withdraw from the course. The Department Head will inform the student in writing of the violation and the penalty, and a copy of this written notification will be placed in the student's electronic file.

If this is not the first reported violation for the student, the Department Head of the program may intervene to pursue suspension or expulsion from Morningside College or other penalties beyond a failing grade in the course.

Graduate students may refer to the Grievance and Appeals Policy and Procedure to appeal decisions involving plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty to the Graduate Committee.

### **Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Discontinuance**

The Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, & Discontinuance policy is designed to help keep graduate students on track to complete their programs of study and/or degree in a reasonable time period. At the end of each term, the academic records of all students are reviewed. To remain in good academic standing, students must maintain a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 **each semester and cumulatively**.

**Academic Warning**

Academic Warning is for students whose graduate status cumulative GPA is at or greater than 3.0 but whose term GPA is less than 3.0. This warning alerts the student to potential difficulties and potential loss of financial aid eligibility. Students on academic warning are strongly encouraged to work with their Advisor to develop an Academic Success Plan for improving their academic standing.

**Academic Probation**

If a student's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 in any academic term (i.e., fall, spring, summer), the student will be placed on academic probation the following term. While on academic probation, the student must earn a term GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students will receive a notice of probation at the end of the term, and the notice of probation will be imprinted on the student's transcript. When the student achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, the student returns to good academic standing.

**Academic Suspension**

A student on academic probation who fails to maintain a term GPA of 3.0 will be placed on academic suspension for a minimum of two academic terms. Students who have academic suspension status may not be enrolled in more than 4 credits and will not receive financial aid from Morningside College during their suspension. (For purposes of this policy the summer term is considered one term.) Following the two term suspension, students may continue on academic probation if they have maintained a term GPA of 3.0.

If a suspended student enrolls in college coursework elsewhere during the suspension, evidence of this course work must be presented to Morningside College and may be used to determine whether or not to reinstate the student.

**Discontinuance**

Graduate students who fail to achieve a term GPA of 3.0 after two terms of suspension will be discontinued from the program. Discontinued students are not allowed to enroll in courses or reapply for admission at Morningside College for at least five years.

**Standards for Decision**

All academic decisions are based on aforementioned standards. Graduate students will receive notification regarding academic warning, academic probation, academic suspension, and discontinuance from the Department Head of the Graduate Program. Graduate students may appeal decisions to the Graduate Committee.

**Financial Aid**

Graduate students who receive financial aid are subject to different course completion requirements and academic standards for continuation of their aid. See the Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Policy.

**Request for a New GPA (GPA Bankruptcy)**

Individuals who have been discontinued as students from Morningside College, or who have formerly been a student at Morningside College and have not been enrolled at Morningside College for at least three years, may appeal to the Graduate Committee to begin a new Morningside College cumulative GPA. To be eligible for a request of new GPA, the student must first be readmitted as probationary status and successfully complete 6 credits at Morningside with a semester GPA of no less than 3.0 in the first semester in which the student is readmitted, and have a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0 at the end of the same semester. The Graduate Committee will consider the student's previous cumulative GPA, graduate level course work completed while

the student was away from Morningside College, and the student's written appeal describing why starting a new GPA is appropriate in deciding whether or not to grant a new GPA. The appeal must document that a significant improvement in academic performance has occurred and that the current cumulative GPA would delay progress toward graduation. If a new GPA is granted, it would begin from the date that the student was readmitted. All previous courses at Morningside College would then be treated as transfer courses. That is, the credit hours could count towards graduation but not factored into the new cumulative GPA. All other policies regarding transfer courses would also apply to these courses. Students who are granted a new GPA are subject to immediate discontinuance if their new cumulative GPA falls below 3.0. A new GPA will not be granted more than once for any student.

### **Administrative Withdrawal**

Students are expected to prepare for and attend all classes for which they are registered and to act in a manner consistent with an academic environment while attending class. The College may administratively withdraw a student who is not attending, actively participating, exhibits disruptive or unruly behavior in class, or is otherwise not demonstrating a serious academic effort. After an Administrative Withdrawal, the student cannot register for the same course until the next time it is offered. The student's transcript will reflect the Administrative Withdrawal. Administrative withdrawals through the final day to drop a class within that semester will receive a grade of AW in the course(s). Administrative withdrawals from a course after the final day to drop a class within that semester will be recorded as an AF, which is computed as an F. The student is responsible for any charges owed to the College at the time of the Administrative Withdrawal as determined by the Refund Policy. Being Administratively Withdrawn does not eliminate a student's financial obligation to the College. An administrative withdrawal may also impact the student's financial aid. Refer to the Financial Aid and Refund policies.

### **Class Attendance**

Students are expected to prepare, attend, and participate in all courses for which they are registered. Online courses are considered no different from face-to-face courses in regard to class attendance. Courses do not start or become available on Moodle until the official start date posted for each program. Class attendance/participation is defined as participation in a weekly academically related activity. Class attendance on online courses will be stated in the individual course syllabus. Academically related activities may include: discussion forum posting, online test/quizzes, reflection, assignment, email, field trip, telephone call or electronic communication regarding the course.

A class census will be taken between 3 to 6 business days after the start of the course. In the summer term the census will be taken the day after the start of the course. Class attendance/participation will be monitored on a weekly basis throughout the term and measured by documentation of the student's submission of an academically related activity.

The student login will not be considered sufficient for attendance and may not be used for reporting of "last day of attendance." The student's "last day of attendance" is determined by the student's last submission of an academically related activity. It is the student's responsibility to inform the faculty member of late assignments and missed class/participation sessions. Students who are not attending class/participating by not submitting weekly academic related activity will be administratively withdrawn from the course. Faculty will attempt to contact the student via email to inquire about the student's attendance/participation. If the student does not respond within 3 days of the email, the faculty member will call the student. If the student still does not communicate within 24 hours of the faculty member's phone call, the student will be Administratively Withdrawn from the course.



Drop/add and withdrawal dates are listed in the Graduate Calendar and Graduate Catalog. Students who determine that they do not plan to attend a class in which they are enrolled are responsible for initiating a withdrawal prior to the official drop deadline for that course.

## **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act**

### **Official Notification of Rights Under FERPA**

Student education records are official and confidential documents protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Educational records, as defined by FERPA, include all records that schools or education agencies maintain about students. FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review their records. Students should contact the Office of the Registrar to determine the location of appropriate records and the procedures for reviewing such records.
- The right to request that records believed to be inaccurate or misleading be amended. The request should be submitted in writing to the office responsible for maintaining the record. If the request for change is denied, the student has a right to a hearing on the issue.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records. Generally, the College must have written permission from the student before releasing any information from the student's record. FERPA does, however, authorize disclosure without consent in certain situations. For example, disclosure without consent can be made to school officials with a legitimate education interest in the record.

A school official is a person employed by the institution in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research or support staff position; a person or company with whom the institution has contracted (i.e., an auditor, attorney or collection agency); contractors, volunteers, and other non-employees performing institutional services and functions; a person serving on the Board of Trustees; a student serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing his/her task. A legitimate education interest exists if the school official needs to view the education record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, Morningside College will disclose education records, without consent, to officials of another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Morningside College may also disclose "directory" information without the student's prior consent. Directory information is defined as:

- Name
- Local and permanent addresses
- Telephone number(s)
- Email address
- Date and place of birth
- Major or field(s) of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Enrollment status (FT/PT; undergraduate/graduate)

- Degrees, awards, and honors received and dates
- Expected date of completion of degree requirements and graduation
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Most recent educational institution attended
- Photograph

Students have the right, while enrolled, to prevent directory information from being released. In order to maintain directory information as confidential, a student must sign a non-release form in the Registrar's Office by the end of the first week of the semester.

This release restriction is effective for one academic year only and must be renewed each year. If a student requests non-disclosure of directory information in his or her last term of attendance, that request will be honored until the student requests its removal.

A student should carefully consider the consequences of a decision to withhold directory information, as future requests for such information from other schools, loan or insurance companies, prospective employers or other person or organizations will be refused as long as the request for non-disclosure is in effect.

Students may indicate on CampusWEB that they would like non-disclosure of directory information, and all college personnel should honor this request. However, official notification of non-disclosure must still be made in writing at the Registrar's Office.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the institution to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202-605  
Phone: (202) 260-3887  
Fax: (202) 260-9001  
Email: [ferpa@ed.gov](mailto:ferpa@ed.gov)

## Grading Policy

Morningside College uses alphabetic characters to indicate levels of achievement in courses. Grades with + or - are recorded as follows:

<u>Grade</u>		<u>Grade points per credit</u>
<b>A</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>4.0</b>
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>3.0</b>
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
<b>C</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>2.0</b>
C-		1.7
D+		1.3
<b>D</b>	<b>Marginal</b>	<b>1.0</b>
D-		0.7
<b>F</b>	<b>Failure</b>	<b>0.0</b>
AF		0.0
WF		0.0
AW		--
W		--

A maximum of 6 hours of C+ or C can be used to fulfill the requirements of a certificate or graduate degree. Any grade of C- or below will not fulfill the requirements of a certificate or a graduate degree. A grade of pass/fail cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a certificate, endorsement, or graduate degree. No grade lower than C- can be used to fulfill the requirements of an endorsement and the student will not receive a full institutional recommendation from Morningside College. A graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 is also required for completion of the degree.

A grade of W is assigned for student-initiated drops/withdrawals prior to the official drop deadline. A grade of AW is assigned for an administrative withdrawal prior to the official drop deadline. A grade of WF or AF is assigned for a student-initiated withdrawal or administrative withdrawal after the official drop deadline. A grade of W or AW does not affect the student's GPA. However, a grade of WF or AF is computed in the GPA in the same manner as a grade of F. The W, AW, WF, or AF grade is assigned by the Registrar upon notification by the Department Head of the student's respective graduate program. Withdrawing from a course or receiving an administrative withdrawal may impact the student's financial aid and does not eliminate a student's financial obligations to the College.

Graduate GPA is the GPA calculated for courses registered directly with Morningside at Morningside's tuition rate. It does not include transfer credits or courses registered with an academic partner even though Morningside credit may be awarded for that academic partner and the course is used to fulfill degree or endorsement requirements.

## **Grievance Policy and Appeals Process**

### **Grade Appeals**

When a student feels that the end of semester grade assigned by a course instructor is incorrect, the student has the right to appeal the grade. The appeal must be initiated within ten business days of the end of the semester.

The process for a grade appeal is:

- The student contacts the course instructor, in writing, stating his or her concern and a recommended solution.
- If the student and course instructor are in agreement that a grade change should occur, the instructor will submit the change of grade in writing to the Department Head. The Department Head will submit the grade change request to the Office of the Registrar.
- If the student and course instructor are in disagreement after they have communicated, the student may appeal the instructor's decision to the Lead Academic Coordinator (Graduate Education) or the School of Nursing Department Head (Graduate Nursing).
- If the student does not receive a satisfactory explanation from the Lead Academic Coordinator (Graduate Education), the student should contact the Graduate Education Department Head.
- Once the appeal reaches the Graduate Education or Nursing Department Head and it is determined that a petition to appeal the grade is warranted, the Department Head will provide the link to the petition form.
- The Department Head will submit the petition to the Graduate Committee for review and a decision. All parties involved with the appeal will be notified, know the source of the appeal, and be allowed to provide pertinent information in addressing the appeal.
- Following the meeting of the Graduate Committee to address the appeal, the Chair of the Graduate Committee will provide notification to the student (email and mailed letter) of the Graduate Committee's decision.

### **Policy Appeals**

Students who wish to appeal a Graduate Policy (not grade-related) should contact their advisor. After consultation, advisors will provide the link to the appropriate form and guidance for completion. The form will be submitted to the Graduate Committee for review and a decision. Following the meeting of the Graduate Committee to address the appeal, the student will be notified by the Chair of the Graduate Committee as to the Committee's decision via email and mailed letter. The Graduate Committee typically reviews student appeals at the end of each term.

### **Incomplete Grades**

An incomplete grade for a course may be given at the discretion of the instructor and approved by the Department Head only when the student has been actively participating in class and is unable to finish the required coursework because of extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control. The request for an incomplete grade may be submitted during the last week of class and must be submitted prior to the close of the grading window for the term. It is the student's responsibility to contact the course instructor for each class in which the student requests an incomplete. A grade of "I" will be assigned for the course.

In most circumstances, incomplete grades must be completed and converted to a permanent grade no later than 30 days following the published date of the official opening of the next regular academic term. A grade of incomplete may be extended until the end of the term which follows the term in which the incomplete was

given and only with the approval of the Department Head. Failure to complete the required coursework as a basis for conversion of the Incomplete to a permanent grade within the required period of time will result in an automatic conversion to the grade of "F." Both "I" and "F" grades will affect a student's financial aid status and may jeopardize the student's continuance at Morningside College.

### **Repeating a Course**

A student who wishes to repeat a course for a better grade may do so once. The better grade will be used in calculating the current cumulative grade point average. However, both grades will appear on the transcript of record.

### **Refund Policy**

Withdrawing from Morningside College or dropping a course does not eliminate the student's financial obligations to the College. The student is responsible for any charges owed to the College at the time of withdrawal as determined by the drop and refund policies. Withdrawing from the College or dropping a course may impact financial aid.

When aid is returned, the student may owe money to the College. The student should contact the Office of Student Financial Planning (1-800-831-0806 x5230) and/or the Business Office (1-800-831-0806 x5117) to make arrangements to pay the balance.

If the student drops or withdraws prior to completing 60% of the course, tuition will be refunded based on the percentage of the course that has not been completed. If a student has received financial aid, it will be adjusted according to federal guidelines. For financial aid purposes, if the student drops or withdraws prior to completing 60% of the term, aid will be refunded based on the percentage of the term that has not been completed.

For tuition charges, all graduate courses will be refunded based on the following schedule prorated to the day the course was dropped.

For example:

- 100% Refund for withdrawals before the course starts, during the first week of full term courses in the fall and spring, the first three days of half-term courses during the fall and spring, and the first day of all summer courses
- 90% Refund when 10% of the classes have been completed
- 80% Refund when 20% of the classes have been completed
- 70% Refund when 30% of the classes have been completed
- 60% Refund when 40% of the classes have been completed
- 50% Refund when 50% of the classes have been completed
- 40% Refund when 60% of the classes have been completed

After 60% of the class has been completed, no refund will be granted nor will financial aid be reduced. The portion of the class completed is based on calendar days from the first day of the class through the last scheduled day of class, including weekends and breaks of less than five days. **Withdrawal date**, the day the student withdraws, is the date (determined by the school) that:

- the student began the withdrawal process prescribed by the school
- the student otherwise provided the school with official notification of the intent to withdraw

- is the midpoint of the payment period of enrollment for which Title IV assistance was disbursed (unless the institution can document a withdrawal date) if the student does not begin the school's withdrawal process or notify the school of the intent to withdraw (this may include a student who earns a semester GPA of 0.00).

If the school determines the student did not begin the withdrawal process or notify the school of the intent to withdraw due to illness, accident, grievous personal loss or other such circumstances beyond the student's control, the school may determine the appropriate withdrawal date under the Administrative Withdrawal Policy.

## **Registration**

Students may take classes as admitted or non-admitted students. However, non-admitted students *are not* eligible for financial aid. Students are admitted into certificate, endorsement and/or degree programs by indicating their choices on the formal application. Students can receive financial aid only for courses taken to fulfill the requirements of the program(s) to which they are admitted.

### **Registration for Courses**

Students are provided an opportunity to register online well in advance of the beginning of each term's classes using CampusWEB available at [my.morningside.edu](http://my.morningside.edu). Students are responsible for checking the online course listings page for information regarding each course and for registering for the appropriate classes. If a student is unable to register online during the registration period, the student may be able to register by calling the Graduate Office if there is space in the class, until the published date of the last day to register. No registration is permitted after the published date of the last day to register.

The College reserves the right to change instructors or cancel or otherwise change courses should conditions require. However, every attempt is made to maintain the schedule as published. To more evenly distribute students among various sections of online courses, the College also reserves the right to move a student to a different section of a course.

### **Changes in Registration**

A student can add or drop a course online until online registration closes. Once online registration closes, a student may add or drop a course by completing the online Drop Form or calling the Graduate Office until the published date of the last day to register. A student can drop a course without it appearing on his or her permanent record during the drop period, the dates for which are specified in the current Graduate Calendar (approximately the first week of full term classes during the fall and spring, the first three days of half-term classes during the fall and spring, and the first three days of all classes during the summer).

A withdrawal after the initial add/drop period, but before the official drop deadline, will be recorded as a W on the student's permanent record. Non-attendance or non-participation in any online course does not constitute as an official drop or withdrawal and the student will be subject to the guidelines outlined in the Class Attendance and Administrative Withdrawal Policies.

A student must call the Graduate Office or submit the electronic Drop Form to drop a course after online registration for a term has closed. Sending an email, text message, or tweeting the Graduate Office or informing an instructor of intent to drop does not constitute an official drop or withdrawal.

Dropping a course or withdrawing from Morningside does not eliminate a student's financial obligations to the College. The student is responsible for any charges owed to the College at the time of the drop or withdrawal. Withdrawing from the College may also impact the student's financial aid. Please refer to the Refund Policy and the Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Policy.

### **Credit Hour**

The standard unit of work is the semester credit. It is expected that participants will spend approximately 40 hours on course activities for each hour of course credit. These activities will include but are not limited to learning experiences such as reading and study; research; responding to and collaborating with peers; and the demonstration of course learning outcomes through assignments, papers, and projects.

### **Academic Load**

To be considered full-time, a graduate student must be enrolled at Morningside in at least 9 credit hours for a single term. To be considered three-quarter time, a graduate student must be enrolled at Morningside in 7-8 credit hours for a single term. To be considered half-time, a graduate student must be enrolled at Morningside in 5-6 credit hours for a single term. To be considered less than half-time, a graduate student must be enrolled at Morningside in 1-4 credit hours for a single term. Graduate students who are in good academic standing may register for up to 12 credit hours during a single term. A student who either has: a) a history of exemplary academic achievement and/or; b) experienced extenuating circumstances that warrant an exception may seek administrative approval from the Department Head of their graduate program to enroll in additional hours.

### **Research**

All research at Morningside College is subject to applicable federal and state laws and college policies pertaining to the conduct of the research. It is the responsibility of each researcher, including students, to be aware of these regulations and applicable college policies and comply fully with their requirements found on the college website (see [IRRB website](#)).

College policy requires that all research which involves human participants, regardless of the source of financial support, be reviewed and approved by the Morningside College Institutional Research Review Board (IRB) before it can be initiated. Research need not involve physical intervention to require approval; many kinds of data-gathering must be reviewed by the committee. All faculty members sponsoring student research are required to complete National Institute of Health (NIH) or Collaborative Institutional Training Institute (CITI) certification (see [IRRB website](#)).

At the point when a degree-seeking graduate student has determined the scope and substance of his or her action research, the student will be required to acknowledge in writing his or her compliance with those regulations and policies specific to the research project.

### **Sexual Harassment**

Morningside College is committed to fostering a healthy learning and working environment and to upholding the dignity and integrity of its individual members and the institution. Sexual harassment and sexist behavior limit an individual's options, experiences, and opportunities for full achievement and will not be tolerated at Morningside College. The college prohibits sexual harassment of or by members of the college community, guests, or visitors to campus. Sexual harassment violates both college policy and, when a student is the victim, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; or when an employee is the victim, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

## **Definition**

Sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive situation or environment; or
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or
- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's education or employment.
- Sexual harassment is understood to include a range of behaviors. In determining whether a specific conduct constitutes sexual harassment, the college will look at the totality of circumstances, including the nature of the alleged incident, the effect on the individual to whom the behavior is directed, and the context in which it occurred.

## **Procedures**

### **Consultation**

Members of the Morningside College community who have general concerns regarding sexual harassment may contact the Office of Academic Affairs (5103) to be directed to the campus representative. Persons who feel there has been an incident of sexual harassment are encouraged to consult with the campus representative immediately.

