RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Maryland Higher Education Commission approve Coppin State University’s plan for the new degree level, doctorate of professional practice.
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The goal of doctoral education, offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, is to prepare graduate nurses with advanced knowledge who will practice at the most advanced level of nursing.

The graduate program derives its purpose directly from the underlying mission and philosophy of the Helene Fuld School of Nursing.

The graduate program builds on the foundation of undergraduate and graduate education; the program prepares professionally educated nurses who are capable of intellectual and professional leadership to provide high quality clinical nursing to populations, focusing on vulnerable, underserved urban and global communities.

The BSN to DNP program will begin 2018.
• Master’s degree in Nursing from a program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or an equivalent degree from a comparable foreign university.

• A minimum GPA of 3.25 in a master’s degree program in nursing

• A minimum of 2 years clinical practice as a Nurse Practitioner.

• Official transcripts from undergraduate and graduate programs

• Unencumbered Registered Nurse Licensure in Maryland

• National Certification as a Nurse Practitioner
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Three professional letters of reference
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Graduate level course in research or statistics within the last 5 years
- Essay identifying goals, objectives, and primary area of interest in pursuit of the DNP.
- Interview with Graduate faculty*
- Writing sample
- Evidence of research activity

*Interviews will be held with students who have met admission requirements
• Integrate advanced knowledge from the sciences, humanities and ethics with clinical expertise to support advanced nursing practice.

• Demonstrate knowledge and evaluate nursing theories and concepts as a basis for advanced nursing practice.

• Engage in clinical scholarship for evidence-based practice.

• Provide care for vulnerable, underserved, culturally diverse clients utilizing health promotion strategies.

• Plan, initiate and evaluate changes in health care policy and the healthcare system.

• Analyze epidemiological, statistical, environmental and relevant data regarding individuals, families and the community.
• Integrate nursing science with emerging technology and information systems to identify, gather, process, manage and evaluate healthcare outcomes, the healthcare delivery system and investigate healthcare issues to improve quality.

• Develop and evaluate organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement and systems thinking.

• Demonstrate interprofessional collaboration for improving patient and population health outcomes to foster continuity of care.
TERMINAL OBJECTIVES

• Advocate for health care and policies that promote client health and the advancement of nursing as a profession.

• Demonstrate professional standards in advanced practice nursing roles.

• Develop and evaluate new practice approaches based on nursing theories and theories from other disciplines.
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**Total Credits**  **30**
• Successful completion of all courses taken with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0.

• Completion of a Capstone project.

• Recommendation of the faculty.

• Completion of 1000 clinical practice hours (students can transfer a maximum of 500 verifiable clinical practice hours from their Nurse Practitioner program.)

• 500 clinical practicum hours must be completed as component of the DNP program.
We thank you for considering our university as an academic option.