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## *School of Nursing, School of Education and GOAL-DCP Offer New Courses of Study*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—With the start of the 2019 Fall Semester, Gardner-Webb University is offering four new programs. Two are in the Hunt School of Nursing, one is in the School of Education, and the other is in GOAL—The Degree Completion Program.

### **TA to Teacher**

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The TA to Teacher program for qualified teacher assistants addresses the shortage of elementary teachers in North Carolina. Offered fully online, it includes a scholarship and other unique features for adult learners.

“We know that teacher assistants are the backbone of public education,” states Dr. Prince Bull, dean of the School of Education. “They are native to the district—born, raised and grew up there—and because of connections, they love education. For some reason, they missed an opportunity to be a certified teacher. In many districts, they serve as substitute teachers in the absence of the teacher.”



The program’s unique feature is its support system for students. In addition to the course instructor, each candidate will have a school district mentor, an assessor and an advisor. The school district mentor will be a licensed, experienced teacher, who has been evaluated at the proficient level and is National Board Certified.

The assessors will be GWU School of Education doctoral candidates, who are principals, assistant principals and other leaders.

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

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The entry level post baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice programs for Family Nurse Practitioners (DNP-FNP) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (DNP-PMHNP) transition the Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) degree into a doctoral entry level program.

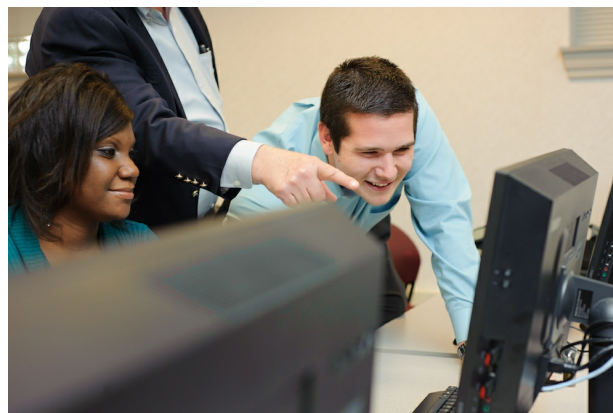


“Graduate faculty have designed an innovative curriculum for the new DNP-FNP and DNP-PMHNP that will prepare excellent, direct patient care clinicians, as well as nurse leaders of the future,” noted Dr. Anna S. Hamrick, GWU assistant professor of nursing and chair, doctoral nursing programs. “Students will take a variety of courses developing a strong scientific foundation for assessment, diagnosis and treatment of diverse patient populations. In addition, the curriculum prepares the graduate with an overview of the social determinants of health, population health, financial implications of practice, and the need for advocacy.”

### **Human Services Degree Realignment**

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Gardner-Webb University’s GOAL—The Degree Completion Program has realigned the Bachelor of Science in Human Services to better equip students who want to serve their communities. Offered fully online, the program’s core curriculum will prepare students to take the Human Services Board Certified Practitioner exam if they choose, and it includes concentration options in non-profit leadership, family dynamics, clinical/pre-counseling, substance abuse and generalist.



Dr. Erin Cook, program coordinator and assistant professor in Human Services, spent a year refining the program and writing new courses. “Many of our students want to make a difference and serve their community,” Cook explained. “Seven new classes have been built as a piece of this realignment. Some of those are how to lead within a helping profession or how to understand non-profits better, from understanding the board and fundraising to serving the mission of the organization.”

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