Any individual has the opportunity to consult with the campus representative in matters pertaining to sexual harassment. The incident or concern will be discussed for clarification and problem identification. The campus representative may provide information, suggest resources, and assist in identifying reasonable options for resolution. The discussion will take place in confidence. Merely discussing a complaint does not preclude an individual from filing formal charges, nor is the advising phase required prior to the filing of a formal complaint. Formal complaint procedures are initiated when a member of the college community files a signed, written complaint.

Individuals should be aware, however, that allegations involving a clear violation of the sexual harassment policy must be investigated whether or not a formal complaint is filed.

### **Formal Complaint Procedures**

Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment may file a formal complaint. The campus representative is available to assist with the composition of such a complaint. Guidelines governing the formal complaint stage are as follows:

- The complainant will file a signed statement indicating the name(s) of the accused, the nature and date(s) of the incident(s), and a statement indicating that this is a formal complaint.
- The written complaint will be forwarded to the campus representative for initiating the judicial process.
- The campus representative will promptly notify the accused party of the complaint and will conduct a full, impartial, and timely investigation into the alleged incident. In order to investigate fully, the campus representative may confer with any personnel he/she feels is appropriate.

All written records will be retained in a locked, secure area to protect the rights and privacy of all concerned parties and will be treated with the highest level of confidentiality.



## **Resources**

Students, faculty, staff, and administrators are encouraged to discuss concerns related to sexual harassment with the resources listed below:

### **Campus Resources**

Campus Representative

Personal Counseling Services – lower level, Olsen Student Center, 712-274-5606

Student Health Office – lower level, Olsen Student Center, 712-274-5178

Office of Campus Security – main level, Olsen Student Center, 712-274-5234

Office of Student Services – 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Lewis Hall, 712-274-5191

Campus Ministry – lower level, Olsen Student Center, 712-274-5148

### **Off-Campus Resources**

Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence – 712-258-7233

Mercy Medical Center – 712-279-2010

UnityPoint Health – St. Luke's – 712-279-3500

Sioux City Police Department – 712-279-6960

## **Standard for Written Work**

The Graduate Programs use the latest edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) as the standard for students' written work. Copies of the manual are available for use in the campus library and for purchase in the college bookstore and online. Links to APA style are also found online in individual courses.

## **Student Conduct**

Students are responsible for acting in a respectful and equitable manner toward other students, faculty, or staff in the conduct of their academic work. All graduate students are expected to be respectful of diversity in all its forms including but not limited to gender, sexuality, disability, age, socio-economic status, ethnicity, race, religion, and culture. Further, students are responsible for reporting unprofessional conduct by students, faculty, or staff to the Department Head of their graduate program; they should be able to do so without fear of reprisal.

A student whose disruptive online and offline behavior, including verbal and written disrespect or any type of threatening behavior, makes it impossible, in the judgment of the instructor, to conduct the class, thus depriving other students of instruction to which they are entitled, may be removed from a course according to the following procedures:

- The instructor must make an explicit request of the disruptive student to cease and desist.
- If the student persists in disruptive behavior, the instructor will immediately report the case to the Department Head of the appropriate graduate program.
- The Department Head will discuss the matter with the student to determine whether the student's continued attendance is detrimental to the success of the course.
- If the Department Head rules that the student's continued attendance is detrimental, the Department Head will inform the student that he or she may not continue in the course.
- Further appeal can be made to the Graduate Committee following procedures described in the Academic Appeals Process.
- Actions taken as prescribed above shall be documented and placed in the student's file.

Students found in violation of the Student Conduct Policy may be withdrawn from the course or dismissed from the College which may impact the student's financial aid and does not eliminate a student's financial obligations to the College.

## **Transfer Policy**

A student may request transfer of credit into a master's degree program by submitting the Request for Transfer of Credit form and supplying the appropriate information/materials. It is the student's responsibility to submit all required documentation; incomplete materials will not be reviewed. Credits will be considered for transfer into a graduate program if all of the following criteria are met:

- Credit was awarded by a regionally accredited institution.
- Credit was in the form of graduate credit.
- Course credits were part of an approved institutional graduate program and were offered directly by the institution, not indirectly through another provider.
- A letter grade of at least B (3.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0) was earned; courses with grades of P, S, or CR are not accepted for transfer.
- An official transcript is submitted for review.
- A syllabus for each course is submitted for review.
- Credit represents courses equivalent to the content or performance standards of Morningside courses.
- Course credits meet the federal definition of rigor, i.e., a minimum of 40 hours of course activities per hour of credit.

Requests for transfer of credit are reviewed by the Department Head of each graduate program and notification of approval or denial is sent to the student.

**Additional Graduate Program in Education Requirements:** Students transferring credits into the MAT degree may transfer up to 9 semester hours of graduate credit. Courses taken more than three calendar years prior to the student's formal admission cannot be used to meet the requirements of the degree.

**Additional Graduate Program in Nursing Requirements:** Students transferring credit into the graduate nursing program may transfer up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit. Courses taken more than six calendar years prior to the student's formal admission cannot be used to meet the requirements of the degree.

## **Veteran's Benefits**

Effective December 1, 1976, the following will be the criterion for determining satisfactory progress for a veteran or dependent attending Morningside College under Veteran's assistance programs:

- A student will be placed on academic probation any time his or her graduate status cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 and will then have one semester in which to bring the average up to 3.0 by Morningside standards.
- When a veteran or dependent falls below either of the above criteria, he or she will be placed on probation for one semester during which they must bring their cumulative grade point up to the required level or face suspension of Veteran's benefits for one semester following which they may apply for reinstatement with V.A. counseling.

- Veterans or dependents that miss three consecutive classes in a course will be presumed to have dropped and the V. A. will be notified. This will cause an adjustment in benefits and likely a request for repayment of the money paid to the veteran for said course. The presumed date of withdrawal will be the date of the first absence.
- A grade of I received by one drawing benefits will result in a claim for reimbursement if not made up by the required date in the following semester.
- What does this mean to the veteran or dependent receiving V.A. Benefits?  
It means that benefits are only payable for course work that counts towards the degree objectives of the recipient. Therefore, the V.A. will not pay for W grades if elected after the last day to ADD a course and the recipient should expect to be billed for a refund of the money received for such courses assuming they reduced the load to less than 9 hours full-time status. This ruling applies to work begun after January 10, 1977.

Per Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018:

- If payment for any student receiving V.A. educational benefits under Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) or Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) is pending from the V.A, then Morningside College will not:
  - Prevent the student from enrolling;
  - Assess the student a late penalty fee;
  - Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
  - Deny the student access to any resources available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution. Examples include, but are not limited to, access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities.
- However, to qualify for this provision, Morningside College may require an eligible recipient of V.A. educational benefits to provide the following:
  - V.A. Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
  - A written request to be certified;
  - Additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies;
- This policy supersedes any policy that Morningside College may have regarding payment of tuition, fees, and other charges.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL PLANNING

### Tuition and Fees

#### *Graduate Program in Education*

Tuition for graduate courses is charged on a per hour basis. Regardless of geographic location, students are charged the same tuition rate.

Graduate Education Tuition.....	\$280.00
Graduate Education Application Fee .....	Waived
Internship, Field Experience, Practicum Fee.....	\$100.00
Graduation Fee.....	\$130.00
Transcript Fee .....	\$10.00
Transcript Fee including express mail.....	\$50.00

*Nylen School of Nursing - Graduate Nursing*

**Anticipated Graduate Nursing Fees**

Textbook and/or technology learning resource cost estimates are not listed. Many textbooks/technology packages are used throughout the nursing curriculum. Nursing textbooks/technology learning resources usually average \$600-800 per semester.

**Application Process for new students**

Nursing CAS application OR	\$90
Morningside Application	\$65
Background Check	\$70
Total	\$135-160

**Tuition for Graduate Studies**

<b><i>Tuition per credit for BSN- MSN Program</i></b>	<b>\$550</b>
Family Nurse Practitioner Track 47 total credits	\$25,850
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner 46 total credits	\$25,300
Clinical Nurse Leader 38 total credits	\$20,900
Post-BSN Clinical Outcome Certificate 10 total credits	\$5,500

<b><i>Tuition per Credit for Post-MSN Program</i></b>	<b>\$550</b>
Post-MSN FNP (34 total credits; <i>*could be less if transfer credits accepted</i> )	\$18,700
Post-MSN AGNP (33 total credits; <i>*could be less if transfer credits accepted</i> )	\$18,150
Post- MSN CNL (25 total credits; <i>*could be less if transfer credits accepted</i> )	\$13,750
<b><i>Tuition per Credit for BSN-DNP</i></b>	<b>\$710</b>
BSN-DNP (FNP 77 total credits; 30 credits charged at DNP tuition; 47 credits charged at the MSN tuition; <i>*Students earn a MSN degree in chosen track prior to earning a DNP degree</i> )	\$47,150
BSN-DNP (AGNP 76 total credits; 30 credits charged at DNP tuition; 46 credits charged at MSN tuition; <i>*Students earn a MSN degree in chosen track prior to earning a DNP degree</i> )	\$46,600
BSN-DNP (CNL 68 total credits; 30 credits charged at DNP tuition; 38 charged at MSN tuition; <i>*Students earn a MSN degree in chosen track prior to earning a DNP degree</i> )	\$42,200
<b><i>Tuition per Credit for MSN-DNP</i></b>	<b>\$710</b>
Direct Patient Care Track (MSN-FNP –DNP 30 total credits; <i>*could be less if transfer credits accepted</i> )	\$21,300
Transformative Leadership Track (non-NP MSN–DNP 30 total credits; <i>*could be less if transfer credits accepted</i> )	\$21,300

**Annually**

Liability Insurance	\$16
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**Course Fees**

RemoteProctorNow – for each proctored exam – variable by course	\$15 ea.
Nurs524 class fee for lab supplies	\$100
<b>DNP-Project/Practicum Fee per course</b>	<b>\$150</b>

**Before Practicum Course and annually (Wherever it lies in study plan)**

HIPAA training – annually	\$15
OSHA training – annually	\$15
<b>MSN-NP students only</b> – Medatrax, to upload immunization documentation – \$15 for 1 year, must be enrolled during practicum courses – cost dependent on plan of study	\$15-45
Any clinical site-specific requirements (e.g. drug testing)	Find at own expense

**Billing and Payment**

The College utilizes a paperless billing process. At the beginning of each month, students will receive a reminder at their Morningside email address to view their accounts online and pay their bill. Graduate students can view detailed listings of their accounts (charges, credits, aid) on CampusWEB.

A variable monthly FINANCE CHARGE is charged on the last day of the month by multiplying all charges older than 30 days, less all credits and outstanding FINANCE CHARGES, by the PERIODIC RATE of 1.5% (18% APR).

The balance of the charges for the term must be paid in full to pre-register for the next term or to have an official transcript released.

**Debit/Credit Card and E-Check Payments**

The College accepts cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover card payments. Debit/Credit card and e-check payments can only be made using <https://my.morningside.edu> and then select CampusWEB. Debit/credit cards and e-check payments are not accepted over the phone or at the cashier’s window. You will be charged a 2.75% service fee for credit and debit card payments. There is no service fee for e-check payments.

**Financial Aid**

There is limited financial aid for graduate students. Students interested in applying for financial aid must:

- Be an admitted student in a Morningside College Graduate Program prior to the start of the semester for which the student is requesting aid. All required admission materials must be received in the Graduate Office by dates specified on the calendar to be *guaranteed consideration* for each term.
- Submit a **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)** at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) for the appropriate year and request that **FAFSA** information be sent to Morningside College (Federal school code number 001879).
- Complete and return Graduate Application for Financial Aid to Office of Student Financial Planning.

Less than half-time graduate students (fewer than 5 credit hours per term) can apply for the following:

- Faith Based Grant
- Federal TEACH Grant (Loan) Program (only students seeking a Master’s Degree are eligible)
- Nurse Alumni Grant
- Private Loan
- Private Resources identified by the student

At least half-time graduate students (5 credit hours per term) can apply for the following:

- Faith Based Grant
- Federal TEACH Grant (Loan) Program (only students seeking a Master's Degree are eligible)
- Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan(s) (only students seeking an Endorsement are eligible for Undergraduate Subsidized Loan regulations)
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
- Nurse Alumni Grant
- Private Loan
- Private Resources identified by the student

### **Faith Based Grant**

Faith Based Grants are awarded to students admitted into the Graduate Program in Education who are employed by an accredited faith based nonpublic institution listed in his or her respective state directory. Award is in the amount of \$30 per credit hour. Students apply by completing the Faith Based Grant Verification Form.

### **Federal TEACH Grant (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant)**

The TEACH Grant is a federally-funded program available to eligible graduate students who agree to serve as full-time teachers in high-need fields at schools that serve students from low-income families. Eligible applicants must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and be enrolled in coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching. Applicants must meet one of the following: maintain a cumulative 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or score above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on at least one of the batteries in an undergraduate, post baccalaureate or graduate program admissions test. The above academic requirements do not apply to certain graduate students. This group comprises current teachers or retirees from another occupation with expertise in a high-need field who are seeking a master's degree, as well as current or former teachers who are completing a high-quality alternative certification, such as Teach for America. The applicant must complete the FAFSA, the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve, and TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling at <http://www.studentloans.gov/>. A TEACH Grant award recipient can receive up to \$4,000 per academic year. Graduate aggregate maximum is \$8,000. Students who receive a TEACH Grant, but do not complete the required teaching service, are required to repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement. \*Federal grant funds will not be replaced by Morningside College if the student is determined to be ineligible based on eligibility requirements, insufficient funding, or if funding ends.

### **Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan (only students seeking an Endorsement are eligible for Undergraduate Subsidized Loan regulations)**

The Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are a federally funded loans not based on demonstrated financial need and accrues interest while the student is enrolled in school. Application for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan is made by completing a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Stafford Loans must be repaid. During enrollment periods, interest may be paid on an Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan on a quarterly basis or deferred until payment of principal begins. Repayment of principal (an accrued interest, if any) begins 6 months after enrollment is less than half-time. The interest rate for an Endorsement seeking student Subsidized and Unsubsidized loan is fixed at 4.53% as of July 1, 2019. The interest rate for a Graduate Unsubsidized Loan is fixed at 6.08% as of July 1, 2019. Note: The federal government may deduct up to 1.062% until October 1, 2019 of the loan before disbursing the proceeds to the College. Graduate students may receive up to \$20,500 per year in Federal Direct

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans. The maximum lifetime loan limit is \$138,500 in Federal Direct Stafford Loan funding (this includes both Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans) of which a maximum of \$65,000 in Subsidized funding is allowed.

### **Federal Graduate PLUS Loan**

The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan is a federally funded loan available to graduate students enrolled at least half-time in a program leading to a degree. It covers the cost of attendance minus other financial aid. The interest rate is fixed at 7.08% as of July 1, 2019. Note: The federal government may deduct up to 4.248% until October 1, 2019. Repayment begins within 60 days after the final disbursement has been made.

### **Nurse Alumni Grant**

Nurse Alumni Grants are awarded to students admitted into the Graduate Program in Nursing who have been identified as Alumni and were enrolled in the Nursing Certificate and/or Master's Degree Program before fall 2017.

### **Nursing Alumni Award**

Morningside College offers a Nursing Alumni Award. This award would be offered to a Morningside nursing alumni who enroll in courses that lead to advanced nursing degrees or certification offered by Morningside College. A nursing alumni is someone who completed a nursing degree or certificate at Morningside College.

To be eligible for the award a nursing alum must be enrolled and remain in good academic standing. The award remains in effect for each term the student is enrolled and the student is progressing within the program.

Students receiving the Nurse Alumni Grant are not eligible for the Nursing Alumni Award. The Nurse Alumni Grant was awarded to students enrolled in the Nursing Certificate and/or Master's Degree Program before fall 2017.

### **Private Loan**

Financing information for several private loan lenders is available via the FASTChoice Website at <https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/187900/1>.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid**

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires students to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward their degree in order to receive financial aid. These standards apply to students who receive aid from federal, state, private, or institutional resources. These resources include grants, scholarships, work, and loan programs.

Academic standards contain both quantitative (cumulative credit hours earned divided by cumulative credit hours attempted) component and a qualitative (cumulative GPA) component. These are the minimum standards required in order to maintain financial aid eligibility.

The academic progress of financial aid recipients will be monitored at the end of each semester (December, May/June, and August). Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Planning with questions.

- All students must earn 67% of their attempted credit hours in order to continue to receive financial aid. Financial aid eligibility will end when the student has attempted more than 150% of the credit hours required for a specific program or degree.
- Graduate students are expected to achieve at least a 3.0 GPA each semester.

After the first semester of not completing the required number of credits and/or GPA, the student will be placed on financial aid warning. During this time, a student will be given one more semester of aid. After the end of the 2nd term, attempted and completed credits and GPA will again be reviewed. If at this time, the student has not completed the required credits and GPA, the student will be placed on financial aid suspension which is a loss of all aid. If the student has been placed on financial aid suspension, the student has the ability to appeal the suspension, writing a letter explaining what happened that the student did not complete the required expectations along with an academic plan to rectify the situation and achieve their degree timely. If the student's appeal is granted, the student will be given an agreement of expectations for the following term which is a term of financial probation. The student's situation will again be reviewed after the end of the next term to see if the expectations were met. If those expectations have not been met, the student will again be placed on financial aid suspension. Students will receive notice of any financial aid warnings or suspensions via email to their student email accounts.

#### Transfer Credits and GPA:

Upon admission, transfer students are assumed to be maintaining satisfactory academic progress. After admission to Morningside, courses successfully completed in subsequent terms at another institution that fulfill degree requirements at Morningside may be used to achieve satisfactory academic progress standards. Students must provide documentation to the Office of Student Financial Planning regarding such credit. Transfer GPA is only used for Admission purposes. Once you are enrolled at Morningside College, your Morningside College GPA will only include the courses that you completed at Morningside.

#### Non-Credit Course Work and Repeated Courses:

Repeats in which a passing grade was previously earned, non-credit course work and audits, will not be included when determining the number of credit hours, a student has attempted or completed. The better GPA will be used in calculating the cumulative GPA. Students will receive credit for the course only one time.

#### Changes in Academic Load:

During the first week of the term (or the third day of Summer Sessions), students will have the opportunity to change their registration. After that point, the student locks in their number of credit hours they are attempting for satisfactory academic progress requirements. Course withdrawals after the drop/add period will be included as attempted credits. A dropped course grade is not used in the determination of the cumulative GPA.

#### Incomplete Grades:

Courses in which a student receives delayed/incomplete grades will be counted as hours attempted but will not be counted as successfully completed until a final passing grade is officially posted to the student's permanent record. The final grade will be used in determining the cumulative GPA.



Students who have met all degree requirements are no longer eligible for financial aid:

- Financial Aid will end when the student has attempted more than 150% of the credit hours required for a specific program or degree.
- Graduate Students:
  - Students seeking an Endorsement who have met all requirements for that Endorsement.
  - Students seeking a Master's Degree who have met all requirements for the Master's Degree.

## **Sharon Walker School of Education – Graduate Program in Education**

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### **Graduate Faculty and Staff**

LuAnn Haase, Dean of the Sharon Walker School of Education

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Administration Endorsement, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1998; Ed.D. University of Nebraska Omaha-Lincoln, 2009.

Gregory P. Guelcher, Graduate Education Department Head

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B.A., College of Wooster (Ohio), 1985; M.A., University of Illinois, 1990; Ph.D., Ibid., 1999.

### **Faculty**

Kimberly M. Christopherson

Associate Professor of Psychology, 2007-

B.A., University of St. Thomas, 1999; M.A., University of North Dakota, 2004; Ph.D., Ibid., 2007.

Steven M. Gates

Professor of Education, 2016-

Wartburg College, 1977, B.A.; Eastern New Mexico University, 1981, M.A.; University of Iowa, Ph.D., 2003.

Dharma Jairam

Assistant Professor of Education, 2015-

B.A., Keuka College, 1998; M.Ed., The State University of New York at Buffalo, 2004; Ph.D., The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009.

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Professor of Education, 2014-B.S., Temple University, 1972; M.Ed., University of Louisville, 1973; Ed.D., University of Kentucky, 1978.

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Glenna J. Tevis

Professor of Education, Emerita, 1983-2013

Richard Owens

Professor of Education, Emeritus, 1973-1978; 1986-1998

## **Staff**

Mary Black, Advisor

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Tracy Sursely, Student Information Enrollment Coordinator

## **History**

The Sharon Walker School of Education's Graduate Program has a long history of providing graduate level coursework that is responsive to the needs of licensed professional educators. Morningside began a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program in 1966. The program has been 100% online since 2013.

## **Vision**

Based on our commitment to the belief that every student will learn, the vision of the Sharon Walker School of Education at Morningside College is to cultivate highly effective educators who are collaborative and reflective, demonstrate ethical educational leadership, respect and support diversity, use current evidence-based practices, and value lifelong learning.

## **Mission**

The Sharon Walker School of Education at Morningside College aspires to cultivate highly effective educators who are committed to the belief that every student will learn.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

Teachers achieve excellence in teaching through the improvement of professional practice. The graduate student in teaching education improves professional practice by:

- Use appropriate assessment techniques to improve student learning.
- Conduct, analyze, and synthesize research.
- Candidates will assist students to become collaborative and active learners.
- Use technology to support student learning.
- Use critical thinking skills to evaluate trends and issues in education.

## **Admissions**

### **Admission Requirements**

A student who plans to study towards a graduate degree or endorsement program must meet the following admission requirements:

- Use technology to support student learning.
  - Have earned a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale).
  - Any graduate coursework submitted must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.00.

- If a student does not have 3.00 cumulative GPA, the last 60 hours will be reviewed for consideration under the same requirements.
- If a student is denied admission because of failure to meet the GPA requirement, the student will be allowed to register for coursework. If, after completing 9 graduate credit hours, the student maintains a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA, the student will be admitted.
- Hold or have held teacher licensure.
- Complete the online admission application.
- Submit official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework. Electronic transcripts will be accepted from either: a) the institution; or b) an established provider such as Script Safe, Parchment, National Student Clearinghouse, Docufide, SENDedu, etc. Electronic transcripts may be sent to gradeduc@morningside.edu. Paper transcripts from the institution may be sent to: Morningside College, Graduate Program in Education, 1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106. Transcripts are not returned to the applicant.

*Full Graduate* admission for degree or endorsement purposes will be granted to an applicant who meets all requirements.

If an applicant meets all requirements with the exception of the minimum grade point requirement, the student may take courses under a *Non-Admit* status. However, the student must earn a 3.0 GPA in the first 9 hours at Morningside College to continue to take courses in a master's or endorsement program. If the student earns a minimum of a 3.0 average for the first 9 graduate hours at Morningside, the student will be reconsidered for admission. If the student has not earned a minimum of 3.0 GPA for the first 9 graduate hours at Morningside, the student's record will be reviewed by the Graduate Committee and a decision will be made regarding the student's continuance in the program. The hours earned under the non-admit status may be applied towards a masters or endorsement program if they are from appropriate courses and meet all other requirements.

*Qualified* students who enroll in graduate study for professional advancement but not to earn a Morningside College degree or endorsement or who are enrolled in a graduate program at another institution are not required to be formally admitted to graduate study at Morningside College.

### **Notification of Admission**

The college will notify each student by letter of its decision on admission once the application file is complete.

## **Program Completion**

### **Master's Degree**

- A maximum of seven years is permitted for completion of the degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed within this seven-year time frame. The years are counted backwards from the anticipated date the degree will be conferred. Hours taken which exceed this time limit will not count in the degree program. *For example, if the oldest course was taken Fall 2017, the student must graduate by Summer 2024 for the course to count toward the degree.*
- A graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 is also required for completion of the degree. A maximum of 6 hours of C+ or C can be used to fulfill the requirements of the master's degree.
- **Graduate Research Project:** Students in the master's degree program are required to design and implement an action research project prior to graduation. This project grows out of the action research developed in the course EDUC 697 Educational Research. The project is implemented in the

student's classroom or district following the completion of the research class and while taking EDUC 698 Data Collection and Analysis. Then, during EDUC 699 Interpreting and Reporting Educational Research, the student writes the final research report and submits it for approval as one of the course requirements. A report not meeting minimum standards will delay the student's graduation.

**Endorsements**

- There is no time limit for completing an endorsement unless the endorsement is part of a master's degree program.
- A minimum grade of a C- can be used toward an endorsement; however, it cannot be used toward the degree.
- In most cases, the final course for an endorsement is an Internship or other type of capstone experience that is completed when all other endorsement requirements have been met. Individuals who complete the requirements for an Iowa-approved endorsement must then apply to have that endorsement added to their teaching license.
- ***Graduate Internships, Field Experiences, Practicums:*** In addition to being fully admitted to the Graduate Program, students must submit the appropriate online placement request form to complete an Internship, Field Experience, or Practicum in a school. Prerequisite courses vary by endorsement area. Completed request forms are submitted online to the Graduate Program in Education for review and approval the semester prior to the placement request. The placement request forms will be available according to the following schedule:
  - June 15-August 1 for Fall term placement requests
  - October 15-December 1 for Spring term placement requests
  - March 15-May 1 for Summer term placement requests

Summer placements are available only for special education internships and are on a limited basis.

**Endorsement and Degree Requirements**

**Master of Arts in Teaching Degree Requirements**

**Master of Arts in Teaching: Professional Educator (Non-Iowa Residents)**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold a valid teaching license

<b>Required Professional Foundation Courses:</b>		<b>18 credits</b>
EDUC 502	Learning in Educational Settings	3 credits
EDUC 512	Issues in Education	3 credits
EDUC 522	Instructional Technology	3 credits
EDUC 611	Student Diversity & Educational Practice	3 credits
EDUC 697	Educational Research	3 credits
EDUC 698	Data Collection and Analysis	2 credits
or		
EDUC 700	Qualitative Data Analysis & Interpretation	2 credits
EDUC 699	Interpreting & Reporting Educational Research	1 credit

**Elective Courses:** **18 credits**

Students will make their choices based on their professional development plan and with advice from their advisor. Courses that may fulfill requirements include:

- Select graduate courses offered by Morningside College. Please refer to the Graduate Program in Education website.
- Courses developed by educational partners that have passed the graduate review and approval process (no more than eight credits from partners can be applied towards the degree).

**Total Required for the Degree:** **36 credits**

**Master of Arts in Teaching: Professional Educator (Iowa Residents)**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold a valid teaching license

**Required Professional Foundation Courses:** **18 credits**

EDUC 502	Learning in Educational Settings	3 credits
EDUC 512	Issues in Education	3 credits
EDUC 522	Instructional Technology	3 credits
EDUC 611	Student Diversity and Educational Practice	3 credits
EDUC 697	Educational Research	3 credits
EDUC 698	Data Collection and Analysis	2 credits
	or	
EDUC 700	Qualitative Data Analysis & Interpretation	2 credits
EDUC 699	Interpreting and Reporting Educational Research	1 credit

**Elective Courses:** **18 credits**

Students will make their choices based on their professional development plan and with advice from their advisor. Courses that may fulfill requirements include:

- Graduate courses offered by Morningside College.
- Courses developed by educational partners that have passed the graduate review and approval process (no more than eight credits from partners can be applied towards the degree).

**Total Required for the Degree:** **36 credits**

**Master of Arts in Teaching: Special Education**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold a valid teaching license

**Required Professional Foundation Courses:** **18 credits**

EDUC 502	Learning in Educational Settings	3 credits
EDUC 512	Issues in Education	3 credits
EDUC 522	Instructional Technology	3 credits
EDUC 611	Student Diversity and Educational Practice	3 credits
EDUC 697	Educational Research	3 credits
EDUC 698	Data Collection and Analysis	2 credits
	or	
EDUC 700	Qualitative Data Analysis & Interpretation	2 credits
EDUC 699	Interpreting and Reporting Educational Research	1 credit

**Elective Courses:****18 credits**

Students will make their choices based on their professional development plan and with advice from their advisor. The Master of Arts in Teaching: Special Education requires a minimum of 12 of the 18 hours of elective credits carrying a SPED prefix. Courses that may fulfill requirements include:

- Select graduate courses offered by Morningside College. Please refer to the Graduate Program in Education website.
- Courses developed by educational partners that have passed the graduate review and approval process (no more than eight credits from partners can be applied towards the degree).

**Total Required for the Degree:****36 credits****Master of Arts in Teaching: Special Education (Iowa Residents)****Prerequisite:**

Hold a valid teaching license

**Required Professional Foundation Courses:****18 credits**

EDUC 502	Learning in Educational Settings	3 credits
EDUC 512	Issues in Education	3 credits
EDUC 522	Instructional Technology	3 credits
EDUC 611	Student Diversity and Educational Practice	3 credits
EDUC 697	Educational Research	3 credits
EDUC 698	Data Collection and Analysis	2 credits
or		
EDUC 700	Qualitative Data Analysis & Interpretation	2 credits
EDUC 699	Interpreting and Reporting Educational Research	1 credit

**Elective Courses:****18 credits**

Students will make their choices based on their professional development plan and with advice from their advisor. The Master of Arts in Teaching: Special Education requires a minimum of 12 of the 18 hours of elective credits carrying a SPED prefix. Courses that may fulfill requirements include:

- Graduate courses offered by Morningside College.
- Courses developed by educational partners that have passed the graduate review and approval process (no more than eight credits from partners can be applied towards the *degree*).

**Total Required for the Degree:****36 credits****Iowa Endorsements Requirements**

***Morningside College offers endorsements approved for licensure in Iowa ONLY. If you are not an Iowa teacher, you will need to work with your state's licensing board to ensure you are meeting your personal and professional licensing goals.***

***Persons seeking an Iowa Endorsement may, in most cases, satisfy the requirements with a combination of undergraduate and graduate hours. A transcript analysis done by the licensure officer or other designated staff member will indicate which courses the student needs to complete Morningside's approved endorsement program.***

**K-12 English as a Second Language (ESL)**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold elementary or secondary teaching certification

**Required Courses:**

EDUC 705	ESL Methods	3 credits
EDUC 710	ESL Assessment	3 credits
EDUC 715	Linguistics for ESL Learners	3 credits
EDUC 720	Language, Culture and Classroom Practice	3 credits
EDUC 725	Second Language Acquisition	3 credits
EDUC 732	K-12 ESL Internship	3 credits

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 18 credits**

**K-8 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate**

**Required Courses:**

SPED 878	Survey of Exceptionalities	3 credits
SPED 536	Applied Behavior Analysis	4 credits
SPED 551	Educational Assessment	3 credits
SPED 640	K-12 Mild/Moderate Characteristics & Methods	4 credits
SPED 676	Collaborative Partnerships and Transition	3 credits
SPED 681	K-8 Reading Remediation Strategies	2 credits
SPED 683	K-8 Mild/Moderate Math, Materials, and Methods	2 credits
SPED 641	Internship: Instructional Strategist I: K-8	3 credits

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 24 credits**

**5-12 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate**

**Required Courses:**

SPED 878	Survey of Exceptionalities	3 credits
SPED 536	Applied Behavior Analysis	4 credits
SPED 551	Educational Assessment	3 credits
SPED 640	K-12 Mild/Moderate Characteristics & Methods	4 credits
SPED 676	Collaborative Partnerships and Transition	3 credits
SPED 682	5-12 Mild/Moderate Reading Remediation Strategies	2 credits
SPED 684	5-12 Mild/Moderate Math, Materials, and Methods	2 credits
SPED 642	Internship: Instructional Strategist I: 5-12	3 credits

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 24 credits**

**K-12 Instructional Strategist II: Behavior Disorder/Learning Disabilities**

**Required Courses:**

SPED 878	Survey of Exceptionalities	3 credits
SPED 536	Applied Behavior Analysis	4 credits
SPED 551	Educational Assessment	3 credits
SPED 645	Language Development and Communication Disorders	2 credits
SPED 676	Collaborative Partnerships and Transition	3 credits
SPED 661	Behavior Disorders: Theory and Methods	3 credits
SPED 662	Learning Disabilities: Theory and Methods	3 credits
SPED 679	Internship: Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD	3 credits

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 24 credits**

**K-12 Instructional Strategist II: Intellectual Disabilities**

**Required Courses:**

SPED 878	Survey of Exceptionalities	3 credits
SPED 536	Applied Behavior Analysis	4 credits
SPED 551	Educational Assessment	3 credits
SPED 645	Language Development and Communication Disorders	2 credits
SPED 676	Collaborative Partnerships and Transition	3 credits
SPED 660	Introduction to Intellectual Disabilities	2 credits
SPED 675	Intellectual Disabilities: Curriculum and Methods	4 credits
SPED 678	Internship: Instructional Strategist II: ID	3 credits

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 24 credits**

**5-8 Middle School**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold elementary or secondary teaching certification

**Required Courses:**

EDUC 765	Literacy for Grades 5-8	3 credits
EDUC 816	Growth & Development of the Middle School Level Student	2 credits
EDUC 817	Middle School Curriculum and Methods	3 credits
EDUC 818	Middle School Field Experience	1 credit

**In addition, coursework is required in TWO of these four content areas. Students must have at least 12 hours in each of two content areas as well as coursework in each sub-topic.** Specific courses required will be determined through transcript analysis.

- **Language arts**, including composition, language usage, speech, adolescent literature, and literature across cultures 12 credits
- **Mathematics**, including algebra 12 credits
- **Science**, including life science, earth science, and physical science 12 credits
- **Social Studies**, including American government, American history, world and geography 12 credits

**Minimum Required for the Endorsement: 33 credits**

**K-8 Reading**

**Required Courses:**

EDUC 761	Reading in Content Areas	4 credits
EDUC 762	Diagnostic Teaching of Reading	3 credits
EDUC 763	Oral and Written Language Development	4 credits
EDUC 764	Literacy for Grades K-4	3 credits
EDUC 765	Literacy for Grades 5-8	3 credits
EDUC 872	Children's Literature	3 credits
EDUC 771	Reading & Writing Assessment Practicum K-8	3 credits
EDUC 767	Literacy Capstone	1 credit

**Total Required for the Endorsement: 24 credits**



**5-12 Reading**

**Required Courses:**

EDUC 761	Reading in Content Areas	4 credits
EDUC 762	Diagnostic Teaching of Reading	3 credits
EDUC 763	Oral and Written Language Development	4 credits
EDUC 765	Literacy for Grades 5-8	3 credits
EDUC 766	Literacy for Grades 9-12	3 credits
EDUC 870	Adolescent Literature	3 credits
EDUC 772	Reading & Writing Assessment Practicum 5-12	3 credits
EDUC 767	Literacy Capstone	1 credit

***Total Required for the Endorsement:***

***24 credits***

**K-12 Special Education Consultant**

**Prerequisites:**

Hold a master's degree in education or special education

Hold an endorsement in special education

Have 4 years of teaching experience; of which, at least 2 are in special education

**Required Courses:**

SPED 560	Consulting in the Schools	3 credits
SPED 561	Curriculum and Instructional Design	3 credits
SPED 564	Data Collection for Decision-Making	3 credits

***Total Required for the Endorsement:***

***9 credits***

**K-12 Talented and Gifted**

**Prerequisite:**

Hold elementary or secondary teaching certification

**Required Courses:**

EDUC 401G	Introduction to Teaching the Gifted	3 credits
EDUC 580	Development and Management of Gifted Programs	4 credits
EDUC 581	Curriculum and Methods for the Gifted	3 credits
EDUC 582	K-12 TAG Practicum	2 credits

***Total Required for the Endorsement:***

***12 credits***

## **Educational Strands**

An educational strand is a series of clearly defined courses focused on a specific academic topic. These strands provide students an opportunity to expand their knowledge with courses not traditionally available within our Program's general offerings. While the classes within each strand can be used within the master's degree as electives, these courses *do not* lead to any Iowa endorsement.

### **Athletic Director**

This strand is a series of six 3-credit courses developed in partnership with and using the curriculum of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). They can be used to achieve certification through the NIAAA.

#### **Courses:**

EDUC 750	Foundations of Athletic Program Management	3 credits
EDUC 751	Athletic Facilities Management	3 credits
EDUC 752	Building Character in Student Athletes	3 credits
EDUC 753	Legal Issues for Athletic Programs	3 credits
EDUC 754	Special Topics for Athletic Program Management	3 credits
EDUC 755	Athletic Program Leadership	3 credits

### **Music Education**

This strand of ten 3-credit courses is designed to extend a practicing music educator's teaching abilities. It provides the opportunity to develop both professionally and creatively by offering advanced knowledge and practical teaching techniques.

#### **Courses:**

MUED 503	Developing the Independent Musician	3 credits
MUED 511	Advanced Conducting Techniques	3 credits
MUED 515	Instructional Design and Assessment in Music Education	3 credits
MUED 521	The Creative Child	3 credits
MUED 533	Topics in Elementary General Music	3 credits
MUED 534	Topics in Choral Music	3 credits
MUED 535	Topics in Instrumental Music	3 credits
MUED 604	Practical Application of Conducting Techniques	3 credits
MUED 609	Performance Literature for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Ensemble	3 credits
MUED 613	Advanced Orchestration and Arranging	3 credits

### **Teacher Leadership**

Teachers well-prepared for leadership roles such as mentor, instructional coach, lead teacher, model teacher are essential to effective K-12 school improvement. To help teacher be effective in these roles, a series of four 3-credit courses have been developed.

#### **Courses:**

EDUC 610	Reflective Teaching	3 credits
EDUC 740	Exploring Teacher Leadership	3 credits
EDUC 741	Leading Professional Learning Communities	3 credits
EDUC 742	Collaborative Communication for Teachers	3 credits

### Autism

Teachers who are interested in working with students who have communication difficulties and behavior challenges or students who have been diagnosed with an autism-spectrum disorder may be interested in taking one or more classes from the Autism Strand. To help teacher be effective in these roles, a series of four 3-credit courses have been developed.

#### **Courses:**

SPED 632	Introduction to Theory & Practice: Autism	3 credits
SPED 634	Teaching Students with Autism in Inclusive Settings	3 credits
SPED 636	Teaching Students with Autism: Intensive Needs	3 credits
SPED 638	Teaching Students with Autism: Assessment	3 credits

## **Course Descriptions**

### **Education (EDUC)**

#### **EDUC 401G Introduction to Teaching the Gifted 3 credits**

Focuses on understanding gifted learners and their educational needs. Includes analyzing historical and philosophical theories and trends in gifted education.

#### **EDUC 502 Learning in Educational Settings 3 credits**

Emphasizes learning theories and how brain functions affect learning and behavior in and out of the classroom. Explores research on how best to implement these theories to support the learning of all students.

#### **EDUC 512 Issues in Education 3 credits**

Explores contemporary issues in education. Helps develop tools necessary to become leaders in the field and be able to participate in and facilitate the process of education reform in a clear, analytical, and thoughtful manner.

#### **EDUC 522 Instructional Technology 3 credits**

Expands the use of technology tools in teaching situations and includes an action inquiry project using a technology-infused solution. Discusses issues related to technology and its use in schools.

#### **EDUC 550 Teaching Internship 1-6 credits**

*By permission only.*

Working with students in specific setting under the supervision of the department staff. Involves the demonstration of skills necessary to plan, implement, and evaluate instruction.

#### **EDUC 580 Development and Management of Gifted Programs 4 credits**

Creates an understanding of the necessary components for developing, managing, and supervising gifted programming and services.

#### **EDUC 581 Curriculum and Methods for the Gifted 3 credits**

Focuses on the use of appropriate curricular modifications and instructional strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted learners.

**EDUC 582      K-12 TAG Practicum      2 credits**

*This course is by permission only through formal application.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 401G, 580, & 581*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to apply learning from the three core TAG courses. The course will also serve as a final endorsement practicum experience component to culminate recent course experiences utilizing practical applications and procedures. Topics will include program goals, curriculum planning, collaboration, and parent collaboration. The culminating practicum experience shall include a 50-hour practicum: at least 8 hours of direct teaching or interacting directly with identified K-12 TAG students shall be at the opposite grade level. The remaining practicum hours will consist of working directly with K-12 TAG students or observing/shadowing/assisting the Endorsement Candidates approved Collaborating Teacher. The Collaborating Teacher will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. The approved Collaborating Teacher must hold the K-12 TAG endorsement on their Iowa teaching license and will provide an assessment of the work done by the Endorsement Candidate.

**EDUC 595      Special Topics      1-3 credits**

Topics are studied which are not assigned or covered in other courses in this department. Allows special offerings in education according to student interest and/or need. Offered as needed. Repeatable.

**EDUC 610      Reflective Teaching      3 credits**

The learner will gain an understanding of the theories and research regarding reflective practice in the educational setting. Learners will demonstrate an understanding of Marzano's model of effective teaching and apply knowledge to rate themselves using the 43 elements. Learners will also set professional growth goals based on input, engage in focused practice, document data points, and give specific feedback while discussing teaching with a Collaborative Team.

**EDUC 611      Student Diversity and Educational Practice      3 credits**

Expands understanding and appreciation of diversity. Focuses on the use of appropriate strategies to meet the needs of diverse learners. *This course fulfills the Human Relations requirement for teaching licensure in the state of Iowa, per the Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE).*

**EDUC 695      Writing for Educational Research      1 credit**

*Permission required*

This courses will focus on helping students improve their research proposal for their educational research project created in EDUC 697 Educational Research. Students will receive writing support from the instructor who will help the student: a) establish appropriate goals, b) create an active timeline, and c) monitor the student's incremental progress. The grade for this course will be pass/fail. The credit earned in this course cannot be counted toward the MAT degree.

**EDUC 696      Writing for Educational Research II      1 credit**

*Permission required*

This course will help students recommended by their EDUC 698 Data Collection and Analysis instructor to improve their research proposal and/or the collection and interpretation of data for their educational research project. Students will receive writing support from the instructor who will help the student: a) establish appropriate goals, b) create an active timeline, and c) monitor the student's incremental progress. The grade for this course will be pass/fail. The credit earned in this course cannot be counted toward the MAT degree.

**EDUC 697      Educational Research      3 credits**

*Prerequisites: Completion of 18 credits hours of graduate credit to include completion of EDUC 502 or EDUC 512.*

This courses provides an understanding of the research process and lays a foundation for applied research. Students will focus on methods of examining classroom or school-wide issues in order to become a more effective educator. Students will complete a research proposal that will ultimately be developed into their final research project.

**EDUC 698      Data Collection and Analysis      2 credit**

*Prerequisite: EDUC 697*

Students will receive guidance during data collection of their research project. Students will learn the fundamentals of data collection, data analysis, and reporting of results. The data is collected as described in the student's research proposal from EDUC 697.

**EDUC 699      Interpreting and Reporting Educational Research      1 credit**

*Prerequisites: EDUC 697 and EDUC 698 or EDUC 700*

This course supports the student's development and completion of the applied classroom research report. Several report components will have been drafted as per 697 and 698 requirements. These components will be revised and finalized in 699. Students also form and report interpretations and limitations of their research.

**EDUC 700      Qualitative Data Analysis and Interpretation      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: EDUC 697 or EDUC 700*

Students will receive guidance during data collection of their qualitative research project. Students will learn the fundamentals of qualitative data collection and analysis and reporting of qualitative results. Students will complete their classroom-based research project as described in the research proposal from EDUC 697.

**EDUC 705      ESL Methods      3 credits**

Explores contemporary approaches, methods, and strategies for the appropriate instruction of second language learners. Provides a foundational perspective on ESL/dual language approaches, including the communicative, cognitive, and grammatical.

**EDUC 710      ESL Assessment      3 credits**

Provides an overview of current issues regarding the assessment of culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) students within classroom practice. Includes placement and proficiency testing, formative and summative student assessment, using assessment to impact classroom instruction, and CLD students with special education needs.

**EDUC 715      Linguistics for ESL Learners      3 credits**

This course examines and analyzes the fundamental concepts of linguistics and connects this information to routine work in the classroom. Students will study first and second language acquisition, phonology, orthography, morphology, and syntax, as well as the implications of all of these topics for teaching all students, including emergent bilingual students. Over the course of the semester, students will be provided with readings, videos, and podcasts that complement the information in the textbook, and assists students in developing a solid understanding of the intricacies of studying and teaching language. Through engagement in online whole-class discussions, group, and individual assignments, students will be able to use their understanding of essential linguistic principles to inform instruction and assessment at all levels.

**EDUC 720      Language, Culture and Classroom Practice      3 credits**

*Prerequisite: EDUC 705 or 715*

Examines the many ways in which school educators may build the capacities for cultural and linguistic diversity in the classroom. Emphasizes readiness for mutually accommodative professional practices with culturally and linguistically diverse [CLD] students and families.

**EDUC 725      Second Language Acquisition      3 credits**

This course is designed to give educators of all levels an understanding of the main theories of first and second language acquisition, and how this information can be applied to their work in the classroom. Major topics in this course include language acquisition theories, bilingualism and models of bilingual education, as well as information regarding the teaching of academic language to native English speakers and ELL students. Participants in this course will be required to engage in scholarly research related to the topics presented in the lectures. They will also analyze a variety of case studies, engage in professional discourse pertaining to language teaching and learning, and design instructional activities based on the theories and concepts from the reading. Students in this course will obtain a detailed understanding of the impact of language teaching theories and strategies on student learning.

**EDUC 732      Internship: K-12 ESL      3 credits**

*This course is by permission only through formal application.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 705, 710, 715, 720, & 725*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to reflect on learnings from previous ESL courses through professional learning communities. Content includes philosophy, programming/curriculum, student needs and assets, formative and summative assessment, best practices for teaching English to ESL students, cultural competence, advocacy, policies, and appropriate practices. The culminating experience shall include a 75-hour internship within an ESL setting to enhance the learned skills and knowledge base. The Internship will also provide the Endorsement Candidate with a teaching experience that includes working with a collaborating teacher who will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. The collaborating teacher has the appropriate license and will provide an assessment of the work done by the Endorsement Candidate. The educator will create a portfolio as a body of evidence of the candidate's work for review by the course instructor.

**EDUC 740      Exploring Teacher Leadership      3 credits**

The first part of the course will be an orientation to teacher leadership. The majority of the course will have a focus on the meaning of teacher leadership (TL), characteristics of effective TL, and the connection between TL and student achievement, professional learning communities, and school improvement in general. Participants will assess their own leadership abilities and develop a plan to maximize their potential. Professional reflection and collaboration will be a critical part of the course.

**EDUC 741      Leading Professional Learning Communities      3 credits**

The course will focus on the importance of collaborative culture in the development and maintenance of professional learning communities (PLCs). There is an emphasis on shared leadership in this collaborative culture which includes administrators and teachers. Topics include PLCs, professional development, teamwork, shared leadership, study groups, classroom observation, the power of collaboration, and professional portfolios. Participants in the course will be part of two PLCs. The first one is the class as a whole. The second one is the small group they work with for the entire course.

**EDUC 742 Collaborative Communication for Teachers 3 credits**

No matter the role teachers take, whether it be mentor, instructional coach, lead teacher, model teacher, or team member, positive, constructive communication is a key element in successful learning communities. This course will help teachers develop the communication skills they will need to become effective leaders in their schools.

**EDUC 750 Foundations of Athletic Program Management 3 credits**

Introduces management of education-based, interscholastic athletic programs. Based upon materials developed by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and may be used toward certification by NIAAA.

**EDUC 751 Athletic Facilities Management 3 credits**

This course will provide an overview of Athletic Facilities Management. Topics include: Athletic Field Management, Indoor Physical Plant Assets, Interscholastic Player Equipment and Enhancing Curb Appeal. Content for this course is adapted from the following National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

**EDUC 752 Building Character in Student Athletes 3 credits**

Focuses on encouraging shared responsibility for positive sporting behavior among student athletes, coaches, and community members. Based upon materials developed by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and may be used toward certification by NIAAA.

**EDUC 753 Legal Issues for Athletic Programs 3 credits**

Provides an overview of risk management, sexual harassment, hazing, ADA, and Title IX. Based upon materials developed by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and may be used toward certification by NIAAA.

**EDUC 754 Special Topics for Athletic Program Management 3 credits**

Examines four varied components of athletic programs: sports medicine, strength and conditioning, interscholastic contest management, and middle school athletic program management. Based upon materials developed by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and may be used toward certification by NIAAA.

**EDUC 755 Athletic Program Leadership 3 credits**

Examines four varied components of athletic programs: assessment of programs and personnel, leadership management/supervision for athletic administrators, interscholastic contest management, and professional growth for athletic coaches. Based upon materials developed by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and may be used toward certification by NIAAA.

**EDUC 760 Reading Assessment 2 credits**

Focuses on how to collect and use information about reading to make appropriate education decisions regarding reading instruction. In addition to conducting reading assessments, particular emphasis will be on how to use data for decision making and how to critically analyze assessment data.

**EDUC 761 Reading in Content Areas 4 credits**

The course is intended for K-12 educators seeking reading in the content area expertise. This course is designed to focus on practices and strategies that will increase students' literacy skills to meet the promise of the Iowa Core K-12 ELA Standards across content areas. Literature-based reading in the content areas will be

emphasized. Each participant will choose a content area (not English Language Arts) at the grade level(s) in which he/she is currently working. The participant will develop a unit with application activities in comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and assessment that will integrate technology and include research-based strategies for differentiation of learning in order to meet the needs of ALL learners (i.e., English as a Second Language, Dyslexics, Talented and Gifted, Students with IEPs). Included in the unit are the annotations (text complexity: qualitative, quantitative, and “the reader and me”) of the literature.

**EDUC 762      Diagnostic Teaching of Reading      3 credits**

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to explore the causes of reading disabilities and helps candidates recognize individual needs of students. This course emphasizes design of lessons and methods to improve reading achievement. The Endorsement Candidate must work directly with students in his/her classroom to complete course assignments. The candidate will conclude the course by reflecting on their work in relation to the course objectives and program standards.

**EDUC 763      Oral and Written Language Development      4 credits**

Focuses on foundations of oral language and the relationship between oral language and written language (reading and writing). Participants will explore typical development of speaking and listening skills and develop methods of assisting students who have challenges in developing these skills as a result of having a primary language this is not English or a language disability or other disability affecting language such as autism.

**EDUC 764      Literacy for Grades K-4      3 credits**

This course focuses on the foundations of reading, reading curriculum and instruction, and creating reflective assignments. Utilizing research-based best practices, the practitioner will build knowledge and skills in the elements of reading to ensure students reach reading success by the end of third grade. The practitioner will design a plan to address student needs which include but not limited to wide range of texts, physical literate environment, instruction, curriculum, and differentiation (i.e. dyslexia, ELL).

**EDUC 765      Literacy for Grades 5-8      3 credits**

This course focuses on the foundations of reading, reading curriculum and instruction, and practicum assignments. Utilizing research-based best practices, the practitioner will build knowledge and skills in the elements of reading to ensure students reach reading success. The practitioner will design a plan to address student needs which include but not limited to wide range of texts, physical literate environment, instruction, curriculum, and differentiation (i.e. dyslexia, EL). Under the guidance of an appropriately licensed professional, who will observe, evaluate, and provide feedback, the practitioner will work with colleagues and families in the support of children’s reading and writing development. To demonstrate academic rigor, the educator will engage in a research study ending in a video reflection.

**EDUC 766      Literacy for Grades 9-12      3 credits**

This course focuses on the foundations of reading, reading curriculum and instruction, and how a secondary literacy program looks. Utilizing research-based best practices, the practitioner will build knowledge and skills in the elements of reading to ensure students reach reading success. The practitioner will increase personal knowledge of student needs, a wide range of texts, physical literate environment, instruction, curriculum, and differentiation (i.e. dyslexia, EL). The practitioner will increase personal skills in working with colleagues and families in the support student’s reading and writing development for grades 9-12.



**EDUC 767      Literacy Capstone      1 credit**

*This course is by permission only through formal application.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 760/771/772, 761, 762, 763, 764 or 766, & 765*

A demonstration of the knowledge and skills required for effective literacy teaching for all students; the capstone course for the reading endorsement.

**EDUC 768      Psychology of Reading      3 credits**

Central focus for this course will be exploring the reading process from a cognitive psychology perspective. This includes how readers go about extracting information from print and comprehending the text. All aspects of the psychology of reading including writing systems, word recognition, the work of the eyes during reading, inner speech, sentence processing, discourse processing, learning to read, dyslexia, and individual differences will be covered.

**EDUC 769      Advanced Human Growth and Development      2 credits**

This course will focus on studying the growth and development of school age children from a multidisciplinary scientific perspective, with an emphasis on how it relates to student's acquisition of reading. Physical, cognitive, language and social-emotional development will be explored through the study of major developmental theories, in order to understand the patterns that may influence the individual needs of diverse learners. Differentiation will be explored for the individual needs of students focusing on understanding where the child is in their development and addressing that in appropriate instruction and assessment. An additional focus will be to account for students with whom English is a second language, or who come from a diverse background, understanding their development as it relates to academic learning.

**EDUC 770      Administration and Supervision of K-12 Reading Programs      3 credits**

This course examines guidelines for all levels of instruction, including selecting and using materials and new technologies, promoting writing, assessing students, evaluating teachers, providing professional development, working with linguistically diverse and struggling learners, working with parents and the community and evaluating school-wide literacy programs. This examination is viewed through the lens of changing policies related to the Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects.

**EDUC 771      K-8 Reading & Writing Assessment Practicum      3 credits**

*Enrollment is by permission of the Graduate Office only.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 762, 764, & 765*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to gain an in-depth application of the reading and writing assessments used in the K-8 classroom setting. Topics will include research-based strategies, classroom accommodations, designing instruction, classroom environment, assessment, and data analysis. The course shall include a 50-hour practicum to enhance the learned skills and knowledge base. The Practicum will also provide the Endorsement Candidate with a teaching experience that includes working with a Collaborating Teacher who will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. The approved Collaborating Teacher must hold the K-8 Reading endorsement on their Iowa teaching license and will provide an assessment of the work done by the Endorsement Candidate. The educator will maintain a log and provide evidence through self-assessment and critical examination of their work in relation to course objectives and standards.

**EDUC 772      5-12 Reading & Writing Assessment Practicum      3 credits**

*Enrollment is by permission of the Graduate Office only.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 762, 765, & 766*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to gain an in-depth application of the reading and writing assessments used in the 5-12 classroom setting. Topics will include research-based strategies, classroom accommodations, designing instruction, classroom environment, assessment, and data analysis. The course shall include a 50-hour practicum to enhance the learned skills and knowledge base. The Practicum will also provide the Endorsement Candidate with a teaching experience that includes working with a Collaborating Teacher; who will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. The approved Collaborating Teacher must hold the 5-12 Reading endorsement on their Iowa teaching license and will provide an assessment of the work done by the Endorsement Candidate. The educator will maintain a log and provide evidence through self-assessment and critical examination of their work in relation to course objectives and standards.

**EDUC 816      Growth & Development for the Middle Level Student      2 credits**

The course examines the culture of middle-school age students in relation to their school experience. Endorsement Candidates will become familiar with current research on the psychology of adolescents to include physical, cognitive, cultural, and psychological development. In this four-week course, Endorsement Candidates will conduct a literature review on a topic relevant to middle school culture. The candidate will summarize and share the research findings in a power point presentation.

**EDUC 817:      Middle School Curriculum and Methods      3 credits**

This course focuses on designing developmentally appropriate instruction for the middle school learner. It addresses developmental theory, essential elements of middle level philosophy, instructional theory and strategies, theories on motivation, and classroom management.

**EDUC 818      Middle School Field Experience      1 credit**

*This course is by permission only through formal application.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 816, 817, & 765*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates to gain an in-depth understanding of the 21st century middle school, as well as pertinent factors being faced by today's adolescents and educators. The course will also serve as a field experience component to culminate recent course experiences utilizing practical applications and procedures. Topics will include school climate, advisory, advocacy, and affective education, as well as student assessment and evaluation. The culminating experience shall include a 30-hour field experience within a middle school setting to enhance the learned skills and knowledge base. The Field Experience will also provide the Endorsement Candidate with a teaching experience that includes working with a Collaborating Teacher; who will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. To demonstrate academic rigor, the educator will provide evidence through self-assessment and critical examination of their work in relation to course objectives and standards through a reflection video.

**EDUC 840      STEM Engineering & Technological Design for the Educator      3 credits**

The course provides opportunities for educators to develop requisite goals, plans, and materials for teacher development workshops in their school to enhance their peers' understanding and skills in relation to the engineering design process utilizing an integrated approach. The methodology will include problem solving, collaborative learning, multiple criteria and tools for assessment, and case study analysis. This is one of four required STEM Core courses. This course is designed for educators to gain an understanding of the engineering design process and develop practical ways to integrate engineering design into the classroom. Topics include fundamentals of engineering design, engineering in society, techniques for eliciting design

requirements and constraints, and instructional strategies to support student engagement with open-ended engineering design challenges. Because of this course, students will: a) conduct, analyze, and synthesize research that addresses classroom or curricular issues; b) use technology to support learning and productivity; c) use knowledge of current global and local trends, practices, and issues in STEM education (particularly engineering); and d) use appropriate assessment and problem-solving strategies.

**EDUC 841      STEM Curriculum Development      3 credits**

*Prerequisite: EDUC 840*

This course provides a foundation for knowledge with respect to curriculum development and assessment in the STEM field. Students will investigate how curriculum is developed with respect to STEM, student learning, and legislations. Topics include curriculum and standards mapping, integrating the content and context of each STEM discipline, assessing integrative learning approaches, comparing and contrasting the goals of each STEM discipline, and integrating and assessing information literacy skills in STEM curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned about content standards, integrated STEM approaches, Guiding Principles, and assessment by planning an effective STEM lesson. Students will have another opportunity to apply what they have learned by writing a research paper in which they will search for, read, and use peer-reviewed sources to argue for the importance of STEM education in their school.

**EDUC 842      STEM Materials & Methods      3 credits**

*Prerequisite: EDUC 840 & 841*

This course is designed for educators to gain an understanding of pedagogy in STEM education and the instructional materials used in the classroom. Topics include project-based learning compared to problem-based learning, mathematical modeling and computational reasoning, instructional strategies for inquiry, instructional strategies for an inclusive classroom, and classroom management in project-based classrooms. Because of this course, students will: a) define information literacy; b) recognize classroom applications of computation thinking and mathematical modeling and their role in solving real-world problems; c) identify and implement instructional strategies for inquiry; d) project-based learning compared to problem-based learning; e) classroom management tools in a problem-based classroom; and f) instructional strategies for inclusion.

**EDUC 843      STEM Field Experience      1 credit**

*This course is by permission only through formal application.*

*Prerequisites: EDUC 840, 841, & 842*

This course is designed for Endorsement Candidates who wish to receive an endorsement in either K-8 STEM or 5-8 STEM. It is the final course in the endorsement series. During this course, educators will synthesize their learning from EDUC 840, 841, and 842 in preparation for teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and leading extra-curricular STEM activities. The culminating 30-hour field experience shall include a choice of:

- Completing a STEM research experience
- Participating in a STEM internship at a STEM business or informal education organization
- Leading a STEM extracurricular activity

The Field Experience will also provide the Endorsement Candidate with a teaching experience that includes working with a Collaborating Teacher; who will guide, mentor, and discuss best instructional practices in the classroom. The approved Collaborating Teacher should hold a STEM endorsement on their Iowa teaching license and will provide an assessment of the work done by the Endorsement Candidate. Because of the limited number of educators in Iowa with a STEM endorsement, the Collaborating Teacher may be someone

who works in STEM education (e.g., AEA Consultant, an educator serving on a regional STEM board, a college STEM course instructor) without Iowa licensure. To demonstrate academic rigor, the educator will create a reflection video. Guidelines are in the Moodle course. Enrollment is dependent on placement approval.

**EDUC 855      STEM Chemistry for the Educator      2 credits**

This course is designed to provide knowledge of chemistry content needed to teach chemistry topics to students in grades K-8. Topics include but are not limited to elements, compounds, mixtures, solutions, physical changes/properties, and chemical reactions. As a result of this course, students will: a. summarize the basic nature and properties of matter; b. design experiments using measurements in chemistry with the SI system; c. analyze the periodic table and predict chemical trends; d. summarize atomic structure; e. predict results of chemical reactions; f. identify acids, bases, and solutions; and g. evaluate the use of inquiry-based investigation in solving chemical problems.

**EDUC 856      STEM Number Theory for the Educator      2 credits**

The focus of this course is mathematical content, rather than teaching methods. The content is aligned with the Common Core and Iowa Core Standards. This course introduces teachers to number theory and includes the following topics: classification of numbers, primes (prime factorization, distribution of primes, Sieve of Eratosthenes), divisibility (LCM/GCD, Euclidean algorithm), modular arithmetic, and other special topics. Students will engage with course content through readings, proofs and exercises, videos, activities, discussion boards, and quizzes.

**EDUC 858      STEM Geometry for the Educator      2 credits**

The focus of this course is mathematical content, rather than teaching methods. The content is aligned with the Common Core and Iowa Core Standards. Topics covered include: lines, angles, polygons, surfaces, solids, and transformations. Students will have the opportunity to use technology, specifically Geometer's Sketchpad, to explore geometric concepts. Students will engage with course content through readings, exercises, videos, constructions, activities, discussion boards, and quizzes.

**EDUC 860      Algebra for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Increases knowledge and understanding of algebraic principles and problem solving. Topics include working with whole numbers and integers, solving word problems, and understanding various properties. Focuses on the Algebra Core Curriculum of the Iowa Core/Common Core.

**EDUC 861      Grammar for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Increases knowledge and understanding of grammar skills required of middle level learners. Focuses on improving both personal and professional grammar skills and is designed to encourage participants to develop effective and innovative strategies for teaching grammar.

**EDUC 862      World History for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Focuses on historic events that have had a profound impact on our world. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 863      Geography for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Familiarizes participants with the National Geography Standards and strategies for integrating them into art, music, children's literature, and language arts through the use of technology.

**EDUC 864      Physical Science for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Focuses on measurement, motion, and matter in physical science. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 865      American History for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

Examines the United States from its inception to present day in the frame of being a leader and how it impacts our world today. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 866      Life Science for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

This course is designed to not only teach Biology content knowledge and process skills, but also how to engage students in exploration. Students will learn about science inquiry, cells, energy production in living things, genetic inheritance, and the classification of different kingdoms of life. The study of natural selection, ecology, and the human body systems is also included. This course also assists students in developing scientific methods of becoming a lifelong learner through the development of critical thinking skills, problem solving, inquiry, and application of content knowledge in the study of living things. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students. As a result of this course, students will: a. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of life science concepts and content as taught at the middle school level; b. integrate content standards that are developmentally appropriate, interesting, and relevant to adolescent students' lives, organized around inquiry, and integrated into other subject areas; and c. engage in lessons that reflect accurate knowledge of science content, the nature of science, science process skills, integration of STEM into science teaching, effective pedagogy, and authentic assessments.

**EDUC 867      Government for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

This course examines the United States government from the founding of the U.S. Constitution. Topics will include but are not limited to the nature of power and politics and the roots of American democratic thought; the purpose of the U.S. Constitution, federalism and how U.S. citizens participate within our democratic republic. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 868      Earth Science for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

The purpose of this course is to learn the material needed to successfully teach a middle school level earth science course. Topics include but are not limited to water testing, erosion control, and local geology. Class material will be presented in such a way that many of the activities can be incorporated into a middle school classroom, however, a good teacher should also know the material at a deeper level than they are teaching. Intended for middle level teachers with content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 869      Speech for the Middle School Teacher      2 credits**

An examination of the Common Core Essential Concepts and Skills for Speaking and Listening. Course content includes theory, methods, techniques for integrating speaking and listening into Middle School curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. This course is intended for middle level educators and includes content topics appropriate for middle school students.

**EDUC 870      Adolescent Literature      3 credits**

Examines adolescent literacy and its implications in the classroom. Focuses on common themes in adolescent literature, adolescent learning theory, the needs of struggling adolescent readers, and instructional methods.

**EDUC 871      Basic Math and Measurement      2 credits**

This course will help deepen your knowledge and appreciation of mathematics as you form an understanding about how children learn mathematics. You will investigate problems yourself and develop strategies to effectively teach problem solving, measurement, and basic mathematics in your classroom.

**EDUC 872      Children’s Literature      3 credits**

Assists participants in the integration of current children's literature across the curriculum, specifically in light of the Iowa Core. Reading and writing strategies, as well as speaking and listening activities that enhance students' comprehension of the literature will be addressed.

**EDUC 899      Advanced Educational Research      3 credits**

This course supports the continuation and completion of students' research projects begun in EDUC 697. Students will continue to revising the introduction and methods sections written previously in EDUC 697. Students will work 1:1 with a faculty mentor as they collect, analyze, and interpret the data for their research. Students will write the results and discussion sections of their paper and synthesize all sections of their paper to form a cohesive research report. Last, students will disseminate their findings by either pursuing publication in a refereed journal or professional conference.

**English (ENGL)**

**ENGL 478G      Literature Across Cultures      3 credits**

This course will explore the literature of various cultures in the context of multicultural literature as a pedagogical tool. As educators, we have students of diverse cultural backgrounds in our classrooms, so we should familiarize students with cultural archetypes beyond those traditional archetypes with which we're familiar.

Course objectives: students will be introduced to the theoretical foundation of multicultural literature; students will explore literature written by authors from cultures beyond Western tradition; students will examine the ways in which literature across cultures can be seen as artifacts of the cultures which produce them; and students will study the ways in which literature in turn contributes to the production of culture.

In this three-credit course, students will develop a written philosophy of teaching multicultural literature, a philosophy which includes research-based discussion of the issues involved in teaching texts written by authors from other cultures to students from a variety of cultural backgrounds; students will apply critical texts which explore various issues of cultural consideration to literature from cultures outside of the traditional Western canon; and students will incorporate formal research and documentation into their writing, including research obtained through modern, technology-based research tools. Assignments will include weekly research-based reflections, produced after reading both primary and secondary texts; and a final project based on course-based critical texts and students' independent research.

**Music Education (MUED)**

**MUED 503      Developing the Independent Musician      3 credits**

This course explores current trends in developing music literacy, with practical ideas and techniques for cultivating music reading, audiation, dictation, elementary composition, musical memory and aural skills. Participants will be given specific techniques for developing reading readiness and tonal, rhythmic and

melodic literacy, and be presented with teaching strategies and techniques for integrating and applying reading skills to choral literature. Materials and teaching strategies will illustrate how the National Music Standards can be put into action in the music classroom. Students will synthesize various music literacy techniques into the strategy that will work best for their individual teaching situation, and will apply that strategy to specific lessons to bring a set of music from introduction to performance.

**MUED 511      Advanced Conducting Techniques      3 credits**

This course refines the student's conducting skill through intense study of gesture, baton technique, left hand technique, non-verbal communication, leadership, conducting terminology, transpositions and score reading, score preparation and rehearsal design. Students will study and analyze the gesture and technique of famous conductors and will work to incorporate advanced left hand technique and non-verbal communication into their individual conducting style. Under the tutelage of the instructor, students will prepare a set of music for rehearsal, including complete score preparation as well as macro- and micro rehearsal design. This course can be tailored to fit the needs of either an instrumental or choral emphasis.

**MUED 515      Instructional Design and Assessment in Music Education      3 credits**

This course will focus on the design of appropriate instructional strategies, curriculum and daily lessons for music education classes. Students will become familiar with current research in assessment for both performing ensembles and the general music classroom. Innovative strategies that take into account optimal instructional delivery as well as motivation and classroom management will be developed. Each student will evaluate their current curriculum and assessment plan, evaluate it through a comparison with current best practices, and design a course of study complete with curriculum and assessment plans which will enhance present and future teaching situations.

**MUED 521      The Creative Child      3 credits**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with approaches to the creative arts in various music education settings. Students will learn to integrate the creative aspects of visual arts, movement, and drama activities into musical instruction for young children through high school age students. The teacher's role in planning developmentally appropriate creative arts curriculum will be emphasized throughout the course. Students will have opportunities to design, implement, and participate in various creative arts projects.

**MUED 533      Topics in Elementary General Music      3 credits**

This course is designed to reflect contemporary emphases and concerns in the music education profession in the area of elementary general music. Participants will identify a topic of interest which will inform and improve their music teaching knowledge and skill. A project will be developed through research, tested in the classroom, and refined through feedback with the instructor.

**MUED 534      Topics in Choral Music      3 credits**

This course is designed to reflect contemporary emphases and concerns in the music education profession in the area of choral music. Participants will identify a topic of interest which will inform and improve their music teaching knowledge and skill. A project will be developed through research, tested in the classroom, and refined through feedback with the instructor.

**MUED 535      Topics in Instrumental Music      3 credits**

This course is designed to reflect contemporary emphases and concerns in the music education profession in the area of instrumental music. Participants will identify a topic of interest which will inform and improve their music teaching knowledge and skill. A project will be developed through research, tested in the classroom, and refined through feedback with the instructor.

**MUED 604      Practical Application of Conducting Techniques      3 credits**

This course refines the student's conducting skills through intense study of gesture, baton technique, left hand technique, non-verbal communication, leadership, conducting terminology, transpositions and score reading, score preparation and rehearsal design. Students will complete and in-depth study of the strengths and weaknesses of their own conducting technique through video analysis of their rehearsals and detailed feedback from the instructor. This course can be tailored to fit the needs of either an instrumental or choral emphasis.

**MUED 609      Performance Literature for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ensemble      3 credits**

This course is a concentrated study of choral, vocal or instrumental literature (both ensemble and solo), with an emphasis on music which would apply to a K12 setting. The student will develop and define criteria for choosing quality solo and ensemble literature, creating a practical bibliography specifically related to music for varying ages and levels of ability. The course will explore effective concert programming and rehearsal/teaching techniques for concert preparation. This course can be tailored to fit the needs of either an instrumental or choral emphasis.

**MUED 613      Advanced Orchestration and Arranging      3 credits**

This course includes a study of the characteristics and capabilities of orchestral and band instruments as applied to composing, orchestrating and arranging. Students will apply instruction in the application of scoring music for various combinations of musical mediums, including strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and voices. Skill is developed in writing and arranging for instrumental or choral ensembles of all types and genres. Techniques, characteristics and notations for instrument families, rhythm section and voices are all covered. This course can be tailored to fit the needs of either an instrumental or choral emphasis.

**Special Education (SPED)**

**SPED 536      Applied Behavior Analysis      4 credits**

Focuses on various theoretical approaches for managing student behaviors in special and general education classrooms. Introduces specific interventions for increasing desired behaviors and decreasing undesired behaviors. Some course activities require access to students and/or classrooms.

**SPED 540      Advanced Internship: Instructional Strategist I: K-8      1 credit**

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Designed for teachers pursuing a second graduate level special education endorsement after successful completion of the Instructional Strategist I: 5-12, Instructional Strategist II: ID or Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD internship through Morningside College. While working directly with elementary or middle school level students identified with mild/moderate disabilities in special education/general education settings; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 541      Advanced Internship: Instructional Strategist I: 5-12      1 credit**

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Designed for teachers pursuing a second graduate level special education endorsement after successful completion of the Instructional Strategist I: K-8, Instructional Strategist II: ID or Instructional Strategist II:BD/LD internship through Morningside College. While working directly with middle school or high school level students identified with mild/moderate disabilities in special education/general education settings; the



teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 542      Advanced Internship: Instructional Strategist II: ID K-12      1 credit**

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Designed for teachers pursuing a second graduate level special education endorsement after successful completion of the Instructional Strategist I: K-8 or 5-12 Internship through Morningside College. While working directly with students identified with severe/profound intellectual disabilities in special education/general education settings; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Application of Alternative Assessment is required. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. Additional instructional contact with students identified with severe/profound disabilities at an alternate grade level is required. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 543      Advanced Internship: Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD K-12      1 credit**

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Designed for teachers pursuing a second graduate level special education endorsement after successful completion of the Instructional Strategist I: K-8 or 5-12 Internship through Morningside College. While working directly with students identified with severe/profound learning disabilities and/or behavioral disorders; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. Additional instructional contact with students identified with severe/profound disabilities at an alternate grade level is required. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 551      Educational Assessment      3 credits**

Prepares participants to assess special needs students with validity, reliability, and communicate effectively about that assessment in both professional and lay terms. Assessment of special needs students will include non-discriminatory assessment experiences to be in accordance with special education law.

**SPED 560      Consulting in the Schools      3 credits**

Introduces the fundamentals in the consulting process with special emphasis on communicating, interacting, and problem-solving. Major emphasis is placed on self-evaluation and reflection of interpersonal qualities that are needed to be an effective consultant.

**SPED 561      Curriculum and Instructional Design      3 credits**

Focuses on using a collaborative problem-solving approach, explicit instruction, and response to intervention processes to improve the learning rate of students.

**SPED 564      Data Collection for Decision-Making      3 credits**

Focuses on developing knowledge and skills required to make defensible decisions necessary in educational settings. Emphasizes current research, best practices, and their connection to facilitating data-based decision making.

**SPED 595      Special Topics      1-3 credits**

Topics are studied which are not assigned or covered in other courses in this department. Allows special offerings in special education according to student interest and/or need. Offered as needed. Repeatable.

**SPED 632      Introduction to Theory and Practice: Autism      3 credits**

Explores the theory and instructional practices for students on the autism spectrum, including an historical perspective. Diagnosis and characteristics will be address. Evidence-based practices will be explored. Students will learn about the full spectrum of autism in the context of preschool through secondary education, including students on all levels of the spectrum.

**SPED 634      Teaching Students with Autism in Inclusive Settings      3 credits**

Introduces educators to the Ziggurat Model as an intervention structure for meeting the needs of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), especially in inclusive settings. Attention will be given to understanding the observable and underlying factors of autism and designing appropriate intervention. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role of paraeducators, the importance of reinforcement and visual supports and developing social competence.

**SPED 636      Teaching Students with Autism: Intensive Needs      3 credits**

Examines the educational needs of students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder Level II or Level III. In particular, environmental and programming issues are addressed. The course focuses on classroom structures, including the physical environment and schedules, instruction, communication and behavior. An emphasis is placed on making data-driven decisions to address learning and behavior through fieldwork. Resources for individuals caring for persons with ASD are also explored.

**SPED 638      Teaching Students with Autism: Assessment      3 credits**

Introduces the educator to screenings and instruments used in the initial determination of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Moreover, coursework places a particular emphasis on the role of on-going assessment, both formal and informal, in guiding educational programming decisions to meet the learning needs of students with ASD.

**SPED 640      K-12 Mild/Moderate Characteristics and Methods      4 credits**

Introduces terminology, basic research findings, and current topics of interest in special education related to students with mild and moderate disabilities. Increases participants' understanding of instructional techniques in all academic areas to enhance the learning potential of students with mild/moderate disabilities. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to mild/moderate disabilities and a review of legal issues related to students with mild/moderate disabilities.

**SPED 641      Internship: Instructional Strategist I: K-8      3 credits**

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Capstone class for the Instructional Strategist I: K-8 Endorsement. Requires a minimum of 90-hours of work in a special education program with elementary or middle level students with mild/moderate disabilities. Most of the required hours can be completed in the participant's school setting and will be overseen by a college-assigned supervisor. Meets the student teaching requirement for this endorsement when the participant is already a licensed teacher. All other coursework for the endorsement must be completed in advance of the internship and an application must be submitted and approved.

**SPED 642      Internship: Instructional Strategist I: 5-12      3 credits**

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Designed as the clinical capstone course for the Instructional Strategist I: 5-12 endorsement. While working directly with middle school or high school level students identified with mild/moderate disabilities in special education/general education settings; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction.

Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 644      Assistive Technology      2 credits**

Provides an understanding of assistive technology and implications for its use in the classroom. Many assistive tech resources are explored to ensure all students have access to the curriculum in the general education environment.

**SPED 645      Language Development and Communication Disorders      2 credits**

Provides participants with an understanding of typical and atypical language development, as well as methods and interventions to use in the special education classroom.

**SPED 660      Introduction to Intellectual Disabilities      2 credits**

Examines foundations and basic concepts related to intellectual disabilities, including history, definitions, assessment, etiology, and prevention. Additionally, focuses on the levels of needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout the lifespan, the family, individual rights, legal issues of special education, supports, and community living.

**SPED 661      Behavior Disorders: Theory and Methods      3 credits**

Focuses on knowledge and skill in strategies for use with students with moderate to severe behavior disorders served in K-12 general and special education programs. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to behavior disorders and a review of legal issues related to students with behavior disorders.

**SPED 662      Learning Disabilities: Theory and Methods      3 credits**

Focuses on knowledge and skill in strategies for use with students with moderate to severe learning disabilities served in K-12 general and special education programs. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to learning disabilities and a review of legal issues related to students with learning disabilities.

**SPED 672      Special Education Law      2 credits**

Examines the current and historical background of pertinent statutory law in special education. Interpretations, clarifications, and guiding principles of the requirements of the law are offered in an attempt to remove the ambiguity surrounding the various viewpoints. Focuses on a preventive philosophy, resulting in mandatory requirements being met, and students' needs being addressed without having legal intervention.

**SPED 675      Intellectual Disabilities: Curriculum and Methods      4 credits**

Equips participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective with students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. Focuses on curricular issues with an emphasis on the Common Core State Standards as well as strategies for making instruction functional and meaningful for students. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to intellectual disabilities.

**SPED 676 Collaborative Partnerships and Transition 3 credits**

Introduces concepts, issues, and strategies related to providing collaborative services for individuals with disabilities. Includes knowledge of family systems, parent rights, transitional support, advocacy, multi-cultural communication, transition planning, self-determination, and interagency collaboration, as well as strategies for working with parents and individuals involved in the educational program in providing appropriate programming and services to students with disabilities.

**SPED 678 Internship: Instructional Strategist II: ID 3 credits**

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Designed as the clinical capstone course for the K-12 Instructional Strategist II: ID endorsement. While working directly with students identified with severe/profound intellectual disabilities in special education/general education settings; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Application of Alternative Assessment is required. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. Additional instructional contact with students identified with severe/profound disabilities at an alternate grade level is required. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 679 Internship: Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD 3 credits**

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Designed as the clinical capstone course for the K-12 Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD endorsement. While working directly with students identified with severe/profound learning disabilities and/or behavioral disorders in special education/general education settings; the teacher will plan, implement and evaluate appropriate instruction. Research reviews of current issues, theories and practices will be conducted. Additional instructional contact with students identified with severe/profound disabilities at an alternate grade level is required. The internship experience will also include the guidance of an appropriately endorsed teacher to discuss and model best instructional practices.

**SPED 681 K-8 Mild/Moderate Reading Remediation Strategies 2 credits**

Creates an understanding of why students with disabilities have difficulties in reading. Explores effective methods and materials used when working with students with mild/moderate disabilities. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to mild/moderate disabilities for reading remediation.

**SPED 682 5-12 Mild/Moderate Reading Remediation Strategies 2 credits**

Creates an understanding of why students with disabilities have difficulties in reading. Explores effective methods and materials used when working with students with mild/moderate disabilities. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to mild/moderate disabilities for reading remediation.

**SPED 683 K-8 Mild/Moderate Math Materials and Methods 2 credits**

Creates an understanding of why K-8 students with disabilities have difficulties in math. Explores effective methods and materials used when working with students with mild/moderate disabilities. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to mild/moderate disabilities for math remediation.

**SPED 684      5-12 Mild/Moderate Math Materials and Methods      2 credits**

Creates an understanding of why 5-12 students with disabilities have difficulties in math. Explores effective methods and materials used when working with students with mild/moderate disabilities. Additional course topics will include a review of assistive technology resources as related to mild/moderate disabilities for math remediation.

**SPED 878      Survey of Exceptionalities      3 credits**

Introduces the learner to special education, in general, and areas of exceptionality, in particular. Designed to be a foundation for the knowledge and skills acquired for all special education endorsements.

**Sharon Walker School of Education**  
**Graduate Program in Education**  
**Academic Calendar 2019-2020**

**FALL 2019 SEMESTER**

**August 2019**

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Aug 1	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum CLOSES (fall)
Aug 22	Online registration closes (fall full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Aug 28	Phone registration closes (fall full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)

**September 2019**

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Sep 3	Classes begin (fall full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Sep 5	Last day to drop <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (fall 1 <sup>st</sup> half) *
Sep 9	Last day to drop <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (fall full) *

**October 2019**

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Oct 7	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (fall 1 <sup>st</sup> half) *
Oct 15	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum OPENS (spr)
Oct 16	Phone registration closes (fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Oct 18	Classes end (fall 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Oct 18-22	Grading window (fall 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Oct 21	Classes begin (fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Oct 23	Last day to drop <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> half) *

**November 2019**

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Nov 5	Online registration opens (spr)
Nov 11	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (fall full) *
Nov 20-22	Graduate Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov 25	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> half) *

**December 2019**

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Dec 1	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum CLOSES (spr)
Dec 6	Classes end (fall full & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Dec 9-16	Grading window (fall full and 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Dec 20-Jan1	Graduate Offices closed for Winter Holidays

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## SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

### January 2020

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Jan 16	Registration closes (spr full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Jan 21	Classes begin (spr full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Jan 23	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (spr 1 <sup>st</sup> half) *
Jan 27	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (spr full) *

### February 2020

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Feb 24	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (spr 1 <sup>st</sup> half) *
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### March 2020

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Mar 5	Phone registration closes (spr 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Mar 6	Classes end (spr 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Mar 6-10	Grading window (spr 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Mar 9	Classes begin (spr 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Mar 11	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (spr 2 <sup>nd</sup> half) *
Mar 15	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum OPENS (sum)
Mar 24	Online registration opens (sum)
Mar 30	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (spr full) *

### April 2020

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Apr 13	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (spr 2 <sup>nd</sup> half) *
Apr 24	Classes end (spr full & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)

### May 2020

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May 1	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum CLOSES (sum)
May 1-7	Grading window (spr full & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
May 28	Registration closes (sum full/Term 30 & 1 <sup>st</sup> half/Term 31)

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## SUMMER 2020 SEMESTER

### **June 2020**

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Jun 1	Classes begin (sum full/Term 30 & 1 <sup>st</sup> half/Term 31)
Jun 3	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (full/Term 30 & 1 <sup>st</sup> half/Term 31) *
Jun 13	Graduate Programs Commencement
Jun 15	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum OPENS (fall)
Jun 19	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (full/Term 31) *
Jun 19	Registration closes (2 <sup>nd</sup> half /Term 32)
Jun 26	Classes end (1 <sup>st</sup> half/Term 31)
Jun 26-30	Grading window (1 <sup>st</sup> half/Term 31)
Jun 29	Classes begin (2 <sup>nd</sup> half/Term 32)

### **July 2020**

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Jul 1	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> half/Term 32) *
Jul 10	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (full/Term 30) *
Jul 14	Online registration opens (fall)
Jul 17	Last day to drop – <i>w/o final grade – owe tuition</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> half/Term 32) *
Jul 24	Classes end (full/Term 30 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half/Term 32)
Jul 24-31	Grading window (full/Term 30 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half/Term 32)

### **August 2020**

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Aug 1	Clinical Placement Requests - Internship, Field Experience & Practicum CLOSES (fall)
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## History

The Morningside College Nylen School of Nursing has a long history of providing nursing education leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Morningside College began in the fall of 1973. The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program began in the fall of 2015. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program began in the fall of 2019.

## Accreditation and Approvals

Morningside College Nylen School of Nursing baccalaureate and master's programs have full approval from the Iowa Board of Nursing. The doctorate program has interim approval from the Iowa Board of Nursing. Questions or concerns about the program's approval status should be directed to:

Executive Director  
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Morningside College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, (230 South LaSalle Street Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413 (800)-621-7440 or (312)-263-0456; <http://ncahlc.org>)

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing/master's degree program in nursing and/or post-graduate APRN certificate program at Morningside College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>). The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program is seeking accreditation by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The Graduate Nursing program builds on traditional baccalaureate nursing preparation while expanding nursing knowledge to a higher level of practice and leadership. Our online delivery is designed for working nurses who want to advance their career and expand professional opportunities. The program provides:

- An online delivery that incorporates benefits of the traditional classroom learning in a convenient virtual setting.
- Structure that allows course work to be completed during the student's preferred time.
- Flexible individualized plan of study options.
- Course offerings following a traditional fall/spring semester format with some summer courses.
- Classes are student-centered.
- Individual interactions with faculty in an online learning environment.
- Flexible on-campus residencies to provide specialized training in advanced nursing skills in a state-of-the-art hospital simulation center.
- Opportunity to work face-to-face with faculty and professional networks for mentoring and professional development.

## Mission

To prepare advanced professional nurse leaders for mastering nursing knowledge and skills for the delivery of holistic health care and to serve as change agents addressing the evolving needs of the healthcare system to improve patient and population outcomes.

## **Vision**

Create a center dedicated to advancing nursing knowledge and practice that is responsive to the dynamic needs of healthcare and society.

## **Goal of the Graduate Nursing Program**

The Graduate Nursing program provides a learning environment that cultivates the development of:

- Knowledge and skills essential to the master's/doctoral prepared advanced practice nurse
- Personal and professional responsibility
- Ethical and professional leadership
- A commitment to lifelong learning
- A foundation for mastering an advanced practice role in nursing

## **Conceptual Framework**

The Morningside College Department of Nursing curriculum is sequenced so that the level of complexity increases as the student advances through the curriculum. Eight major concepts provide direction for curriculum organization. These concepts are: holistic care, communication, critical thinking, nursing process, nursing roles, ethics, research, and lifelong personal and professional growth. The faculty members believe that these concepts, integrated with the philosophical beliefs of person, health, nursing, education, and environment, facilitate the development of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for the provision of professional nursing care in a complex and dynamic environment. The major concepts provide the foundation for the curriculum and have been conceptualized by the faculty.

## **Graduate Nursing Program Outcomes**

### **MSN Outcomes**

**Eight major concepts of the Morningside College Nylene School of Nursing are:** Holistic Care, Communication, Critical Thinking, Nursing Process, Nursing Roles, Ethics, Research, Lifelong Personal and Professional Growth.

Upon completion of the MSN program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from nursing and related sciences to deliver advanced nursing care while respecting diversity, human dignity, and beliefs, and by accepting each individual as a holistic being with an integrated body, mind, and spirit. *(Holistic Care)*
2. Integrate advanced communication and information technology skills when interacting and collaborating with patients, families, populations, and interprofessionals of the health care team. *(Communication)*
3. Formulate decisions and behaviors using the critical thinking process to ensure advanced professional competency to deliver evidence-based clinical prevention and promotion interventions that improve patient and population health outcomes in a global and technical society. *(Critical Thinking)*
4. Construct patient-centered care which synthesizes the holistic nature of nursing, determinants of health, and diagnostic reasoning, and to improve patient outcomes across diverse settings while understanding that organizational and systems leadership are critical to promotion of quality and safe patient care. *(Nursing Process)*

5. Engage in interprofessional collaboration while exhibiting appropriate nursing roles in the provision and management of health care with attention given to legal, social, political, economic, and ethical issues that impact the quality and safety of patient and population outcomes. *(Nursing Roles)*
6. Illustrate ethical analysis and clinical reasoning to assess, intervene, and evaluate advanced nursing care delivery and professional and personal behavior. *(Ethics)*
7. Integrate relevant research and evidence from multiple sciences, clinical judgment, and interprofessional perspectives using translational processes to improve practice and health outcomes for patients and aggregates. *(Research)*
8. Assume responsibility and accountability for personal and professional growth and integrity by engaging in lifelong learning and a commitment to the values and principles governing the discipline of advanced practice nursing. *(Lifelong Personal and Professional Growth)*

## **DNP Outcomes**

**Eight major concepts of the Morningside College Nysten School of Nursing are:** Holistic Care, Communication, Critical Thinking, Nursing Process, Nursing Roles, Ethics, Research, Lifelong Personal and Professional Growth.

Upon completion of the DNP program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational science to deliver holistic care that will advance health and quality of practice to an optimal level. *(Holistic Care) (AACN, DNP Essential I)*
2. Based on evaluative data, create opportunities for advanced communication, interprofessional collaboration, and information technology for the improvement and transformation of health care. *(Communication) (AACN, DNP Essential IV; VI)*
3. Incorporate principles of organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement to construct practice policies and procedures to meet the health need of patient populations. *(Critical Thinking) (DNP Essential II)*
4. Design advanced practice nursing care with clinical prevention and health promotion interventions principles derived from population health to improve health outcomes. *(Nursing Process) (DNP Essential VII; VIII)*
5. Demonstrate advocacy for healthcare change through health policy to solve issues related to disparities, cultural sensitivity, access to care, quality of care, health care financing, equity, and social justice. *(Nursing Roles) (DNP Essential V)*
6. Appraise personal and professional behavior and clinical reasoning to construct pathways to resolve ethical and legal issues within healthcare systems. *(Ethics) (DNP Essential IV; V)*
7. Investigate evidence-based practice methods to expand clinical scholarship and analytical methods used to improve practice and health outcomes among patients and populations. *(Research) (DNP Essential III)*
8. Design future professional development based on a commitment to advanced practice nursing and the practice role. *(Lifelong Personal and Professional Growth) (DNP Essential VIII)*

## Graduate Nursing Program Offerings

### MSN Program track offerings:

- Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP)

### Certificate Program offerings:

- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) Post-Master's Certificate
- Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Post-Master's Certificate
- Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Post-Master's Certificate
- Clinical Outcomes Post-Bachelor's Certificate

### DNP Program track offerings:

- Direct Patient Care Nurse Practitioner track **BSN to DNP** entry: FNP track 77 credits; AGNP track 76 credits
- Direct Patient Care for APRNs track **MSN to DNP** entry: 30 credits
- Transformative Leadership track **BSN to DNP** entry: CNL track 68 credits
- Transformative Leadership track **MSN to DNP** entry: 30 credits

## Admission Requirements

The Graduate Nursing Faculty Council reviews all applications and determines acceptance. Students are notified in writing of their admission status. All the following items need to be on file to be considered for admission into the graduate program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, fall, spring, and summer. However, enrollment into either MSN or DNP courses are based on acceptance and space availability. Enrollment/acceptance may be limited to the best qualified candidates in the order of receipt of full application requirements if the number of applicants exceeds the enrollment limit.

RN applicants with a non-nursing bachelor's degree may apply to the graduate nursing program. However, three required bridge courses will serve as a means to obtain knowledge, skill, and attitudes of baccalaureate nursing essentials. The required courses are Introduction to Baccalaureate Nursing; Nursing Research Utilization; and Community Health. These courses may be taken at Morningside College or serve as transfer courses.

Morningside College accepts applications from both, Morningside College Graduate Nursing website or NursingCAS. NursingCAS is a centralized application service for nursing which allows applicants to use a single online application and one set of materials to apply to multiple nursing programs at participating schools. The link to NursingCAS is located on the Morningside College Graduate Nursing webpage or at [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org). The following are the application requirements:

- Morningside College has obtained state approval from most states to offer an online program within the applicant's state of residence. Applicants may contact the Graduate Nursing program to determine state approval prior to applying.
- Bachelor's degree with a major in nursing from a regionally accredited institution with a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. (If undergraduate cumulative GPA is below a 3.0 see Conditional Acceptance for other options).

- Master's degree with a major in nursing from a nationally accredited institution with a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (for post-master's certificate or MSN-DNP track).
- Valid R.N. license in Iowa or state participating in the licensure compact. For applicants with non-compact R.N. license contact the Dean of Nursing for state approval status.
- Valid APRN license and proof of certification (for Direct Patient Care DNP track).
- BCLS certification.
- Completed application and **application fee (non-refundable \$65.00)**.
- Official academic transcripts from all degree granting institutions.
- Two professional and/or academic letters of recommendation.
- Professional Goal Essay that includes your area of interest and how graduate education will help you achieve your professional goals. Describe how your professional history such as your practice and leadership experience has prepared you for graduate studies (typed, 500 words or less).
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- All materials are sent through Morningside College Graduate Nursing Application or NursingCAS application website.

### **Direct Admissions**

Morningside College Nursing alumni who graduated in good academic standing with the required cumulative GPA are eligible for Direct Admission status into any Graduate Nursing program track (MSN/DNP). Direct Admission is valid as long as the applicant applies to a track/program within five years of completing a prior degree/certificate. For Direct Admission, the applicant must submit the following. The application fee will be waived.

- Completed application from the Morningside College Graduate Nursing website using the Morningside College Graduate Nursing Application link option, <https://morningside.edu/graduate-online-programs/gradnursing/graduate-nursing-pre-application-for-admission>.
- Valid R.N. license in Iowa or state participating in the licensure compact. For applicants with non-compact R.N. license contact the Dean of Nursing for state approval status.
- Valid APRN license and proof of certification (for Direct Patient Care DNP track).
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Official academic transcripts from all institutions previously attended. If only attended Morningside College for BSN and/or MSN, the college has transcripts on file.

### **Conditional Acceptance**

Applicants who have minor deficiencies in meeting the above criteria will be reviewed and may be granted conditional acceptance to the Nysten School of Nursing Graduate Program. Conditionally accepted students must complete specified conditions within stated time frames indicated in the letter of acceptance. Failure to comply with stated conditions will result in an inability to begin or progress in the program.

- Students with undergraduate and/or graduate cumulative GPA less than 3.0 may be accepted into the Clinical Outcomes post-bachelor's certificate program. If students demonstrate successful completion of 10 credit hours of non-clinical graduate course work from the certificate program with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, they may apply/reapply to the master's program.
- Students who are non-degree seeking may enroll in non-clinical graduate courses for the purpose of self-enrichment and professional development. No more than 12 credits from non-degree seeking students may be applied toward degree requirements. Non-degree seeking status is not eligible for student federal loans.

### **Felony Conviction**

The Iowa Code (Chapters 147.3 and 152.5) states that conviction of certain felonies may make an individual ineligible for licensure or registry. Previous conviction of a felony does not automatically bar an individual from eligibility for licensure or registry.

### **Nursing Licensure Denied, Suspended, Surrendered or Revoked**

655 Iowa Administrative Code 2.8(5) requires notification of students and prospective students that nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person: who has been denied licensure by the board; whose licensure is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction; or whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

Individuals seeking enrollment or currently enrolled in nursing programs who are not eligible to take a course with a clinical component because of disciplinary action in any state should contact the Iowa Board of Nursing Enforcement Unit at (515) 281-6472 as soon as possible. Students not eligible to take a clinical component will not be admitted to the nursing major.

### **Upon admission to the graduate nursing program, the student must meet the following requirements:**

- Background checks are required for nursing students by the Iowa Board of Nursing [see the Iowa Administrative Code 655-2.11(152) Student criminal history checks]. Morningside College Nylen School of Nursing Graduate program includes in their records checks: sex offender registry, dependent adult and child abuse registries, criminal history, residence history, and Social Security Number Alert records, Nationwide Wants and Warrants, and Nationwide Health Care Fraud. As a condition of admission into the graduate nursing program, all students must complete a background check through Castle Branch. Acceptance and progression in the graduate nursing program is contingent upon the evaluation and acceptable outcome of all required background checks.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- A maximum of 6 hours of C+ or C can be used to fulfill the requirements of a certificate, master's, or doctorate degree. In addition, only one practicum course may be repeated.
- Any grade of a C- or below will not fulfill the requirements of a certificate, master's, or doctorate degree.
- A student who fails to attain a C or higher in a required course is permitted to repeat that course only one time. Only one failed nursing course may be repeated.
- Clinical/practicum experience is not required prior to admission, but at least 1,000 hours as an R.N. is required prior to enrollment in clinical courses at the master's level.
- Students may be expected to travel for preceptor experiences, especially if the student lives in an area that has limited providers. Student practicums are directly supervised by an approved local preceptor, as well as a member of the Morningside College nursing faculty.
- Fulfill immunization requirements including annual TB test. Vaccination for Hepatitis B is recommended but not required. Students will also need to fulfill specific requirements identified by the clinical/preceptor agencies.
- Provide proof of personal health insurance coverage.

## Program Completion Requirements

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- All required graduate credit hours for the specified degree must be completed within 6 years of the student's initial admission into the program.
- A maximum of 7 years is permitted for completion of the degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed within the 7-year time frame. The years are counted backwards from the anticipated date the degree will be conferred. Hours taken which exceed this time limit will not count in the degree program.
- A student must receive the departmental writing and oral endorsement by preparing an evidence based practice project/DNP Project manuscript. The paper is evaluated for clarity and organization of ideas, professional style, mechanical proficiency, research process, and synthesis of findings. A student must receive oral endorsement by demonstrating competency in organizations of thought and learning while articulating in a professional manner. The writing and oral endorsements are evaluated in the capstone courses.
- **GAP Analysis:** Analysis for Individualized Course of Study. In accordance with the 2016 Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs, a Gap Analysis is conducted for each applicant, based on prior education and certification as well as academic didactic and clinical needs, to determine their specific course of study.

## Master's of Nursing Practice Degree Tracks

### Clinical Nurse Leader (MSN-CNL)

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) is a master's prepared nurse generalist, assuming leadership roles accountable for care coordination at the microsystem level. The role may vary depending upon the setting and patient population. The CNL is educated with a focus on improving quality of care and patient outcomes. The CNL applies advanced competencies in nursing leadership, communication, lateral integration, coordination of care, risk assessment, implementation of evidence-based practice, and assessment/evaluation of clinical outcomes. The CNL acts in roles such as clinicians, team leaders, patient care coordinators, patient advocates, educators, outcome managers, and systems analyst/risk anticipators.

The Clinical Nurse Leader track (CNL) MSN degree consists of 38 total credit hours, including 22 credits from master's core classes, 16 CNL specialty course credits and 500 clinical/practicum hours/two onsite residencies. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader through the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC).

### Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)

Knowledge gained from this degree will enhance understanding of the health care system and help improve quality and safety of patient care. This track prepares a nurse for the role of an Advanced Practice Nurse functioning as a nurse practitioner. These nurses conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat common acute illnesses and injuries, administer treatments, and manage chronic health problems. Nurse Practitioners become leaders within the nursing profession. The FNP specifically focuses on characteristics and issues of individuals across the life-span population. Nurse Practitioners will obtain certification in the specialty prior to entering the practice setting. All direct patient care roles will need to achieve state licensure in the specified role for which they were educated in (Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner).

The Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track MSN degree consist of 47 total credit hours, including 22 credits from master's core classes, 25 FNP specialty course credits and 600 clinical/practicum hours/three



onsite residencies. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as a Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner through American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

### **Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGNP)**

Knowledge gained from this degree will enhance understanding of the health care system and help improve quality and safety of patient care. This track prepares a nurse for the role of an Advanced Practice Nurse functioning as a nurse practitioner. These nurses conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat common acute illnesses and injuries, administer treatments, and manage chronic health problems. Nurse Practitioners become leaders within the nursing profession. The Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner specifically focuses on unique characteristics and issues of the aging population. Nurse Practitioners will obtain certification in the specialty prior to entering the practice setting. All direct patient care roles will need to achieve state licensure in the specified role for which they were educated in (Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner).

The Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track MSN degree consist of 46 total credit hours, including 22 credits from master's core classes, 24 AGNP specialty course credits and 600 clinical/practicum hours/three onsite residencies. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner through American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

#### **Core Courses required by all specialty tracks: (22 Credits)**

NURS 509	Healthcare Policy/Economics - 3 credits (fall semester, summer)
NURS 515	Quality, Safety, Informatics - 2 credits (fall semester)
NURS 516	Education in Practice - 2 credits (spring semester)
NURS 517	Advanced Pathophysiology - 3 credits (fall semester) (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology - 3 credits (spring semester) (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 522	Advanced Health Assessment -3 credits (spring semester) (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 530	Statistics in Advanced Practice Nursing -3 credits (summer semester)
NURS 533	Evidence-Based Research - 3 credits (fall semester)

#### **CNL Specialty Courses (16 credits): (500 clinical hours)**

NURS 510	Management of Care in the Environment - 3 credits (spring semester)
NURS 613	Leadership for Advanced Nursing - 3 credits (40 clinical hours) (fall semester)
NURS 615	Management of Clinical Outcomes - 3 credits (fall semester)
NURS 631	Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum I - 1 credits (160 clinical hours) (fall semester)
NURS 632	Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum II - 3 credits (300 clinical hours) (spring semester)
NURS 646	Clinical Nurse Leader Capstone - 3 credits (1-day onsite residency) (spring semester)

## **FNP (25 credits)/AGNP (24 credits) Specialty Courses: (600 clinical hours)**

### **FNP and AGNP core courses**

- NURS 524    Advanced Practice Skills - 1 credit (3-day onsite lab residency) (spring semester)
- NURS 651    Advanced Role Development - 3 credits (fall semester)
- NURS 654    Nutrition in Disease Management -2 credits (fall semester)
- NURS 655    Adult Primary Care I - 3 credits (fall semester; summer)
- NURS 656    Adult Primary Care II - 3 credits (spring semester)
- NURS 686    Evidence-Based Capstone - 3 credits (1-day onsite residency) (spring semester)

### **FNP only courses**

- NURS 657    FNP Clinical Practicum I - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (fall semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 658    FNP Clinical Practicum II - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (fall semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 660    FNP Clinical Practicum III - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (spring semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 661    Pediatric Primary Care I - 2 credits (fall semester)
- NURS 662    Pediatric Primary Care II - 2 credits (spring semester)

### **AGNP only courses**

- NURS 665    AGNP Clinical Practicum I - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (spring semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 668    AGNP Clinical Practicum II - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (fall semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 670    AGNP Clinical Practicum III - 2 credits (200 clinical hours) (spring semester, may be taken in other semesters)
- NURS 669    Complex Elderly Care - 3 credits (fall semester)

### **Non-required courses for the major:**

- NURS 691    Nursing Independent Study - 1-6 credits (elective for all tracks)
- NURS 692    Nursing Independent Study - 1-6 credits (elective for all tracks)

## **Post-Master's Certificates**

### **Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Post-Master's Certificate**

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Post-Master's certificate is a plan of study for nurses who hold a Master's Degree in nursing, but want to expand their scope of practice. The CNL applies advanced competencies in nursing leadership, communication, care environment management, integration and coordination of care, risk assessment, implementation of evidence-based practice, and evaluation of clinical outcomes. The CNL could work in positions such as Clinical Nurse Leader, clinician, team leader, patient care coordinator, outcome manager, educator, client advocate, and systems analyst/risk anticipator.

The Clinical Nurse Leader Post-Master's Certificate consists of 25 total credit hours and 500 clinical/practicum hours/two onsite residencies for those who already have a MSN degree. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader through the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC).

### **Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Post-Master's Certificate**

The Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's certificate is a plan of study for nurses who hold a Master's Degree in nursing, but want to expand their scope of practice. The FNP specifically focuses on characteristics and issues of individuals across the life-span population. Nurse Practitioners will obtain certification in the specialty prior to entering the practice setting. All direct patient care roles will need to achieve state licensure in the specified role for which they were educated in (Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner). The curriculum is designed with didactic and clinical experiences that focus on the primary care needs of patients and families across the life span.

The Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate consists of 34 total credit hours and 600 clinical/practicum hours/three onsite residencies for those who already have a MSN degree. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as a Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner through American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

### **Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) Post-Master's Certificate**

The Adult Gerontology Primary Care Post-Master's certificate is a plan of study for nurses who hold a Master's Degree in nursing, but want to expand their scope of practice. The Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner specifically focuses on unique characteristics and issues of the aging population. Nurse Practitioners will obtain certification in the specialty prior to entering the practice setting. All direct patient care roles will need to achieve state licensure in the specified role for which they were educated in (Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner).

The Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate consists of 33 total credit hours and 600 clinical/practicum hours/three onsite residencies for those who already have a MSN degree. The curriculum prepares graduates to be eligible for national certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner through American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

### **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate (33 credits; 600 clinical hours)**

NURS 517	Advanced Pathophysiology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 522	Advanced Health Assessment - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 524	Advanced Practice Skills - 1 credit (3-day onsite lab residency)
NURS 651	Advanced Role Development - 3 credits
NURS 654	Nutrition in Disease Management - 2 credits
NURS 655	Adult Primary Care I - 3 credits
NURS 656	Adult Primary Care II - 3 credits
NURS 686	Evidence Based Capstone - 3 credits (1-day onsite residency)
NURS 665	AGNP Clinical Practicum I - 2 credits (200 clinical hours/1-day onsite residency)
NURS 668	AGNP Clinical Practicum II - 2 credits (200 clinical hours)
NURS 670	AGNP Clinical Practicum III - 2 credits (200 clinical hours)
NURS 669	Complex Elderly Care -3 credits

### **Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate**

**(34 credits; 600 clinical hours)**

NURS 517	Advanced Pathophysiology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 522	Advanced Health Assessment - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 524	Advanced Practice Skills - 1 credit (3-day onsite lab residency)
NURS 651	Advanced Role Development - 3 credits
NURS 654	Nutrition in Disease Management - 2 credits
NURS 655	Adult Primary Care I - 3 credits
NURS 656	Adult Primary Care II - 3 credits
NURS 686	Evidence Based Capstone - 3 credits (1-day onsite residency)
NURS 657	FNP Clinical Practicum I - 2 credits (200 clinical hours/1-day onsite residency)
NURS 658	FNP Clinical Practicum II - 2 credits (200 clinical hours)
NURS 660	FNP Clinical Practicum III - 2 credits (200 clinical hours)
NURS 661	Pediatric Primary Care I - 2 credits
NURS 662	Pediatric Primary Care II - 2 credits

### **Clinical Nurse Leader Post-Master's Certificate**

**(25 credits; 500 clinical hours)**

NURS 517	Advanced Pathophysiology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 522	Advanced Health Assessment - 3 credits (Direct Patient care course)
NURS 510	Management of Care in the Environment - 3 credits
NURS 613	Leadership for Advanced Nursing - 3 credits
NURS 615	Management of Clinical Outcomes - 3 credits (40 clinical hours)
NURS 631	Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum I - 1 credits (160 clinical hours)
NURS 632	Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum II - 3 credits (300 clinical hours)
NURS 646	Clinical Nurse Leader Capstone - 3 credits (1-day onsite residency)

## **Post-Bachelor's Certificate**

### **Clinical Outcomes Post-Bachelor's Certificate**

The Clinical Outcome Post-Bachelor's certificate is a plan of study for nurses who hold a Bachelor's Degree in nursing, but want to expand their scope of practice. Knowledge gained from this certificate will enhance understanding of the health care system and help improve quality and safety of patient care. This certificate will strengthen knowledge and skills to deliver care that is safer, more efficient, and cost-effective to meet the demands of patients and providers.

#### **Completion of the certificate requires:**

- 10 credits of required online coursework (two courses offered in the fall semester, two courses offered in the spring semester)
- Cumulative 3.0 GPA

### **Student Outcomes for Clinical Outcomes Post-Bachelor's Certificate**

Upon completion of certificate, the student will be able to:

1. **Advocate:** Effect changes through advocacy for the profession, interdisciplinary health care team and the patient. Communicate effectively to achieve quality patient outcomes and lateral integration of

care for a cohort of patients. Intervene at the system level through the policy development process and employ advocacy strategies to influence health and health care.

2. **Professional Leadership:** Actively pursue new knowledge and skills while incorporating concepts from sciences and humanities to improve patient care outcomes across diverse settings. Understand that organizational and systems leadership are critical to the promotion of high quality and safe patient care. Demonstrate ethical and critical decision making, effective working relationships and a systems perspective.
3. **Informatics Leadership:** Use information systems and technology at the point of care to improve health care outcomes. **System/Risk Analyst:** Participate in systems review to critically evaluate and anticipate risks to patient safety to improve quality of patient care delivery. Apply principles in methods, performance measures, and standards related to quality improvement.
5. **Educator:** Utilize appropriate teaching/learning principles and strategies as well as current information, materials and technologies to facilitate the learning of patients, groups and other health care professionals.

#### **Clinical Outcomes Post-Bachelor's Certificate (10 credits)**

NURS 509	Health Care Policy and Economics - 3 credits (fall semester)
NURS 515	Quality, Safety, and Informatics - 2 credits (fall semester)
NURS 510	Management of Care in the Environment - 3 credits (spring semester)
NURS 516	Education in Practice -2 credits (spring semester)

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Tracks**

**The Direct Patient Care track:** The Direct Patient Care DNP track is for nurses who want to become a Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner or Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner at the Doctorate in Nursing Practice level. The post-master's to DNP option is appropriate for those who are in one of the recognized four Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) roles (certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse practitioner).

**The Transformative Leadership DNP track** is designed for nurses in systems/indirect care delivery positions, which includes, executive leadership, nursing administration, health informatics, health policy, public health, and quality/safety, among others. Transformative leadership is an advanced nursing role that drives healthcare change through participatory collaboration, mobilization of collective action and systemic transformation. The transformative leader ignites the quest for robust evidence to produce optimized interventions and measurable individual and population healthcare outcomes. This advanced nursing role inspires synergy through clear and articulate communication to create visionary approaches to healthcare delivery that benefit all participants.

#### **BSN-DNP**

- Direct Patient Care Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner – 77 credits/1000 hours of practicum hours (47credits/600 practicum hours from MSN-FNP and 30 credits/400 practicum hours from DNP)
- Direct Patient Care Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner – 76 credits/1000 hours of practicum hours (46 credits/600 practicum hours from MSN-AGNP and 30 credits/400 practicum hours from DNP)

- Transformative Leadership – 68 credits/1000 hours of practicum hours (38 credits/500 practicum hours from MSN-CNL and 30 credits/500 practicum hours from DNP)

### **MSN-DNP**

- Direct Patient Care for APRNs – 30 credits/400 min. practicum hours. (A Gap Analysis will be assessed to evaluate practicum hours earned in previous MSN program. A total of 1000 hours from BSN to DNP must be completed to earn a DNP degree.)
- Transformative Leadership – 30 credits/500 min. practicum hours. (A Gap Analysis will be assessed to evaluate practicum hours earned in previous MSN program. A total of 1000 hours from BSN to DNP must be completed to earn a DNP degree.)
- **GAP Analysis:** Analysis for Individualized Course of Study. In accordance with the 2016 Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs, a Gap Analysis is conducted for each applicant, based on prior education and certification as well as academic didactic and clinical needs, to determine their specific course of study. Graduate level Statistics is a prerequisite for all DNP tracks. Courses in graduate level Pathophysiology, Physical Assessment, and Pharmacology serve as prerequisites into the Direct Patient Care DNP tracks. A total of 1,000 clinical/practicum hours are required for all graduates of a DNP program (BSN-DNP). Dependent upon clinical/practicum hours completed through a previous master's degree, additional clinical/practicum courses may be necessary to achieve this requirement of 1,000 hours (appropriateness will be determined by Department Head).

### **Core Courses required by all specialty tracks: (23 credits)**

NURS 920	Analytical Methods in Evidence-based Practice 3 credits
NURS 925	Continuous Performance and Quality Improvement 3 credits
NURS 930	Applied Epidemiology 3 credits
NURS 935	Informatics and Clinical Data Management 3 credits
NURS 940	Leadership in Health Care Policy and Advocacy 2 credits
NURS 945	Leading Clinical Prevention and Population Health 3 credits
NURS 950	Organizational and Systems Leadership 3 credits
NURS 955	DNP Project I 1 credit
NURS 956	DNP Project II 1 credit
NURS 957	DNP Project III 1 credit

### **Direct Patient Care APRN Track Courses (7 credits)**

NURS 960	Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration I 1 credit 100 practice hours
NURS 961	Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration II 2 credits 100 practice hours
NURS 962	Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration III 2 credits 100 practice hours
NURS 963	Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration IV 2 credits 100 practice hours; on-site one-day dissemination residency

### **Transformative Leadership Indirect Care Track Courses (7 credits)**

NURS 970	Transformative Leadership Role Integration I 1 credit 125 practice hours
NURS 971	Transformative Leadership Role Integration II 2 credits 125 practice hours
NURS 972	Transformative Leadership Role Integration III 2 credits 125 practice hours
NURS 973	Transformative Leadership Role Integration IV 2 credits 125 practice hours; on-site one-day dissemination residency

## Electives

NURS 975	Role Integration for Continuous Practice 1-6 credits if needed to account for 1,000 BSN-DNP practice hours
NURS 980	Independent Study: 1-6 credits

**\*\*\* DNP degree consists of a total of 30 credits: 23 credits of DNP core and 7 credits of Role Integration.**

**Onsite Residency:** One-day onsite residency is required for DNP project dissemination and competency demonstration

## Nursing (NURS) Course Descriptions

### MSN Course Descriptions

#### **NURS 509 Health Care Policy and Economics 3 credits**

This course will feature an analysis of the United States health care policy and finances. Health care policy initiatives affecting nursing practice, patient outcomes, and the care environment will be scrutinized. Emphasis will be placed on factors affecting cost, access to care, and society norms and how it relates to the implications of health care reform. Current trends and issues in economic management of health care expenses along with its impact on patient care will be investigated. This course is required for the Clinical Outcomes post-bachelor's certificate and serves as a required core course for the master of science in nursing (MSN) degree.

#### **NURS 510 Management of Care in the Environment 3 credits**

This course will focus on clinical leadership by infusing principles of care in the health care environment to enhance patient outcomes. Health care outcomes of individuals and populations are analyzed in context of the overall organizational system. Principles of leadership and management are incorporated into the understanding of the interconnectedness of nursing to the interdisciplinary team. Emphasis is on the role of delegations, negotiation, coordination, and utilization of resources as strategies to promote change in practice. This course is required for the Clinical Outcomes post-bachelor's certificate and serves as a required core course for the Clinical Nurse Leader track of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

#### **NURS 515 Quality, Safety, and Informatics 2 credits**

This course will focus on principles and techniques of quality management in health care. High-reliability concepts that help organizations achieve safety, quality, and efficiency goals will be analyzed. Techniques to measure performance to create high-quality services that result in satisfied patients and cost effective care are investigated. A comprehensive review of bioinformatics, medical and nursing informatics, and public health informatics is incorporated into this course. The dynamic interrelationship among information technology, clinical functions and organizational functions are discussed. Implications of the 2010 health care reform law and other relevant federal mandates will be examined. This course is required for the Clinical Outcomes post-bachelor's certificate and serves as a required core course for the master of science in nursing (MSN) degree.

**NURS 516      Education in Practice      2 credits**

This course explores principles of teaching and learning. Foundations for course development, instructional design, learning style assessment, and the evaluation of learning outcomes will be examined. Teaching pedagogies, learning characteristics and the role of nurse as an educator in practice will be examined. This course is required for the Clinical Outcomes post-bachelor's certificate and serves as a required core course for the master of science in nursing (MSN) degree.

**NURS 517      Advanced Pathophysiology      3 credits**

In this course students will explore the complexity of physiological functions and the pathophysiological response to altered health conditions of individuals across the life span. The impact of disease process is examined at the molecular, cellular, organ, and body system level in relation to how it impacts the process of alteration, adaptation, and regulatory function of the body. Knowledge gained from this course will enhance the advanced practice nurse's clinical reasoning and decision-making for providing care to individuals with health problems.

**NURS 518      Advanced Pharmacology      3 credits**

This course will expand advanced clinical pharmacological management skills in providing care to patients across the life span and health care settings. Emphasis is placed on principles of drug classifications, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, pharmacogenomics, and biochemical properties. Knowledge acquired in pathophysiological changes is applied to formulate basis for therapeutic use, side effects, adverse effects, drug interactions, contraindications for use, and nursing implications. Issues of physiologic and psychosocial variables will be addressed in relation to patient education and adherence to drug therapy.

**NURS 522      Advanced Health Assessment      3 credits**

*Co-requisite 524 for nurse practitioners only*

This course builds knowledge and expertise for acquisition of skills to perform advanced health and physical assessments needed to formulate clinical reasoning and laboratory interpretation. Comprehensive physical, psychosocial, genetics, spiritual, and cultural assessments of individuals across the life span are emphasized. Students will focus on clinical prevention and population health. Attention is on developing skills to critically analyze data for sound diagnostic reasoning and differential diagnosing in order to establish an accurate assessment of health status.

**NURS 524      Advanced Practice Skills      1 credit**

This course features the application of advanced health assessment diagnostic techniques in the skills lab. The students will complete comprehensive health assessment and differential diagnosis of common health problems for diverse populations utilizing case-based patient simulations and standardized patients. In addition, students will integrate health promotion activities into lab assignments. Students will learn principles and techniques to common procedures customary to the primary care setting. The course will focus on building competence and confidence in performing comprehensive assessments and diagnostic procedures while applying the theoretical knowledge gained from the Advanced Health Assessment course. The minimum requirement for this practicum is 40 hours of residency. This course requires a 3-day onsite residency that is schedule with the Health Assessment onsite residency.

**NURS 530      Statistics in Advanced Practice Nursing      3 credits**

This course will build knowledge and skills to critique research from nursing and health related fields as a basis for the delivery of evidence-based practice. Emphasis is on understanding research methodology in order to evaluate nursing research. Attention will be on utilization and synthesis of research findings in



relation to everyday healthcare practice and problems. Course content combines principles of research design, evidence-based practice, and statistics to promote translation of scientific knowledge into advanced nursing practice interventions in order to evaluate health care outcomes.

**NURS 533 Evidence-Based Research 3 credit**

*Prerequisite 530*

This course will promote an evidence-based approach for addressing clinical problems by utilizing skills in assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of outcomes. The focus of this course will be on evaluating models of evidence-based practice; appraising aspects of quantitative and qualitative research in practice; promoting research utilization; and determining effective means for dissemination of findings. Aspects of leadership with consideration of interprofessional perspectives are incorporated into the clinical decision-making process to improve patient, population, and health care outcomes.

**NURS 613 Leadership for Advanced Nursing (40 practicum hours) 3 credits**

This course examines attributes and characteristics essential to the Clinical Nursing Leader (CNL) role. The focus is on strategies that promote effective use of self for enhancing clinical discernment, care coordination, and horizontal leadership. Emphasis is on the role of change agent using lateral integration during direct patient care to achieve better outcomes, improve quality, reduce costs, and mentor other health professionals. Students will complete 40 hours of practicum during which they will examine the CNL role components in relation to clinical problems identified in the microsystem.

**NURS 615 Management of Clinical Outcomes 3 credit**

This course emphasizes the incorporation of strategies that promote health and prevent/reduce disease in selected patients and populations across the life span. The focus is on illness and wellness management for patients and aggregates within the framework of the health care environment. Theories of chronic illness are used to manage populations manifesting complex conditions. Principles of epidemiology, biostatistics, and outcome measurements will be incorporated into the risk assessment process.

**NURS 631 Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum I (160 practicum hours) 1 credit**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 613*

This course is designed to provide a clinical/practicum experience made up of 160 clinical hours. The focus of this clinical experience is to provide opportunities for role development of the Clinical Nurse Leader in care settings where management of clinical systems and patient outcomes can be assessed. Emphasis is placed on integration of theory and research relating to the Clinical Nurse Leader role gained in other courses. The student will design a plan of care for a clinical problem that addresses the process for improving patient or population outcomes. Students will implement strategies that improve nursing care, reduce patient risk, prevent disease/illness, and promote health education.

**NURS 632 Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum II: Immersion (300 practicum hours) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite 631*

This course is designed to provide a precepted clinical immersion experience made up of 300 clinical hours. The focus of this clinical immersion experience is to allow for full implementation of Clinical Nurse Leader competencies in a chosen care environment(s) mentored by a nurse leader. The emphasis is on the student's ability to lead the design, coordination, and management of health care and systems appropriate to the patient or population. Integration of communication, collaboration, negotiation, delegation, coordination and evaluation skills within the health care setting will be critical to the experience. Group discussions will provide opportunities for students and faculty to discuss issues and assess experiences related to implementation of this role.

**NURS 646      Clinical Nurse Leader Capstone      3 credits**

*Prerequisite 533*

This course requires students to synthesize knowledge, skills, and dispositions acquired in their master's course work within the perspective of the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL). There are three major course foci. The first is the development of a comprehensive written competency demonstration portfolio comprised of a self-analysis of how students meet the program outcomes supported with evidence. The second is a peer-reviewed evidence-based practice capstone proposal designed to incorporate the CNL role. Finally, students will complete an evidence-based research project that leads to oral dissemination and publication of findings.

**NURS 651      Advanced Role Development      3 credits**

This course features an in-depth understanding of the development of the Advanced Practice Nurse, with specific emphasis on the role of the Nurse Practitioner. Emphasis is on historical, theoretical, political, legal, social and ethical aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing. Leadership responsibilities, scope of practice, and regulation requirements are discussed in relation to the Advanced Practice Nurse. This course examines characteristics essential to the functional roles of the Advanced Practice Nurse, such as, primary health care provider, resource manager, leader, educator, negotiator, consultant, advocator, mentor, and change agent.

**NURS 654      Nutrition in Disease Management      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 517*

This course is designed to assist the student in acquiring knowledge and skill in the advanced practice of personalized nutrition assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and monitoring with the goal of promoting optimal health and preventing diet- and lifestyle-related disease. The goal of this course is to provide practical nutrition assessment and clinical management skills for primary care professionals in order to deliver personalized care for chronic disease.

**NURS 655      Adult Primary Care I      3 credits**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 524*

This course is designed to assist the student to acquire knowledge and skill in diagnosing and managing common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health problems of adults across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on managing these patients through health promotion, assessment, diagnosis, management of acute/chronic illness, and pharmacological agents. Skills developed from the theories and concepts of this course will be validated in subsequent clinical practicum courses.

**NURS 656      Adult Primary Care II      3 credits**

*Prerequisite 655*

This course is the second of two didactic courses designed to assist the student to acquire knowledge and skill in diagnosing and managing more complex acute and chronic health problems of adults across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on managing these patients through health promotion, assessment, diagnosis, management of acute/chronic illness, and pharmacological agents. Skills developed from the theories and concepts of this course will be validated in subsequent clinical practicum courses.

**NURS 657      FNP Clinical Practicum I (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 524*

This practicum is the first preceptor-supervised clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to synthesize and apply advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care of individuals across the lifespan with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will function under the guidance and in collaboration with their clinical preceptor. Students begin to develop knowledge and skills within the nurse practitioner role domains: 1) health

promotion, health protection, disease prevention and treatment; 2) nurse practitioner-patient relationship; 3) teaching-coaching; 4) professional role; 5) managing and negotiating health care delivery systems; 6) monitoring and ensuring the quality of health care practice; 7) cultural competence (NONPF, 2013). This course may require a 1 day on-campus competency.

**NURS 658      FNP Clinical Practicum II (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 657*

This practicum is the second preceptor-supervised clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to strengthen and apply their advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care for individuals across the lifespan with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will begin to function more independently under preceptor supervision. Students continue to develop knowledge and skills within the nurse practitioner role domains: 1) health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and treatment; 2) nurse practitioner-patient relationship; 3) teaching-coaching; 4) professional role; 5) managing and negotiating health care delivery systems; 6) monitoring and ensuring the quality of health care practice; 7) cultural competence (NONPF, 2013).

**NURS 660      FNP Clinical Practicum III (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 658*

This practicum is the third preceptor-supervised clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to expand and apply their advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care for individuals across the lifespan with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will function more independently under preceptor supervision. Students demonstrate competence within the nurse practitioner role domains of: 1) health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and treatment; 2) nurse practitioner-patient relationship; 3) teaching-coaching; 4) professional role; 5) managing and negotiating health care delivery systems; 6) monitoring and ensuring the quality of health care practice; and 7) cultural competence (NONPF, 2013).

**NURS 661      Pediatric Primary Care I      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 524*

This course is designed to assist the student to acquire knowledge and skill in diagnosing and managing normal pregnant women and common complications of pregnancy and postpartum; and diagnosing and managing the well child from birth through adolescence. Emphasis is placed on managing these patients through nursing, medical and pharmacological focuses as well as health promotion and health maintenance. Skills developed from the theories and concepts of this course will be validated in subsequent clinical practicum courses.

**NURS 662      Pediatric Primary Care II      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 661*

This course is designed to assist the student to acquire knowledge and skill in diagnosing and managing acute and chronic conditions of the pediatric population. Emphasis is placed on managing these patients through nursing, medical, and pharmacological focuses. Skills developed from the theories and concepts of this course will be validated in subsequent clinical practicum courses.

**NURS 665      AGNP Clinical Practicum I (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 524*

This practicum is a clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to synthesize, apply, and validate advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care for the adult and geriatric population with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will function under the guidance and in collaboration with their clinical preceptor. This course may require a 1-day on-campus competency.

**NURS 668      AGNP Clinical Practicum II (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 665*

This course is the second practicum clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to strengthen and apply their advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care for the adult and geriatric population with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will begin to function more independently under preceptor supervision.

**NURS 669      Complex Elderly Care      3 credits**

*Prerequisite 517; 518; 522; 524*

This course is designed to assist the student to acquire knowledge and skill in diagnosing and managing the aging population. Pathologies common to the elderly and advanced practice nursing interventions are examined. Common aging changes and issues specific to the gerontological population are explored.

Emphasis is placed on managing these patients through health promotion, assessment, diagnosis, management of acute/chronic illness, and pharmacological agents. Skills developed from the theories and concepts of this course will be validated in subsequent clinical practicum courses.

**NURS 670      AGNP Clinical Practicum III (200 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite 668*

This course is the third practicum clinical field experience designed to provide opportunity for students to expand and apply their advanced skills in assessment, diagnosis, and management of care for the adult and geriatric population with stable, chronic, and acute illness in the primary care setting. Students in the clinical setting will function more independently under preceptor supervision.

**NURS 686      Evidence-Based Capstone      3 credits**

*Prerequisite 533*

This course requires students to synthesize knowledge, skills, and dispositions acquired in their master's course work within the perspective of the Nurse Practitioner (NP). There are three major course foci. The first is the development of a comprehensive written competency demonstration portfolio comprised of a self-analysis of how students meet the program outcomes supported with evidence. The second is a peer-reviewed evidence-based practice capstone proposal designed to incorporate the NP role. Finally, students will complete an evidence-based research project that leads to oral dissemination and publication of findings.

**NURS 691      Nursing Independent Study      1-6 credits**

The course allows a student to individually pursue a specific problem or area of study within the healthcare field with faculty guidance. Supervised graduate-level project of readings, research, mentorship, or additional practicum experiences developed in cooperation with a graduate faculty advisor and approved by the Dean of Graduate Nursing. This course is an elective for students enrolled in the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program.

**NURS 692      Nursing Independent Study      1-6 credits**

The course allows a student to individually pursue a specific problem or area of study within the healthcare field with faculty guidance. Supervised graduate-level project of readings, research, mentorship, or additional practicum experiences developed in cooperation with a graduate faculty advisor and approved by the Dean of Graduate Nursing. This course is an elective for students enrolled in the Master of Science in nursing (MSN) degree program.

**DNP Course Descriptions**

**NURS 920      Analytical Methods in Evidence-based Practice      3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Graduate level course in Statistics*

This course focuses on clinical scholarship through the use of analytical methods to evaluate research and evidence based practice. The course presents quantitative research methods using biostatistical principles and introduces qualitative research as companion method to solve clinical problems. Essential leadership skills highlighted include critical evaluation, synthesis, transference, and the selection and application of appropriate evidence-based findings needed to transform healthcare practices. The course distinguishes among quality improvement, research, and evidence-based practice and demonstrates the utility of different approaches to improve health outcomes. Emphasis is placed on the appraisal and analysis of current practice patterns in comparison with national benchmarks to determine outcomes variances and drive the development of clinical strategies that will improve health care delivery.

**NURS 925      Continuous Performance and Quality Improvement      3 credits**

This course focuses on quality and safety competencies for DNP nurse leaders. Performance indicators, quality improvement methodologies, data analyses, and quality based evidence for client populations will be examined. The cost effectiveness of care, using principles of economics and finance, will be applied as an indicator of quality. Emphasis will be placed on collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to assess the quality of the organizational culture, collect data on safety indicators, and design a cyclical action plan that uses evidence and translational practices to evolve change in systems.

**NURS 930      Applied Epidemiology      3 credits**

This course focuses on the application of epidemiologic principles to examine distributions and determinants of health to improve practice and outcomes while serving client aggregates and healthcare delivery systems. Emphasis is placed on understanding the burden of disease as it impacts populations and global health. A public health perspective is used to understand mechanisms of disease that evolve from infectious, social, behavioral, psychological, genetic, and environmental factors. This course will address specific epidemiologic research methods to analyze and describe patterns of disease and determine the effectiveness of disease control and prevention methods. Learners will cultivate approaches to the planning, development and evaluation of health programs, while integrating principles of health policy and resolving ethical issues from a leadership role position.

**NURS 935      Informatics and Clinical Data Management      3 credits**

This course focuses on the acquisition, critical appraisal and use of information technologies to improve decision making in healthcare delivery. Models of information systems and technologies will be evaluated for efficacy and efficiency in promoting safe, quality, and cost-effective care in diverse settings. Emphasis is placed on retrieval, integration and evaluation of clinically relevant data derived from electronic sources, the analysis of therapeutic intervention tools to support patient care, and visioning new technologies to generate information needed for knowledge development.

**NURS 940 Leadership in Health Care Policy and Advocacy 2 credits**

This course focuses on the leadership role of the DNP in promoting health policy development and leveraging legislative change using collaborative negotiation skills with health policy makers. The interrelationships among policy, advocacy, and ethics will be examined within clinical practice, healthcare systems, and the nursing profession. This course will examine the structure and function of governance, legislative control, regulatory organizations, and public relations when addressing healthcare issues at local, state, regional, and global levels. Emphasis is placed on the role of designing, implementing, and advocating for health care policies that address issues of social justice and equity in health care.

**NURS 945 Leading Clinical Prevention and Population Health 3 credits**

This course focuses on developing leadership skills that engage interprofessional and consumer collaboration to translate evidence into population centered strategies for health promotion, risk reduction, and illness prevention. Emphasis is placed on emerging global health priorities, infectious diseases, poverty, emergencies, disasters, health determinants, application of health motivation theories and health reforms. Ethical, legal, and social issues associated with clinical prevention initiatives will be examined, highlighting strategies to resolve inequities found within vulnerable, under served, and marginalized populations.

**NURS 950 Organizational and Systems Leadership 3 Credits**

This course focuses on organizational and systems leadership skills for advanced practice to improve healthcare outcomes. The course foci are transformative leadership, motivational tactics, strategic planning, and collaboration with the healthcare team to make data driven decisions at both the micro-and macro-system levels. Emphasis is placed on the application of theoretical models and leadership concepts to understand and negotiate the complexities of organizations that impact healthcare delivery and visionary practice.

**NURS 955 DNP Project I 1 credit**

This course focuses on the synthesis of concepts from multi-disciplinary theories (e.g. nursing, biophysical, psychosocial, cultural, education, organizational, leadership, and economic) in the development of an evidence-based nursing practice DNP project. A critical evaluation of selected theories, concepts, and methods relevant to the review, analysis, synthesis, and application of evidence-based nursing within an interprofessional healthcare practice will be completed. Emphasis is placed on the development of potential PICOT questions relating to clinical practice as supported by research, systematic reviews, clinical guidelines, clinical expertise and patient preferences. The ethical, economic, cultural, and political implications of innovations in evidence-based practice will be explored to promote change in clinical practice.

**NURS 956 DNP Project II 1 credit**

*Prerequisite: NURS 955*

This course focuses on the further evolution of the DNP project proposal, including developing the project design and data gathering methods needed to identify needs, monitor progress and measure outcomes. A change theory will be selected to guide the project implementation methods and will incorporate the use of information technology, inter-professional collaboration, and conflict resolution. Appropriate permissions and IRB approvals will be secured in this course. Data collection and analysis may begin during this course.

**NURS 957      DNP Project III      1 credit**

*Prerequisite: NURS 956, Graduate level course in Statistics*

This course focuses on the completion of data collection, analysis of results, and dissemination. Course expectations include an oral presentation and a publication ready manuscript related to the DNP project. Emphasis is placed on a reflective evaluation of the DNP project's impact in the areas of economics, quality improvement, informatics, policy, ethical responsibilities and role integration. Professional peer reviews, critiques, and dissemination will be included in this course.

**NURS 960      Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration I (100 practicum hours)      1 credit**

*Prerequisite: Graduate level courses in Pathophysiology, Physical Assessment, Pharmacology*

This is the first of four courses where students begin to formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experiences. This course focuses on advanced practice role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course orientates the student to the practice setting. Students will complete 100 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting.

**NURS 961      Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration II (100 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 960*

This is the second of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on advanced practice role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected population. Students will complete 100 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.

**NURS 962      Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration III (100 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 961*

This is the third of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on advanced practice role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected population. Students will complete 100 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.

**NURS 963      Direct Care: Advanced Practice Role Integration IV (100 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 962*

This is the last of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on advanced practice role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected

population. Students will complete 100 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.

**NURS 970      Transformative Leadership Role Integration I (125 practicum hours)      1 credit**

This is the first of four courses where students begin to formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on transformative leadership role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course orientates the student to the practice setting. Students will complete 125 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting.

**NURS 971      Transformative Leadership Role Integration II (125 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 970*

This is the second of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on transformative leadership role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected population. Students will complete 125 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.

**NURS 972      Transformative Leadership Role Integration III (125 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 971*

This is the third of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on transformative leadership role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas for needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected population. Students will complete 125 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.

**NURS 973      Transformative Leadership Role Integration IV (125 practicum hours)      2 credits**

*Prerequisite: NURS 972*

This is the last of four courses where students formalize DNP practice and competencies through clinical practicum experience. This course focuses on transformative leadership role integration by providing experiential learning. Clinical practicum experiences will be individually designed to integrate scholarly activities within the context of the students' population track, scholarly interests, and self-identified areas of needed growth. The course emphasis is to actualize a DNP project that focuses on practice problems within a selected population. Students will complete 125 clinical practice hours in a clinical setting while integrating the AACN DNP Essentials under the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. Advanced practice nursing, leadership, and scholarship are expected to be integrated at the highest level of DNP practice.



**NURS 975      Role Integration for Continuous Practice** (*practicum hours as needed*)      **1-6 credits**

*Prerequisite: Graduate level courses in Pathophysiology, Physical Assessment, Pharmacology (for Direct Patient Care DNP only)*

This course provides students the opportunity to complete additional practicum hours when transferring fewer than the required number of hours needed to graduate. A total of 1000 practicum hours (BSN-DNP) must be completed by the end of the DNP program. A GAP Analysis will be completed to determine the number of additional practicum hours needed. Students who need additional hours to complete their DNP project may also take this course to procure the guidance of a clinical mentor and faculty. The course must be taken on a continual basis until the DNP project is completed to remain in good standing in the program.

**NURS 980      Independent Study**      **1-6 credits**

*Prerequisite: Enrollment into DNP Program*

This course is designed to enable students to study a selected topic in depth. Students with the guidance of a faculty advisor will develop a contract describing the specific responsibilities and/or learning objectives of the student and the criteria to be used in evaluation and grading.

**Nylen School of Nursing  
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**Academic Calendar 2019-2020**

**FALL 2019 SEMESTER**

**August 2019**

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Aug 21 - Wed	Graduate Nursing MSN courses begin
Aug 22 - Thu	Online registration closes (fall full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Aug 28 - Wed	Final day to register or change courses <i>w/o owing tuition*</i>

**September 2019**

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Sept 2 - Mon	Labor Day (no classes)
Sept 9 - Mon	DNP courses open
Sept 20 - Fri	Deadline for Incomplete Grades from Spring/May/Summer
Sept 25 - Wed	Final day to drop a 1 <sup>st</sup> half course

**October 2019**

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Oct 11 - Fri	Midterm (7 <sup>th</sup> week of class)
Oct 11 - Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> half classes end
Oct 14 - Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> half classes begin
Oct 16 - Wed	Midterm reports due in Office of Registrar for full term classes
Oct 21 - Mon	Final day to register for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> half course

**November 2019**

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Nov 5 - Tue	Online registration opens for spring
Nov 6 - Wed	Final day to drop a full term course
Nov 19 - Tue	Final day to drop a 2 <sup>nd</sup> half course
Nov 27-Dec 1	Graduate Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

**December 2019**

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Dec 1 - Sun	Classes resume
Dec 6 - Fri	Classes end (fall full & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half term)
Dec 9-16	Grading window opens (fall full and 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
Dec 16 - Mon	Final grades due in Office of Registrar
Dec 20 - Jan1	School of Nursing Offices closed for Winter Holidays

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*\* Does not affect GPA*

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## SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

### January 2020

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Jan 7 - Tue	Registration closes (spring full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Jan 8 - Wed	Classes begin (spring full & 1 <sup>st</sup> half)
Jan 15 - Wed	Final day to register or change courses <i>w/o owing tuition*</i>

### February 2020

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Feb 4 - Tue	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (spring 1 <sup>st</sup> half) *
Feb 7 - Fri	Deadline for Incomplete Grades from fall 2019
Feb 11 - Tue	Final day to drop a 1 <sup>st</sup> half course
Feb 26 - Wed	Midterm (7 <sup>th</sup> week of classes)
Feb 26 - Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> half classes end
Feb 27 - Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup> half classes begin

### March 2020

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Mar 2 - Mon	Midterm reports due in Office of Registrar for full term courses
Mar 5 - Thu	Final day to register for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> half course
Mar 6 - Fri	Spring break begins
Mar 16 - Mon	Classes resume
Mar 24 - Tue	Online registration opens (sum term)
Mar 30 - Mon	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (spring full) *

### April 2020

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Apr 6 - Mon	Final day to drop a full term course
Apr 6, 7, 8	Advanced Skills Days (on campus)
Apr 8 - Wed	Final day to drop a 2 <sup>nd</sup> half course
Apr 8 - Wed	Easter Holiday Break begins
Apr 14 - Tue	Classes resume
Apr 15 - Wed	Palmer Research Symposium
Apr 28 - Tue	Last day of classes

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### **May 2020**

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May 1-7	Grading window (spring full & 2 <sup>nd</sup> half)
May 5 - Tue	Spring term and 2 <sup>nd</sup> half courses end
May 7 - Thu	Final Grades due in Office of the Registrar
May 11-31	May Term (2020/24 & 2020/25)
May 28 - Thu	Online registration closes (Summer Terms 30 & 31)

## **SUMMER 2020 SEMESTER**

### **June 2020**

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Jun1-July 24	Summer term (2020/30)
Jun 1-Jun 26	Summer session I (2020/31)
Jun 29-July 24	Summer session II (2020/32)
Jun 3 - Wed	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (Term 30 & 31) *
Jun 13 - Sat	Graduate Programs Commencement
Jun 19 - Fri	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (Term 31) *
Jun 19 - Fri	Online registration closes (Term 32)
Jun 26 - Fri	Classes ends (Term 31)
Jun 26-30	Grading window (Term 31)
Jun 29 - Mon	Classes begin (Term 32)

### **July 2020**

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July 1 - Wed	Last day to drop – <i>w/o owing tuition</i> (Term 32) *
Jul 10 - Fri	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – owe tuition</i> (Term 30) *
Jul 14 - Tue	Online registration opens (fall)
Jul 17 - Fri	Last day to drop – <i>no final grade – no tuition</i> (Term 32) *
Jul 24 - Fri	Classes end (Term 30 & 32)
Jul 24-31	Grading window (Terms 30 & 32)

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